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Modern production methods earn Downey Ranch BIF Commercial Producer of the Year honors



Joe Carpenter and Barb Downey, shown here with their daughter, Anna, manage the family-owned Downey Ranch near Wabaunsee and were the recipients of the Beef Improvement Federation's Commercial Producer of the Year award.



Born using the Sandhills Calving Method and worked using low stress handling techniques, these Downey Ranch calves are healthy and mildly curious, but unafraid of human visitors to their pasture.

**By Donna Sullivan,
G&G Editor**

As they sat among their fellow nominees at the Beef Improvement Federation's 2010 Gateway to Profit Conference, Joe Carpenter and Barb Downey did not really expect to hear their names called as winners of the Commercial Producer of the Year award, for which they had been nominated by the Kansas Livestock Association. "We figured it (the award) was headed to California," Carpenter said, referring to a nominee who had built up a large operation there. But it was Downey

Ranch who walked away with the honors.

Carpenter is quick to point out that the award is not based solely on cattle, but also on how active the nominees are in the industry and community. The couple has that covered. Both are members of Kansas Livestock Association, for which Downey is the chair of the Natural Resources Committee, they are members of the Kansas Beef Advocate Network, a division of the Kansas Beef Council, and Downey has her Masters of Beef Advocacy from NCBA. They are also both graduates of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program. Community involvement includes Downey serving on the school board and the Board of Directors for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and Carpenter being on the Co-op board, Wabaunsee County Fair Board, and Wabaunsee County Fire District 8.

Carpenter believes the deciding factor in winning the award was their use of modern production methods, specifically low stress cattle handling and the Sandhills Calving System, which they implemented about six years ago. "We had a herdsman, Mike Hall, who went to a Bud Williams stockmanship school," Carpenter described. "He spent a couple of days at this seminar, came

back and was describing some of the techniques he'd learned. We dubbed it 'voodoo,' but he demonstrated some of it around here, and by golly, it worked."

Take loading cattle, for instance. "Instead of standing behind them whooping and hollering, we started applying pressure away from the trailer," Carpenter said.

"It's almost counter-intuitive," Downey added.

They create a 'Bud Box,' or a small square pen, where the cattle are moved to a dead-end alley, then close off the way they entered, which is where their instincts tell them to go.

"When the cattle see they can't go back out the way they came in, they eventually go past us and into the trailer. The theory is they will go until something stops them," Carpenter concluded. "When movement starts in the direction you want it to go, your job is to not interrupt it, maybe direct it."

He continued learning about the methods by attending a Tom Noffsinger cattle handling school, then came back and taught them to the ranch hands. "We are by no means experts, but we are able to see the results in our cattle," he said. The couple believes that the reduction in stress to the cattle shows up in their bottom line in improved performance. "And it's all free money," Downey

said. "It's returning to you without costing you anything. It takes less people to do it and is easier on the cattle. Our cattle perform better in the feedlot, the breeding is more efficient, illness is down and grade is up."

"And it makes a big difference in the people, too," she asserted, describing how

the new method of working livestock also eliminated much of the stress among the people working them. "It's almost eerie sometimes the way it works."

Fence-line weaning is another method that Downey Ranch has implemented. They initiated the process during a dry summer when they were out of grass. After constructing a high-tensile fence through a pasture that offered shade options for both the cows and calves, they weaned the calves on a 105-degree in July. "Those calves never missed a beat," Downey said. "They gained a pound and a half a day."

Of all the new practices put into place by Downey Ranch, the Sandhills Calving System stands out as the one they least believed they could successfully implement. The system was implemented and studied over five years on two Nebraska Sand-

hills ranches. After experiencing what Downey described as a train wreck with calf scours one season, the system was suggested to them by a veterinarian. "We listed off all the reasons why we couldn't do it," she said. But it was obvious they needed to do something. "We calved 400 cows, lost 24 calves and treated countless more. We spent thousands of dollars at the vet school. That year, that was all we did — get feed out and treat calves. And the other calves were harmed because when you're fighting stuff off, you can't put those resources towards growth."

Albeit reluctantly, they began using the Sandhills Calving System, which begins with all the pregnant cows calving in one pasture for two weeks. After the initial two weeks, all cows that have not yet calved are

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Sandhill Farms wins BIF Seedstock Producer award



Kevin and Vera Schultz own and operate Sandhill Farms, which received the Beef Improvement Federation's Seedstock Producer of the Year award.

Sandhill Farms was honored with the 2010 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Seedstock Producer of the Year award during the 2010 BIF Annual Meeting and Research Symposium June 30. Outstanding seedstock operations in the U.S.

and Canada have been awarded this honor annually since 1972.

A fifth-generation, family-owned and operated Hereford seedstock business, Sandhill Farms is located in south central Kansas near Haviland.

Currently managed by Kevin and Vera Schultz, the framework of today's cattle program was laid by Kevin's father, Ron, and grandfather, Roy. Ron and his wife, Arnita, still play an active role in the farm today. Kevin and Vera's children, Brooke, Tyler and Courtney, are starting the sixth generation. The operation began as a commercial cow-calf and farming business. Registered Hereford bulls were brought into the program in the mid-1940s. The registered cow herd was added in the mid-1980s by Kevin and Vera.

The herd today consists of 300 brood cows, with about two-thirds being registered and one-third being purebred commercial. The spring-only breeding program uses artificial insemination (AI), embryo transfer (ET) and cleanup bulls. AI is utilized on all commercial and registered yearling

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July — A Good Month To Get Married ... And Eat Ice Cream

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Well, we're over halfway through the month of July. We've had some timely rains, gotten most of the wheat cut and maybe you've ventured out on a family vacation.

I was doing a little research on the month of July and discovered that it is considered an unlucky month in which to get married. My husband and I celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary, as well as our 31st dating anniversary this month, so I would have to disagree with that.

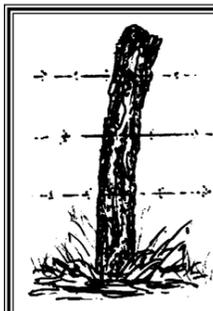
It's also National Blueberry Month, Anti-Boredom Month, Cell Phone Courtesy Month and Hot Dog Month. If you've got an ugly truck sitting around the place, July 20 is Ugly Truck Day.

But of all the celebrations designated for the month of July, National Ice Cream Month would definitely rise to the top of my list. National Ice Cream Month was proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1984, with the third Sunday in July set aside as National Ice Cream Day.

According to the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center, last year there were 352 plants in the United States processing ice cream, making more than 930 million gallons. It takes twelve pounds of milk to produce one gallon of ice cream. With ice cream and sherbet sales totaling \$4.2 billion last year, the U.S. leads the world in ice cream consumption. The average American consumes 21 pounds of ice cream annually, and more ice cream is sold on Sunday than any other day of the week. In case you were wondering, vanilla reigns as the favorite flavor.

The heat and humidity of July have hit full force, so ice cream sounds like a pretty good idea to me. Here's a suggestion if you really feel like celebrating and would like to stave off boredom — dish yourself up a big bowl of ice cream, sprinkle it with blueberries, go sit out in an ugly truck and talk politely on your cell phone while you enjoy your sweet frozen treat. You might even start it all off with a hot dog if you want to have all the celebrations covered.

Take care and I'll meet you back here next week — possibly a pound or two heavier, because if there's one thing I can't ever resist, it's a good celebration.



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Is Our Rock Leaning?

In 1974 I purchased 18 post rocks in Mitchell County and hauled them home. The posts were upright in a dead fence row; we had to pull them, load them, and haul them home. Each rock weighed around four hundred pounds and was eight feet long, so it took several trips with the old one-ton truck. I paid \$3 each for these posts, which today would sell for around \$30 to \$40 apiece.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s few trees grew in Kansas. Since open range was fast being eliminated, fences needed to be built and the limestone rock quarries located in north central Kansas became a source for fence posts. In those days a man would work 14 hours quarrying rock posts for a dollar a day. In a good day, he could quarry out 20 posts that would sell for 10 cents each; later on the price moved up to 25 cents a post delivered up to four miles.

A drill was used to form several holes in a straight line in the rock strata. Then feathers (two short rods wedge-shaped on one end) were placed in a hole and a big wedge placed between the two feathers. The stone mason would then drive the wedge into the hole, tapping on it until it pinged; then he would go to the next hole and continue in the same manner, moving from hole to hole until the pressure of the wedges in a straight line caused the rock to break off to form a post.

Some posts were hauled to the fence row by means of a forked tree limb pulled by horses, moving two or three posts per trip. However, most of the heavy posts were loaded onto a wagon at the quarry and moved to where the fence was being built. The rock would be tipped into the post hole, big end down, and dirt tamped around it. It was slow, laborious work compared to driving the steel and hedge posts that are used today. Thousands of miles (one estimate given in the book, *Land of the Post Rock*, is thirty to forty thousand miles) of limestone rock posts can be traced through the north central Kansas area. By 1920 the post rock era was almost over with hedge and later steel posts taking over.*

When we sold our house in town before moving to the country, we retained possession of the rock posts. They were pulled up and moved to the ranch and placed in the fence

rows that separate our yard from the pasture. I tried to be particular in how they were set — in a straight row, three feet deep, 30 feet apart, and very plumb. If they are not set perfectly straight up and down, rocks that heavy will tend to lean slowly and in time could be flat on the ground. I have noticed that one of the posts west of our house is leaning. Each year it leans a little bit more. My wife has called it to my attention and suggests that we pull it and reset it. I could straighten it, but I am watching it slowly lean, very slowly but surely. I wonder, how many years will it take for it to fall flat on the ground? Each year it moves a little faster.

I have talked about the post rocks to lead into a more serious topic. Our United States at one time was very straight (plumb). It has overcome mistakes and difficulties, including a Civil War, to stand tall and proud, doing whatever needed to be done. Other countries throughout the world have experienced its helping hand in times of disaster, whether it be floods, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, droughts, disease, hunger, and yes, war. The U.S. has unselfishly assisted with all its power and might. Much of the cost of aid fell upon the Americans, who accepted the burden and responsibility with a grin and a shrug. Our nation was solid throughout, no dry rot or even a thought of collapsing from within — a blessed nation willing to share with those less fortunate.

Now, let's back off at a distance and take a long look at our rock (nation) today. What do we see? I fear it is no longer standing straight. In fact, it is leaning so far and so fast that one can almost see it move. We as a people are no longer smiling about our country's position. Faces show concern that sometimes deepens into anger. They question, "What is happening to our beloved country? Are there those who are trying to put us flat on the ground? What must we do to make our rock straight, tall, and proud again? Can we fix it and return it to its greatness again? Remember, this is an election year, and we have a responsibility. See you at the polls.

*Muilenberg, Grace and Swineford, *Ada, Land of the Post Rock*, University Press of Kansas, 1975.

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Guest Editorial

Going to the Dogs

By Jody Donohue

I was a dog sitter last week — for some city friends of mine. They have Maltese dogs — little yappers. If you believe the show "Life After People" they would last about three days without us. In other words, these dogs have a pretty cushy life.

Because we have a farm and look after hundreds of animals, I'm the only friend they trust to take care of the dogs appropriately. In other words, continue their cushy life until the friends return. You would think a farm girl could be trusted to keep two animals happy for a week, but instead I had a whole list of things to do and not do with the dogs.

The dogs eat dog food out of a can, but you have to cut it up into bite-size pieces. Bite-size for a Maltese is the equivalent of my little fingernail. Just for fun, try cutting up canned dog food some time. But the friends say if it's not cut up the dogs will vomit. You also have to mix the food with potatoes — they need to get some vegetables during the day. And you have to add rice too. I'm serious, and it gets better.

They eat canned food morning and night, but at lunch they get hard dog food. But you have to soak it in water so it gets soft. It gets better.

Even though they eat three times per day, the dogs are malnourished. They're skinny and their hair coat looks terrible. The dogs fight over the food that is set out in front of them. And they are listless and sleep constantly. It gets better.

Since I wouldn't let them sleep with me, I was supposed to bed the dogs down in a hallway downstairs. They have daybeds in that hall (their word, not mine). And I was supposed to tuck them in. They have little blankets. Who tucks a dog in? In the summer? It gets better.

If it's stormy when they need to go out, you need to hold an umbrella over them so they don't get pounded by the rain.

Crazy, yes. Uncommon? I don't think so. These are Kansas City friends. One of them grew up on a small farm, so it's not like these are some wacky people from the West Coast. You and I would rarely see them, but there are pets all over America being cared for like this every day. No wonder people removed from the farm think it's terrible that animals have to live in any kind of a cage. Somewhere along the way, these dogs' "parents" forgot that they were animals.

It's easy to think that extremists are the only ones who believe that farm animals need better care. I'm sure if these friends came to my farm, they would think that we were mean to our animals.

I didn't follow the instructions to the letter of the

law, and the dogs still lived. They even put on a little weight. Neither dog wet the daybed. Neither puked. But that needs to stay our little secret, because my friends would freak out if they thought their dogs actually had to chew their food.

Jody Donohue writes on the activists who are trying to put farmers and ranchers out of business on her website at www.agropinion.com.

"Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Be happy now. Don't wait for something outside of yourself to make you happy in the future. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored."

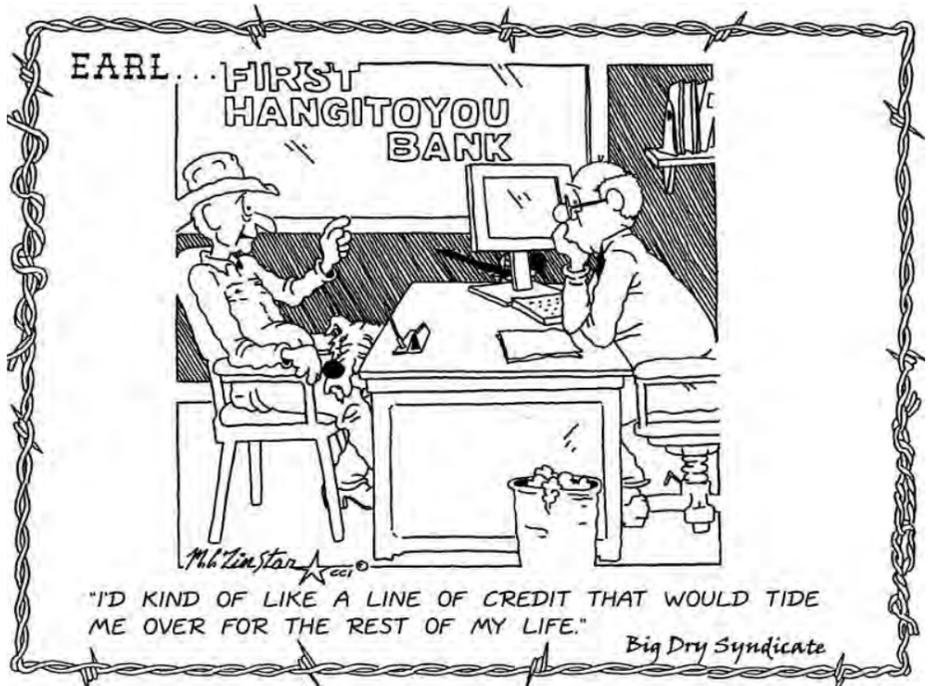
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Downey Ranch

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moved to another pasture, leaving the pairs behind. That process continues weekly until all the cows have calved. Once the calves are four weeks old, they can be combined. That year they treated only four calves and in the six years since, have treated 8-10 calves total.

An added benefit was in the area of cattle management. The calves were grouped by similar age, improving feed efficiency. At the end of the season, the youngest calved pairs get turned out with the bull.

It all comes full circle when the effects of the low stress handling translates into an easier job of sorting and moving the pregnant cows, as well as when it's time to work the calves.

"You can really see it when we're AI'ing," Downey said. "By that time they have been in that chute several times in their lives, but they still don't balk at going in. They've never had an ex-

perience that's been terrifying to them."

"The basis of low stress is not to come across as a predator and to give them a release for their natural behavior," Carpenter explained.

They've also seen a difference when it comes to halter-breaking cattle for the show ring. Daughters Anna, 12, and Laura, 10, have never had a steer run away with them. "The cattle learn to respond to pressure of the halter, rather than just tolerate it," Downey explained. "If you're dragging a steer, that's all you're teaching them. This way, as soon as they respond, the pressure comes off."

Carpenter and Downey agree that they're still always learning how to best utilize the low stress method. "Now we ask ourselves, how did we do that incorrectly and what could we have done differently," Downey said. "We always find situations where we wonder what Bud or Dr. Tom would do."

Sandhill Farms

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heifers and top-performing registered cows. The commercial and bottom-end registered cows are used as recipients in the ET program. Sandhill Farms has tested more bulls in the American Hereford Association (AHA) National Reference Sire Program (NRSP) than any other breeder in the last 10 years. After being tested and proven, the top bulls are used in the breeding program. Outside bulls that are highly accurate and proven from multiple herds are also used.

The family has participated in the AHA Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™) program since its inception. Sandhill Farms is recognized as a Gold TPR breeder for its commitment to collecting performance data.

"The Schultz family is progressive and yet determined to have a program that provides a product that is built through sound, objective thinking," says Jack Ward, AHA chief operating officer and director of breed improvement. "They do the research, test the

bulls, collect and incorporate all the data, and then utilize AI and ET to make quick and meaningful progress."

For the last 14 years the Schultz family has participated in the National Western pen show and has had the champion or reserve pen the last five years.

The Schultz family is also involved in programs designed to improve Hereford genetics and grow market share for Hereford beef, while promoting sustainable management practices for the farm's customers and their families. After selling bulls private treaty for years, Sandhill Farms hosted its first production sale in April 2008. Currently, it sells 65 bulls per year, with 30% going to purebred breeders and 70% going to commercial breeders.



Courtenay DeHoff, Tonganoxie, and Lauren Herman, Kingman, were selected as state showmanship delegates for the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show this July in Denver, and are pictured at the 2010 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 5 in Hutchinson. Pictured from left are Tess Steckline, Kansas Angus queen, Courtenay DeHoff and Lauren Herman.

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- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons instant espresso coffee powder

Combine graham cracker crumbs, almond extract and butter. Press mixture on bottom and around sides of a 9-by-13-inch springform pan to within 1 inch from top of pan. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt 8 ounces (8 squares) semi-sweet chocolate in a double boiler over low heat. In a large bowl beat cream cheese at low speed until smooth. Add melted chocolate, eggs, sugar, milk and espresso coffee powder. Beat until well blended. Beat 3 minutes at medium speed. Pour cream cheese mixture into crust. Bake 45 to 50 minutes. Cool in pan on wire rack. When completely cool, cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours. Carefully remove cheesecake from pan and transfer to platter to garnish. Grate remaining 4 squares (4 ounces) of chocolate or make chocolate curls with vegetable peeler and sprinkle over top of cake. Serves 20.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:

TACO TORPEDOES

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 cup frozen chopped or pre-diced fresh onion
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 2 cups finely shredded Mexican four-cheese blend, divided
- 3/4 cup black bean & corn medium salsa
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- (12) 6-inch soft flour tortillas
- 1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. In a large nonstick skillet, add beef, onion and garlic. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring until beef is browned and crumbly. Drain. In a medium bowl, combine meat mixture, 1 cup cheese, salsa and salt; stir well. Brush 1 side of each tortilla with oil and place tortilla oil-side down on prepared baking sheet. Spoon about 3 tablespoons meat mixture down center of tortilla and sprinkle with about 1 tablespoon cheese. Roll up tortilla and place seam side down on baking

sheet. Repeat procedure with remaining oil, meat mixture and cheese. Bake for 8 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 6 servings.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
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CHICKEN SALAD

- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 3 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 cup seedless red grapes, halved
- 1 large apple, diced but not peeled
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup honey mustard

Mix all ingredients except mayonnaise and mustard. Stir together mayon-

naise and mustard and fold into chicken mixture.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

CUPCAKES

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/4 cups finely chopped peeled apricots or peaches

Topping:

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons sugar

Preheat oven to 350 de-

grees. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Stir together milk and vanilla. Beat butter and sugar with mixer until fluffy. With mixer add eggs 1 at a time. Beat in flour mixture alternating with milk mixture. Line muffin tins with papers. Fill each with 1 tablespoon batter, 1 heaping tablespoon chopped fruit and additional 2 tablespoons batter. Bake until edges begin to turn golden, about 25 minutes. Let cool in tin. For topping, whisk cream, sour cream and sugar to medium peaks. Top cupcakes with a dollop of cream mixture. Makes 1 dozen.

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(NAPSA) — When being active, it's important to remember to refuel your body properly to keep your system in top shape.

Engaging in active nutrition by incorporating lean protein and healthy fats is one way to successfully focus your diet and keep yourself energized, says registered dietitian Alyse Levine, Nutrition Adviser of Livestrong.com.

"When people tend to be more active in their daily lives, they need to be conscientious of incorporating healthy carbohydrates, fats and protein into their diets. These are main power sources and should be incorporated into all meals and snacks," said Levine.

To prepare your body for prolonged activity, focus on specific foods that fuel your body, such as nuts (like pistachios),

fresh fruit, and fish such as salmon.

"Pistachios are easy to include in any diet and may help you maintain weight thanks to the filling fiber content that helps curb your appetite," Levine said.

Levine and TheGreenNut.org offer the following five tips for maintaining a healthy diet and keeping your body energized:

- **Consistent eating:** Don't let more than four hours go by between meals and snacks. Waiting until you're ravenous will make you more likely to overeat. Try to eat meals every two to three hours instead.

- **Know your carbs:** The type of carbohydrates you consume is very important. Replace refined starches and sugars with whole grains and beans.

- **Snack survival kit:** Always have a survival kit

of snacks on hand to avoid going a long time without eating. For a good snack, try pistachios, which help prevent blood sugar spikes.

- **Be prepared:** Shop at least once a week for essentials so you don't resort to eating unhealthy meals out when the cupboard's bare.

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Any producer, who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessments due may be considered as a delegate candidate and/or participate in the election. All eligible producers are encouraged to bring with them a sales receipt proving that hogs were sold in their name and the checkoff deducted.

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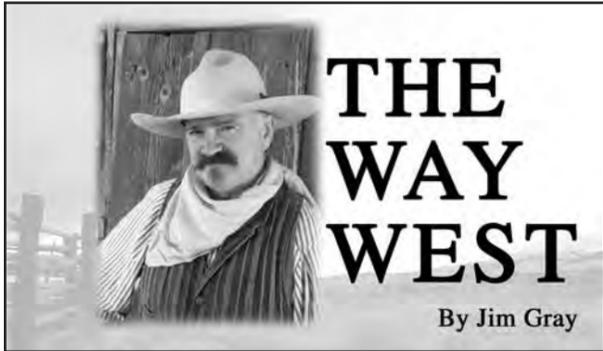


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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Remembering The Old Cow Paths

The cowboy is without question the undisputed heroic symbol of the American West. Movies, novels, and song have carried his fame around the world, and yet, the era in which he prevailed lasted only a few decades. Oh, but what decades they were! Drivers began trailing cattle out of Texas as early as 1842, following a migratory route called the Texas Road. Somewhere along the line

the northward bound cattle trail became known as the Shawnee Trail. The term drover comes from the British Isles and refers to the occupation of handling various groups of livestock including sheep, hogs, cattle, or geese. "Drove" is an English expression for a herd or flock. The person engaged in moving a drove of animals from one place to another is a drover. Herders were identified in Colonial

times as drovers and by the time cattle were coming up the Shawnee Trail those involved in the cattle drives were known as herders or drovers. The Shawnee Trail passed through Baxter Springs, Kansas, for such destinations as St. Louis, Kansas City, and Sedalia, Missouri. Eastern branches of the trail led to Fort Scott, Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley. Northern destinations were popular but some daring drovers pointed their herds west, braving mountains, desert, and dangerous bands of warring tribes in their quest to reap huge profits from the California gold rush.

The Civil War brought a halt to all overland cattle drives from Texas, except to southern markets at New Orleans, Memphis, and locations in Mexico. The close of the war brought a new surge of drives north along the Shawnee Trail. But trail driving naturally thrives on the frontier and Missouri was becoming heavily set-

led. Texas cattle belonged on the frontier because they often carried Spanish Fever, a dreadful disease that the longhorns were immune to but was disastrously contagious to northern cattle. However, other options were opening up to Texas drovers. A new trail opened along the old California route. After crossing into southeastern New Mexico the trail turned north toward the Colorado gold fields. Known as the Goodnight-Loving Trail, the route was fraught with death and destruction.

In central Kansas Joseph McCoy, an Illinois cattleman, built a cattle depot at a little village called Abilene. Drivers followed a freighting trail all the way to the confluence of the Little Arkansas River and the Arkansas River. The trail had been heavily used by the famous plainsman, Jesse Chisholm. A year later Wichita was established along the route the cowboys called Chisholm's

Trail. The drovers told harrowing tales of stampedes, hail, and lightning. They fought Comanches and traded with Cherokees. Card games turned to gunfights and cattle thieves were either shot or hung. In a few short years the Chisholm Trail carved out the man we know as "Cowboy." By and by every town that boasted a railroad and a set of loading pens took its turn as a wild and woolly cattle town. Some like Abilene acquired infamous reputations. Newton, Ellsworth, Wichita, Caldwell and Dodge City all saw the best and the worst of cowboy life. But many an unsung cattle town witnessed the magic if only for a few months. Settlement pushed the cowboy west and in 1874 a new trail, the Western Trail, was blazed across west Texas to Dodge

City, Ogallala, Nebraska, and points north. Texas longhorn cattle forged a new trail through short grass and sage brush, spreading the beef industry all the way north to Canada. The state of Kansas called those herds, "through cattle" and in 1885 the legislature outlawed "through cattle" within Kansas borders. The cattle trail moved west beyond Kansas borders and for a brief moment cattlemen lobbied Congress to create a National Cattle Trail from Texas to Montana. The trail was never sanctioned by the federal government and by 1890 the long trail was all but dead. Ironically, two of those old cow paths are now under federal scrutiny. The National Park Service is conducting a feasibility study to determine if the Chis-

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Ag Tech Field Day August 10 in Great Bend

Every year new technology is unveiled for agricultural producers — to the extent that the choices can sometimes be baffling — and often a sizeable investment. The Kansas Agricultural Technology Field Day, to be held Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Airport and Expo Grounds in Great Bend, is designed to give farmers, ranchers and others the opportunity to see the latest technology available, learn from those who designed and use it, and in some cases, even try it out themselves.

"Agricultural technologies are advancing rapidly," said Kansas State University agricultural engineer Bob Wolf. "However, as these technologies advance, many producers are challenged to stay informed about the latest developments and potential benefits, so are

hesitant to adopt them." "The program is designed to be hands-on," said Wolf, who is a specialist in application technology with K-State Research and Extension. "The site we've chosen has proven to be ideal for hosting this 'ride and drive' event. There will be presentations, demonstrations and special company-developed hands-on workshops throughout the day designed to provide basic and advanced use on various technology including spray controllers and other interactive screens."

K-State Research and Extension, along with the Kansas Agricultural Research Association (KARA), is sponsoring the field day.

The fee to attend is \$25 per person if paid by July 30, which includes all field day materials and lunch. Organizers request that participants register early to ensure enough materials and food are available. The fee after that date and on site is \$50 per person. KARA members receive one free admission per membership if registered by the July 30 deadline. KARA membership is \$100 and can be submitted with registration to save \$25. More information about KARA and the field day, including industry updates and speaker presentations, is available on the website www.kstagresearch.com or by calling Wolf at 785-532-2935.



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One thing usually leads to another when you're trying to find a solution to a horse problem. I scratched the hair off my head trying to figure out why one of our mares quit stopping on her hind end. She stopped real pretty when I first started her but gradually lost that nice, smooth, natural stop that's so easy to ride. When a horse simply sits down on their butt and settles into the ground you just seem to melt into the saddle and go with the flow. When they make a hard stop on their front end it can jar your

teeth loose and rattle other things that make you wince. I don't like to jar and rattle, so when the mare's stops worsened to the point she was just plain jamming her front legs into the ground I began trying to figure out the reason she shifted from using her hind end to using her front end to stop.

When I have horse problems, I usually find that I'm the cause of the problem. I looked at my technique and wondered what I had done to cause this horse to lose her good stop. It had to be my fault. For once I was

wrong. I worked on her stops — concentrating on sitting down and rolling back a bit as I lifted the reins and said "whoa." I asked people to watch and see if they could tell what I was doing wrong. It turned out that unless I did everything perfect the mare wouldn't stop on her rear end. One tiny error in timing or not synchronizing "whoa" with the reins or my body movement would end up in a bad stop. She never used to be that demanding and would get the idea and make a decent stop every time even if I didn't coordinate my moves. Merely lifting the reins or saying

"whoa" would get the job done.

The more I tried to recover that good stop, the worse things became. She began anticipating a stop and would lift her head and run away trying to get away from the pull of the bit she knew was coming. Nothing was working so I gave up and sent her to a trainer for a month. He worked on her with little improvement. He was able to get a few more good stops than I was but not many. She still planted her front legs in the ground and rattled your brains almost every time you said "whoa."

That trainer knew his

business and began looking for other reasons why the horse didn't want to put any pressure on the back part of her equipment. From experience with this type of problem, he figured she was sore and that maybe her hocks were the problem. He hauled her to the vet and had both hocks injected with whatever they inject them with. She improved somewhat but after a month or two was right back crushing vertebrae (mine, not hers) when she stopped.

My neighbor ran a critical eye along the mare's backbone and said, "She's sore because her spine is out of alignment. It's hard to

see but there's a slight bulge where there's not supposed to be a bulge. She needs a chiropractor." I filed that advice away in the circular file (trash can) because I wasn't ready to accept that a chiropractor could cure the problem of a bad stop. I thanked her and kept scratching my head.

When the time came for new shoes, I called a farrier who had a swell reputation and was also a pretty good trainer. He had never worked on this mare before. He took one look at her and said, "I've got to stand her up. She doesn't have hardly any heel on her front hooves and she's having trouble

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breaking over. I'll bet she stops on her front end and comes down hard when you're loping."

His assessment came as a surprise. This farrier had just described exactly the problem I was having and had never seen the mare before. "How'd you know that?" I asked.

"Her back is sore and it hurts to put any weight on her rear when she tries to stop, so instead she uses her front legs to stop to relieve the pressure on her sore back." "Why is she sore back there?" "Cause she doesn't have enough heel on her front hooves to stand up straight. That throws the rest of her structure out of alignment. If we correct her front heels and you get a chiropractor to correct her alignment you will see a big difference in her performance."

I thought back to the ad-

vice I had disregarded from my neighbor. They can't both be wrong I reasoned. "You don't happen to know a good chiropractor, do you?" I asked the farrier. That's when Doc Bailie (the man, not the horse) came into the picture. He showed up with a smile on his face, took one look and said, "I'll bet she stops hard on her front end and jars your teeth out when you lope."

It sounded like a conspiracy between the farrier and the chiropractor. The exact same prognosis. Becoming a little wary, I asked, "Can you help her?" He poked his finger near the base of her backbone and she flinched toward the ground so hard I thought she was going down. He didn't say a thing and walked out to his pickup and came back with a pair of rubber mallets. I wondered if he was going to knock her out to work on her but in-

stead he placed one mallet on the side of her spine and gently tapped it with the other. Doc Bailie moved around her spine tapping and testing until I saw a satisfied look on his face. He took two Bic lighters out of his pocket and held them up for me to see. What's he going to do now I wondered, set her on fire? I was completely lost. Where are the sterile instruments, and other gadgets usually associated with medical wizards, I wondered? Not here for sure. Doc Bailie worked with carpenter tools and stuff you find in a smoke shop. I watched as he held a lighter in each hand and placed them on each side of her spine. Standing behind her, he applied pressure on the lighters and raked them down her back and onto her rear quarters. She reacted by arching her back and I heard the distinct crack-

crack of her vertebrae popping back in place. Doc Bailie looked at me and smiled. He said, "Don't you go trying that."

"Not me, pal. It's a wonder you don't get kicked in the head."

"I have," he said. Impressed, I watched as he examined the base of her spine and palpated the area where the bulge was that shouldn't have been there. It was gone and so was the hump in her back. He had my full attention as he explained every move he made and described how things worked under her hide. Doc moved to her front and examined her neck. He manually manipulated her head and neck and then flexed her head around until it nearly touched her side. She appeared loose and comfortable when he finished. Her eye even seemed softer. Doc Bailie

looked her over again and seemed satisfied. "She feels a lot better already," he said as he poked his finger in the same place that nearly decked her moments before. She never even blinked an eye this time. The pain had disappeared.

"Let her rest a few days before you use her again. It will take time for her muscles to accommodate the alignment. You'll see a great difference the next time you ride her. I'll check her again next week to make sure things stay in place. Other than that she looks fine."

The first time I rode the mare her lope was smooth and comfortable and she began using her rear quarters to stop. We took it slow and easy at first but now, after a month, her confidence is back and she's setting down with no fear of pain. Her stops are back where they were and I'm a

lot happier to be sitting again in those easy whoas. The result of a seemingly small imbalance in her hooves caused the trouble. Doc Bailie had the chiropractic cure and it certainly worked on this mare. The moral to this horse story is to pay more attention when your horse flinches or reacts to pressure from a brush, curry comb or your fingers. My mare did all these things and I didn't recognize she was in pain. Lessons learned from Doc Bailie will help me recognize these problems when they arise in the future. I thank him for his help and I know my horses will be a lot healthier as long as I pay attention to what they're trying to tell me with their body language.

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Kansas Profile

By Ron Wilson

Executive Director
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Josh Shultz – Fine Furniture

These pioneers are building a log cabin in the woods of Minnesota. It must be part of the settlement of the frontier. No, wait a minute — this is 2010. There's no frontier settlement going on these days. Instead, this is a special project by a group of custom cabinet-makers. They are taking custom furniture building to a whole new level, and they're based in rural Kansas.

Josh and Brian Shultz are brothers and co-owners of a company known as Fine Furniture by Shultz. Brian and Josh are originally from Marysville, and both went to

K-State. Even back in shop class, Brian was always good at woodworking. He was working in a carpet store when some customers asked him to build and install some cabinets for them.

In response to this demand, Brian opened Fine Furniture by Shultz in 1997. Josh later joined as a co-owner. They specialize in custom cabinets and furniture.

"Brian does the drawings, design, and shop floor work, and I do the books and ordering," Josh said. "We can all pitch in and do what needs to be done, but we

have employees who have far surpassed us in their skills and abilities in the shop."

It does take a lot of skills and abilities to create fine furniture. The company offers remodeling and/or installation of several lines of affordable pre-manufactured cabinets plus the custom cabinets where the customer's imagination is the limit.

Fine Furniture by Shultz offers a wide selection of woods, finishes, and styles. For example, they offer all types of woods from A to Z — or at least from Alder and Ash to White Oak and Walnut. The company offers more than 29 colors of quartz countertops, more than 32 crown molding choices, more than 80 natural granite color countertops, more than 85 stain colors, more than 250 Corian style countertop colors, and more than 400 laminate colors. Optional features include roll-out shelves, full extension slides, spice racks, pull-out trashcans, appliance garages, pan dividers, wine

racks and many more. Josh said, "I think you can sum up that list as, 'We can do anything the customer wants.'"

Josh is especially excited about the company's CNC or computer-numerically-controlled router. It is essentially a computer-controlled robot which can cut wood or other products precisely and repeatedly.

"The CNC router has opened up all kinds of possibilities for us," Josh said. "It can make all kinds of beautiful carvings, create signs, and cut out cabinet parts within 10,000ths of an inch."

"Recently we put a wine cellar in a three-quarter-million-dollar house," he added. "We can make something nice enough to go in a million-dollar home or cost competitive enough to go anywhere."

Their custom cabinets were displayed recently in a house on the Flint Hills Area Builders Association Parade of Homes.

"We really do a good job on kitchen layout," Josh said. "We make sure it

works for the customer."

The company's facility is located approximately two miles north of the rural community of St. George, population 442 people. Now, that's rural. Yet they have done projects as far away as Aspen, Colorado and Austin, Texas. In Texas, they built a barrister's bookcase for an attorney.

One of the Shultzes' regular customers has a place in Minnesota. He contracted with Fine Furniture by Shultz to build a log cabin there. Josh said, "It was much more rustic than what we normally do."

The company emphasizes high quality, competitive

pricing, and the handcrafted touch. They are one of very few small shops in the area to have the CNC router. For more information, go to www.ffbys.com.

It's time to leave Minnesota, where these pioneers are building a log cabin in the woods. No, these are not the settlers of yesteryear. They are modern day pioneers who are pioneering the use of computer technology among small shops in creating quality custom cabinetry. We commend Josh and Brian Shultz and all those involved with Fine Furniture by Shultz for making a difference with their pioneering craftsmanship.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Out Lots in the NE4 of Section 8-8-3, PT Lot 20 NE beginning 40ft. W of the NW corner of Johnson's Addn. then W 200ft., S 150 ft., E 200ft., and N 150ft. to POB all in the City of Clay Center, Kansas. This property includes a one story house with full unfinished basement, lg. well built detached dbl. garage, and sm. shop/garden shed all situated on a very lg. corner lot. The house was constructed in 1924. The main floor has 1,120 sq ft of living area including LR, DR, 2 BR, full bath and kitchen w/elec. range. Heat is provided by a natural gas forced air furnace and there is a window AC. The house is well insulated and has metal siding. To the south is a very fertile garden spot which has been highly productive for over 60 years. The area west of the house was a long time orchard. This is a nice home located in an established neighborhood. Please plan to attend OPEN HOUSE on 7-26 from 5 to 8. Please make your financial arrangements early and come prepared to buy.

TERMS: 10% down day of sale. Balance due in 30 days or upon delivery of a merchantable title. Title Insurance and escrow fees to be paid 1/2 each by seller and buyer. Seller to pay 2009 and all prior years property tax. 2010 taxes to be prorated to date of final settlement. 2009 taxes were \$1,231.04. New buyer to receive possession at time of closing. Contract deed and down payment to be escrowed at Clay County Abstract and Title Company, 509 Court St., Clay Center, Ks. 67432. This property sells subject to owners confirmation. The auction firm is working for the sellers.

CAR, PICKUP, MOWERS, TILLER, SCOOTER, GUNS - 10:00
1994 Lincoln Town Car, loaded, good condition; 1977 GMC 2WD pickup w/350, automatic, topper; Ranch King 16.5hp riding mower, 42" cut, VG; large Troy Bilt rear tine tiller, VG; front tine tiller; Jazzy 1103 Ultra mobility scooter; good push mower; old Wheel Horse and other riding mowers; several older push mowers; Old Davenport single shot shotgun; 2 Daisy BB guns.

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES - 11:00

Extra large upright freezer, like new; nice Maytag 18.5cuft refrigerator; newer Maytag dryer; older Maytag washer; dehumidifier; 2 bedroom suites w/complete dbl. beds; 5&1/2ft tall walnut hutch; sm. dropleaf table and chairs; windsor chair; 2 gliders; end tables; Kimball "Entertainer" elec. organ; primitive dropleaf table; crackled white dresser; cute primitive cabinets, stands, tables; long old counter/work bench, nice; treadle sewing machine; 40s high chair; wooden bench; wooden folding chairs; brass quilt rack; console stereo

ANTIQUES, PRIMITIVES, COLLECTIBLES

large "SS Sovereign Service" gas station sign, 2 sided, from old Habluetzel station before Apco; 2 lg Pioneer Seed dealer signs; old lic. tags; platform scale; Winchester ammo box; old fishing poles; kids wagon; corn planter; apple peeler; scythes; draw knife; old tools; wire racks & baskets; grates; old fixtures; old buckets and tubs; granite ware; picnic basket; wicker laundry basket; step ladder; wool U.S.Navy blanket; old Structo toys; 30 toy cars & car banks some from Union State; Western locomotive; western horse clock; pocket & wrist watches; pocket knives; "Pioneer Corn" cig. lighter; sm. Singer Bros. liquor bottle; other bottles & jars;

TOOLS & YARD ITEMS - FIRST

Delta bench top drill press; old floor jack; Handyman jack; long alum ext. ladder; several vises; pipe vise on stand; lots of circular saws and elec. drills; large selection of hand tools of all kinds; braces and bits; antique faucet repair kit, unusual; wire stretcher; nails and bolts; heavy 110 cord; lots of sm. engines and elec. motors; copper tubing; lots of elec. wiring; brass and aluminum; old carburetors; lots of old automotive parts/repairs; tires; wheel barrow; elec. weed eaters; elec. "Soil Blender" tiller, unusual; garden seeder; 1 bottom garden plow; walking cultivator; tractor sprinklers; 6ft., windmill; boys Schwinn bike; walnut & cedar rough cut lumber.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS & MISC. - LAST

nice offering of glassware, some is old and collectible; ice cream freezers; high volume window fans; hassock fan; lamps; Kirby vacuum; Cassio keyboard; kitchen wares & sm appliances; Invacare wheel chair; walkers; other items found around the home.

NOTE: Lawrence was a farmer and accumulated many items. This is the top layer, much more to be uncovered and discovered. Lunch on grounds.

TERMS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY: Cash or Good Check Day of Sale. Not responsible for accidents.

CLERK: Maury & Beth Catlin and Diane Lykins, 1333 Blunt, Clay Center, Ks. 67432

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Kansans Encouraged to Attend Livestock Workshop, We'll Provide Your Ride

Attorney General Eric Holder and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack will hold a joint Department of Justice/USDA workshop to discuss competition and regulatory issues in the agriculture industry. The goals of the workshops are to promote dialogue among interested parties and foster learning with respect to the appropriate legal and economic analyses of these issues, as well as to listen to and learn from parties with experience in the agriculture sector. Attendance at the workshops is free and open to the public. This workshop will address beef, hog and other animal sectors. Likely issues for discussion are concentration in livestock markets, buyer power and enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

Workshop Information: Aug. 27, 2010: Livestock Industry, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

Kansas Cattlemen's Association is offering the opportunity to be a part of the USDA meeting in Fort Collins, CO. on August 27. This is an opportunity to make your mark on history. KCA wants to make your experience even more memorable. KCA is chartering a bus to Fort Collins. The bus will leave Wichita on Aug 26 at 7:00 am and will return after the event on Aug. 27. The bus will be making stops and pickups along I-135 (North of Wichita to I-70) and I-70 (from Salina west to the Colorado border). * Visit with friends and join in the fun as we make our way to changing the course of our industry. KCA has arranged for discounted room rates for our group at the Courtyard Marriott in Fort Collins, CO. Make your reservations by calling (970)226-5200. Make sure you mention the KCA room block. Rooms are available for \$79 (king or 2 double beds). If you prefer to share the cost and the room with another attendee, let us know and we will help you find a roommate.

You do not have to be a KCA member, R-CALF USA member, or even a cattleman to attend. If you care about the cattle industry, rural communities and our economy, join us. Invite your neighbors and friends, your local feed dealers and business owners. Bring your children. Make it a family event!

Pre-registration is required as there are a limited number of seats on each bus. Cost is \$95/seat. Please call the KCA office and pre-register at 785-238-1483. Deadline to register is August 1, 2010.

*If Colorado producers would like to join us, stop can be arranged along I-70 in Colorado.

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GRASS & GRAIN

Auction Sales Scheduled

check out the on-line schedule at www.grassandgrain.com

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 Patterson Auction.

July 22 — Online consign-ment auction (www.countryywidetractor.com). Auctioneers: Countrywide Tractor & 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 & Realty.

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 24 — Vehicles, trailers, mobile home rolling system, bar equipment, construction items, household at Manhattan for Tucker Construction & Equipment from PJ'S Bar. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 24 — Land, collectible tractors, machinery & personal property at Ellsworth County for Dale Peterman Estate, John Sherman executor. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.

July 24 — Consignments E. of Atchison. Auctioneers: Scotty Hall dba D&L Service.

July 24 — Antique & collectibles, coins at Lawrence. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

July 24 — Small acreage equipment, nursery equipment & supplies at McPherson for Stone Creek Nursery. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, Mike Flavin & Vern Koch.

July 24 — Household, collectibles & misc. at Topeka for John G. Mathena. Auctioneers: Kooser Auction Service.

July 24 — Furniture, pickup, mower, collectibles & misc. at Concordia for Virgil & Ruby Larsen. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

July 25 — Furniture, treadmill, appliances, hot tub, Jeeps & more at St. George for Steven & Susan Kesl. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 27 — 2 bedroom home, appliances, furniture,

household & tools at Rossville for Helen Decker Droegemier. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 28 — Real estate at Belleville for Dale E. Vrana Estate, Douglas G. Simms, adm. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

July 28 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, trailers, planting & harvesting equip., hay- ing & chemical equip., construction equip., skid steers, forklifts online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.

July 29 — Marion County land at Florence for Randy & Kelli Savage. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

July 29 — Real estate, private lake home at Randolph for Mike & Diana Kent. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 29 — Jewell County real estate at Jewell for George Schumacher Family. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 29 — Anderson County pasture ground at Garnett for William & Ferris Hink, Owner, Donald Brooks, POA. Auctioneers: Stock Realty & Auction Co.

July 29 — Household & collectibles at Marysville for the Toedter Family Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

July 31 — Woodworking and mechanic tools, lots of fishing tackle, welders, antiques, trailer, pickup at Abilene for Bennie Frazier Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

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.

July 31 — Tractor & farm equip., car, household, Depression glass at Nortonville for Estate of Norris & Darlene Wheeler. Auctioneers: Ross Smith & Chris Paxton, RS Auction Service.

July 31 — Antiques & collectibles, household & other at Mankato for Dale Park. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 31 — Pickup, furniture, collectibles & household at Manhattan for Maxine Caley. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 31 — Cat skid steer, trailer, stock trailer, tools, guns, collectibles & misc. at Junction City for Steve Blythe & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

July 31 — Farm equipment, grain handling, hay & live- stock, misc., shop tools, vehicles at Valley, Nebraska for Akerlund Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Lee Valley Auction & Realty.

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 Beat- tie. 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 7 — Jet skis, boats, trailers, golf carts, 4- wheelers at Wichita. Auctioneers: Newcome Auction.

August 7 — Machinery, combine, hay equipment, farm equipment, trucks, trailers at Derby for Raymond Kennedy. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates.

August 8 — Antiques & collectibles at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

THURSDAY, JULY 29 — 6:00 PM
12006 Lakeshore Lane — RANDOLPH, KANSAS

PRIVATE LAKE HOME

This home has had many updates including landscaping, new roof, new deck; screened-in porch, new doors, trim, paint plus many other updates. Great for single family home or Lake get away. The home has large living room, 2 bedrooms, bath, large kitchen & partial basement. Located on over one acre, this is a home you must see.

Buyer to pay 10% down day of Auction with balance due on or before August 20, 2010. Cost of Title insurance to be divided equally between Buyer and Seller. Taxes prorated to closing based on 2009 taxes of \$1,295.34. All inspec- tions including lead base paint inspection to be completed prior to Auction at Buyer's expense if requested. **STATEMENTS MADE DAY OF AUCTION TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER ANY OTHER INFORMATION.**

OPEN HOUSE Thursday, July 22, 2010 from 5-6:30 pm or by appointment by contacting Patty Boomer Listing Agent, Signature Homes Real Estate 785-313-5337 or Vern Gannon Broker/Auctioneer, Gannon Real Estate and Auctions 785-770-0066 or 785-539-2316.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

THURSDAY, JULY 29 — 7:00 PM

Auction will be held at the Community Center on the South side of the square in **JEWELL, KANSAS**

TRACT I: E1/2 NE1/4 18-4-7 Jewell Co., Kansas. Located 2 1/2 miles North, 3/4 East of Jewell. 58.94 acres crop land, 20.03 acres creek.

POSSESSION: Possession of 28 acres of crop land will be upon closing, possession of 46.83 acres of crop land will be after 2011 wheat harvest. The renter will plant the wheat on this land and pay the purchaser cash rent of \$37.00 per acre. The seller will pay all of 2010 taxes based on 2009 taxes of \$551.40.

TERMS: 20% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before September 15, 2010. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.

All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC is working as a seller's agent.

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REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 24 — 10:00 AM
2323 North Jackson — JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

REAL ESTATE: SELLING AT 1:00

<p>FURNITURE & APPLIANCES 2 Green Recliners, 2 Straight Back Occ. Chairs, 2 Bentwood Chairs, Electric Lift Chair Recliner, 3 Pcs. Sectional Divan, Mahogany Table w/6 Chairs & Buffet, Dining Room Table w/4 Chairs, Blonde Oak 3 Pcs. Full Bedroom Set, 5 Pcs. French Provincial Bedroom Set, Full Bed w/Dresser & Chest of Drawers, Pine 3 Pcs. Full Bedroom Set, Jenny Lind Bed, Maple China Hutch Secretary w/4 Drawers, 6 Drawer Chest, Waterfall Front Blanket Chest, Walnut Writing Desk, 4 Tier Corner Shelf, Glass Footed Piano Stool, Oak 3 Shelf, 2 Drawer Cabinet, Walnut 4 Shelf Unit, Vanity Desk, Small Drop Leaf Table, Lamp Tables & Coffee Tables, Patio Rot Iron Table w/ 2 Chairs, Wicker Table, Chair & Loveseat, Gibson Upright Freezer, Magic Chef 18' Refrigerator/Freezer, 4 Burner Gas Stove, GE Washer & Gas Dryer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AUTOMOBILE, GLASSWARE & COLLECTIBLES</p> <p>1999 Ford Crown Vic LX, 4 Dr. All Electric, 21,246 Miles, 2 German Horn of Plenty Table Pieces, German Porcelain Candle Holders, Lead Crystal Liquor Decanter, Lead Crystal Candy Dish, Several German Hummel's, German Coffee Set, Bavarian Coffee Set, Fenton Shoe & Fluted Bowl, Several Cobalt Blue Vases, Ceramic Chicken, Lot of Porcelain Items, Wooden Coffee Grinder, 8 Place Setting of Bavarian China, Ear Corn Set 12 Plates & 1 Platter, 2 Horse Head Posts, Cast Iron Pocket Lamp & Brackets, Cast Iron Lamp w/Reflectors & Brackets, Cast Iron Match Holder, Several Kerosene Lamps, Grandfather Clock Built by Gustav Becker</p>	 <p>around 1900's in German, Oak Grandfather Clock Made In Germany, Burl Oak Mantle Clock, Several Cuckoo Clocks, German Wood Carved Bottle Stoppers, The County Belle Wall Phone, THIS IS JUST A PARTIAL LISTING OF THE ITEMS OF GLASSWARE, COLLECTIBLES & MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS TO BE SOLD.</p>
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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 24 — 9:30 AM

To be held at the National Guard Armor located on #81 Highway at the South edge of **CONCORDIA, KANSAS**

FURNITURE
Dining table & 4 chairs; Kenmore 30", 4 burner elec. range; 2007 G.E. 18 cu. ft. refrigerator; G.E. 15 ft. chest deep freezer; 2007 Whirlpool auto washer; Whirlpool commercial quality elec. dryer; iron bed w/box springs & mattress; 4 pc. wood bedroom set w/box springs & mattress; wood china hutch w/light; Lazy boy recliner/rocker; wood rocker; lamp table; book shelves; card table & 4 chairs; 2 — bar stools; book shelves; card table w/4 chairs; Singer sewing machine #543; Singer 94-10 portable sewing machine; AM & FM radio & CD player; recliner rocker; 6 gun rack w/glass door & drawers; 48" newer, oak roll top desk; floor lamp; 4 drawer file cabinet; assort. of lamps; what not shelves; fans; Kirby vacc. sweeper; Panasonic vacc. sweeper; wall quilt rack; 3 drawer dresser; hamper; coolers; jugs; assort. of wall pictures; blender; bread machine; elec. skillets; elec. knife; Sunbeam elec. mixer; Braum hand blender; coffee pots; pop corn popper; silverware; alum. elec. skillet; griddle; deep fat fryer; sets of bowls; Tupperware; floor fan; Pyrex; crock bowls; canister set; 2 — cookie jars; Pyrex bowls; pressure cooker; Corning ware; toaster; crock pot; good assort. of pots & pans, cooking utensils & other misc. kitchen items; pillows, blankets, towels & misc.; assort. of wood carvings; cups & saucers; assort. of figurines; 2 — bathroom mirrors; assort. of sewing supplies.

PICKUP & MOWER (Will sell @ 12:30)
1995 Chevy S-10 pickup, 6 cyl. eng., 3 speed auto trans.; John Deere RX75 riding lawn mower, 30" cut w/bagger.

COLLECTIBLES
1810 Mahogany Federal card table; Childs wood rocking horse; 3 — cast skillets; Dazey #40 glass churn; Fairmont Cottage Cheese Crock; Salt glaze crock; Assort. of crocks & bowls; canning jar crock; milk bottles; partial child's cast stove; child's iron; cruetts; sewing rocker; Gifford Bros., Jamestown, Ks. advertising; 8 — kerosene lamps; McCoy frog McCoy pottery & wishing well; 5 — 10 gal. cream can; green depression bowl; old jars; wood plane; 2 — sprinkling cans; refrigerator dishes; silhouette pictures; Cupid Asleep pictures; half table; Matchbox toys & cars; wood tomato box; children's books, puzzles & toys; '40's magazines; '60's Boys Life; 3 — hens on nest; painted bowls & saucers; grinder; juicer; cake compote; silver plate; assort. of nice glassware; picture frames; wood orange boxes; wood rolling pin; cap collection; high chair; Winchester repo. box; old books; Depression bowls; assort. of other antique & collector good assortment of license tags some w/no date, many '20's to '70's, several duplicates of '20's & '30's.

MISCELLANEOUS
Craftsman 10" band saw; w/Craftsman stand; B&D bench grinder; web & dry vacc.; 2 wheel cart; portable air compressor; weed eater; backpack sprayer; ext. cords; bolt cutters; "C" clamps; pipe wrenches; garden tools; assort. hand tools; rods & reels; assort. miscellaneous & household items.

LUNCH: On Grounds. Cash or Ck. w/proper ID.

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Auction Sales

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August 9 — Harper County land with minerals at At-tica. Auctioneers: United Country/Nixon Auction & Realty, LLC.
 August 10, 11 & 12 (BIDDING OPENS) August 17, 18 & 19 (BIDDING CLOS-ES) — Historic collections online only (www.dlwebb.com) for Estate of Mr. Robert Shackelford, Living Estate of Mrs. Robert Shackelford. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb & Associates.
 August 14 — Trucks, trailers, construction equipment & machinery at Be-loit for Gary Nelson Construction, Inc. Auctioneers: Gerald Zimmer Auction & Real Estate.
 August 14 — Comanche County land at Coldwater. Auctioneers: United Country-Red Hills Realty & Auction.



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

The Last Laugh

The owner told Warren that Della had a reputation of being hard to shoe. She was an 18-year-old mare whose foals were sought after for the cutting genes she passed down. He had been offered \$50,000 for her but declined. He wanted her shod. Since Warren did the shoeing, he was chosen to confront her.

Horses have individual eccentricities. Some are cinchy, some don't like their ears touched, their bean cleaned, mane combed or

feet messed with. Della did not abide any touching of her legs above the hocks. An odd quirk, probably the result of some past experience, but it was no odder than people who refuse to wear orange, politicians who can't give a straight answer, or cowboys who insist on going outside to tinkle.

To do the job meant Warren had to put himself in harm's way to hammer new iron on her feet. To aid in restraint, the owner admin-

istered a healthy dose of Acepromazine tranquilizer and they confined her in a 12x12 stall. Even then, with the owner on the head and Warren pushing the hip against the wall, she fought it all the way. But our boys were stubborn! They hung on as Della made three circles backwards around the stall dragging them like two lion cubs trying to take down an injured gnu!

They finally got her cranked into a corner so that Warren could delicately reach down and handle the hoof. The tranquilizer finally took the wind out of her sails and one side was done. The procedure was repeated in the other direction including the backwards whirlpooling and the

job was finished. Hallelujah!

But eventually the next time came around. When the owner said it was time to shoe her again neither he nor Warren wanted to reenact the previous harrowing attempt.

"I'll just tie up a hind leg and let her soak," said the Boss. "Surely we're smarter than a horse!"

He used a soft 3/4 cotton foot rope to tie a no-slip loose noose around the horse's neck. Then he ran a sideline down and around one hind foot, brought it back through the loop that hung around her neck and pulled the hind foot 16" off the ground and tied it up.

They turned her loose in the arena and she proceeded

to run four laps around before stopping in the center.

"She'll be sacked out pretty quick," said the owner with some authority.

The mare looked over at her two nemeses that were bent on subduing her. She gave a fluttering blow like a cornered whitetail buck. Then, as they watched in amazement, Della bent her head clear down to the rope hooked below her fetlock, bent so far that the loop around her neck slid over her head and fell to the ground.

She looked back at her two slack-jawed torturers, stepped out of the pile of rope, and blew again. Warren dropped his nippers. Score one for the horse.

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General Admission: \$8 advance/ \$10 gate
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Junction City: Dillon Stores, Orschlen Farm
& Home
Wamego: Vanderbilt's
Fort Riley: ITR Office

For more information call 785-564-1385

AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 31 — 10:30 AM
410 Shelle — MANHATTAN, KANSAS

1991 Ford 1/2 ton pick-up.
Oak dropfront secretary bookcase; round Oak table & 6 chairs; Lowrey organ & bench; Whirlpool refrigerator; dinette table & 4 chairs; King size bed; dropleaf gateleg table; Early American wood trimmed sofa & chairs; computer desk; Westinghouse freezer; desks; 4-drawer chest and matching dresser; pressed back chair; 2 step tables; Maple rocker; maple coffee table; **Frederick-Willey pool table**; Walnut stand; bed, chest & dresser; end table; chairs; 2 TV's; console stereo; footstool; computer; 2 metal wardrobes; metal shelf; office chair; sewing machine; metal stool; night stand; shelf; L-shaped desk; file cabinet; German china; B.

Sandzen "Sunshine Creek" print; vases; England cake plate; Fritz & Floyd plates; salt dips; crystal clock; flower figurines; Blue English stoneware; Great Bend souvenir toothpick; Watt bowl; Russell Wright; scales; Staffordshire china; **Browning .25 pistol**; lamps; cookbooks; many books; bookends; horse doorstop; Red Wing bowl; hat boxes & hats; full length fur coat; bedding; sewing notions; Brother fax machine; Xerox copier; paperback books; 2-drawer file cabinet; wall gun rack; pillows; Dirt Devil; CD's & rack; CD/DVD player; clock radio; kitchen appliances; mixing bowls; amber glassware; B&D jar opener; grill; stoneware; Maxine cookie jar; silverware; baking dishes; 2

crocks; amber glassware; erector set; model cars; child's card table & chairs; Mikasa stoneware; paperweight; candleholders; toothpick holders; baskets; pottery; glass plates; kitchen utensils; pots; pans; Corningware; aluminum canisters; pitchers; platters; salad set; bowls; casseroles; Holiday decorations; old bottles; old wrenches; Hesston & other belt buckles; Royal Purples; pictures; western items; coal bucket; cast iron skillets; Marshall Fields crocks; golf clubs; fishing tackle & poles; Craftsman lawn blower; wheelbarrow; shovels; air bubble; snow blower; hand corn planter; push mowers; hand tools; aluminum stepladder; exercise bikes; TV trays; many many more items.

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