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Conservation easement forever protects Moyer Ranch's tallgrass prairie



Taking part in the Moyer Ranch easement dedication were, from left: Tad Davis, Brig. Gen. David Petersen, Lt. Gov. Troy Findley, Sec. of Wildlife and Parks Mike Hayden, Rod Moyer, Jeff Gross, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist, Catherine Hauber, KLT President, and Col. Kevin Brown, Garrison Commander.



A limestone post stands sentry at Moyer Ranch.
Photo courtesy of Bruce Hogle

By Chris Green,
Special to Grass & Grain

Rod Moyer enjoys the feeling of freedom that comes with being on his nearly 7,000-acre tallgrass prairie ranch in the Flint Hills.

"I like that you're here with nature and not with cars, people and concrete," Moyer, 66, said from the comfort of his ranch house about 11 miles east of Junc-

tion City. "When I go to some of the large cities in California or somewhere, I can only be there for a few days and it starts to really have an adverse effect upon on me. I need green space and open air."

The Moyer Ranch and its headquarters sit just off a gravel road, south of Interstate 70 and the Konza Prairie near Fort Riley. In mid-July, the vista beyond the roadside fence is a spectacularly green landscape of hills dotted by trees, and a seemingly endless sky.

Because of Moyer's efforts to work with the Kansas Land Trust (KLT) and other partners to protect his land, it is an enthralling view that will remain intact for generations to come.

The agreement represents the largest conservation easement for both KLT and the northern Flint Hills. It

keeps the land in private ownership and allows its continued use for cattle grazing and recreational activities.

Moyer and KLT received assistance in creating the easement from Fort Riley's Army Compatible Use Buffer Program, the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Farm and Ranchland Protection Program, and the Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks.

Moyer represents the third generation of his family to farm and ranch in the area. The easement allows Moyer to preserve not only the tallgrass prairie but also his family's way of life.

"My family has been in agriculture since the turn of the last century and my father worked very hard to give me an opportunity to be successful in agriculture," said Moyer, whose family

farmed and ranched in, and east of, what is now Tuttle Creek Lake north of Manhattan. "He instilled a real work ethic in me."

Moyer and a neighbor initially bought the site of what would become the Moyer Ranch in 1991. Five years later, he acquired all of the former Simpson Ranch and sold or traded his land east of Tuttle Creek. He has since added several other tracts of land to the ranch.

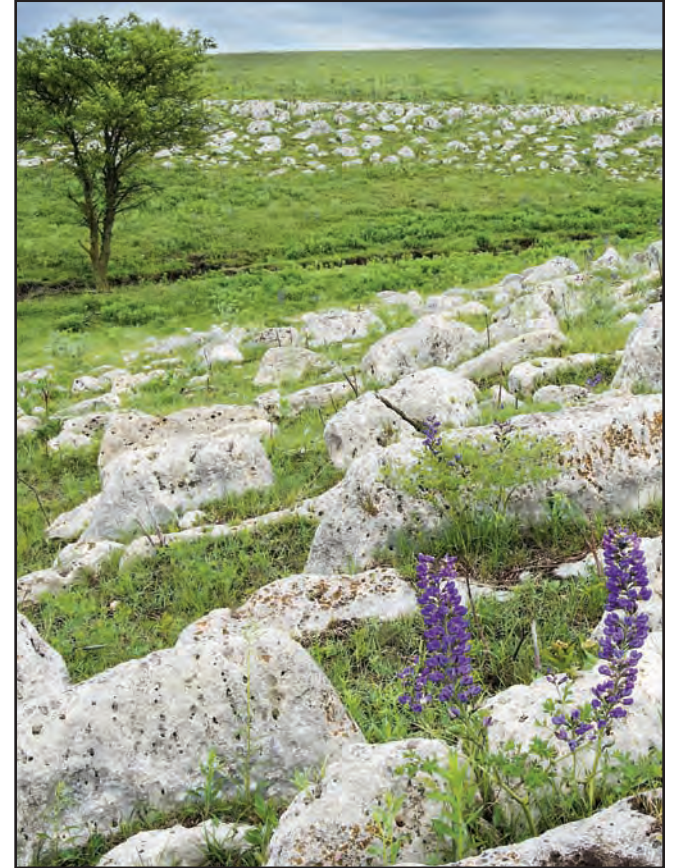
Moyer said he has no family interested in succeeding him in actively managing the ranch. But the easement will help ensure that ranching remains a primary use of the land into the future.

"I would like future Moyers to understand somewhat of what their background was about," said Moyer, whose son, Grant, works in New York City as an investment banker. "Also, that other people would be able to travel through and understand something about a working cattle ranch."

Long-term thinking

For KLT, the easement represents an opportunity to permanently protect a very scenic area and prominent "viewshed" from the encroachment of development, KLT executive director Jason Fizell said.

The ranch sits in the Heart of the Flint Hills, an area of several million acres where then-Gov. Kathleen Sebelius pushed for Kansas utilities to honor a moratorium on new wind farm developments. However, there is no binding legal agreement



Blue Wild Indigo dots the Flint Hills landscape of Moyer Ranch.
Photo courtesy of Bruce Hogle

and no way of requiring out-of-state developers to follow the moratorium.

"This basically affords rock-solid, permanent protection rather than short-term political assurances," Fizell said.

Fizell said the Moyer easement will also help the Army protect the integrity of a radar system recently installed at Fort Riley's Marshall Army Airfield. The effectiveness of that system would have been diminished by a once-planned wind farm on the property.

The easement will also

preserve the habitat of potentially threatened species, including the Greater Prairie Chicken, preventing the base from becoming an isolated enclave for those animals. The preservation of nearby wildlife areas can help military installations avoid or reduce any training restrictions that could be associated with complying with the Endangered Species Act. Jeff Keating, program manager for Fort Riley's Army Compatible Use Buffer Program, said the easement would help

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Chase County and Flint Hills the focus of *Return to PrairyErth*

By Tom Parker

While William Least Heat-Moon mulled over the idea of a writing a book about a single county in the heart of the Flint Hills, he asked people he encountered what they knew about Kansas. From what he'd heard and read it was flyover country, an unrelenting, interminable expanse of nothingness. The responses only confirmed his suspicions. One woman answered that the state took two pages of an atlas and that it was "flat and treeless." Another said he knew about Kansas from *The Wizard of Oz* and *In Cold Blood*.

"Great," Heat-Moon said. "I'm writing a fantasy or a nightmare."

In 1991, after six years of walking, driving and dreaming Chase County, Kan., *PrairyErth* (A Deep Map) erupted onto the literary scene. One reviewer called it a "train wreck." But others, from the New York Times to the *Hungry Mind* Review, praised it as "The *Moby Dick* of American history" and a "modern-day *Walden*."

Since then, the book has never been out of print. It's also become an iconic work for Italians, where it remains a bestseller. But to the residents of Chase County, and many others who proudly call Kansas home, it's something more: their very own deep map of a place that's as much a state of mind as terrain and narrative. And it almost didn't get written.

Heat-Moon confessed this to a large crowd of Chase County residents and others, many from Kansas but some from as far away as Tennessee, at a premiere screening of "Return to PrairyErth," a movie influenced by his book. The film aired June 24th at Pioneer Bluffs Ranch near Matfield Green, where an overflow crowd of several hundred

necessitated three showings. The event was part of a larger celebration of his book and how it has not only influenced the county but informed the world of its very existence. To the crowd, the idea of *PrairyErth* not being written was unimaginable. "I had no idea how to write the book," Heat-Moon said. He'd compiled three large boxes containing interviews and reflections, but piecing them together into a coherent sequence stymied him—until one day as he studied the detailed topographic maps of the county spread across the floor of his study.

"There were 25 maps covering 774 miles," he said. "I began walking the map, and realized that many of the maps covered only a fringe of the county. When I pulled them away I had twelve maps left over. My Boy Scout Troop was number 144. Twelve times twelve is 144. There were twelve chapters in my first book, *Blue Highways*. I could do twelve. I knew I had to go back one more time and work the quadrangles. I wrote a symbol like a tic-tac-toe—it's on the book cover—and went from square to square. It was so simple. It just took six years to figure out."

He assembled the stories like the outside spokes of a wheel, radiating inward toward the central hub. "I should have put on the cover, 'some assembly required,'" he said.

Wichita filmmaker John O'Hara said the book inspired him to explore the area beyond the Kansas Turnpike. Because Heat-Moon was such an integral part of the county's story, he pitched the idea of filming a sort of retrospective and update. Heat-Moon agreed, and together they collaborated on the film. It took O'Hara a year and a half to finish. Funding was through a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council.

Because Pioneer Bluffs Foundation was the fiscal agent for the grant, they were given the right of first showing, said Lynn Smith, the foundation's executive director. But more than that, she said, the ranch and its limestone

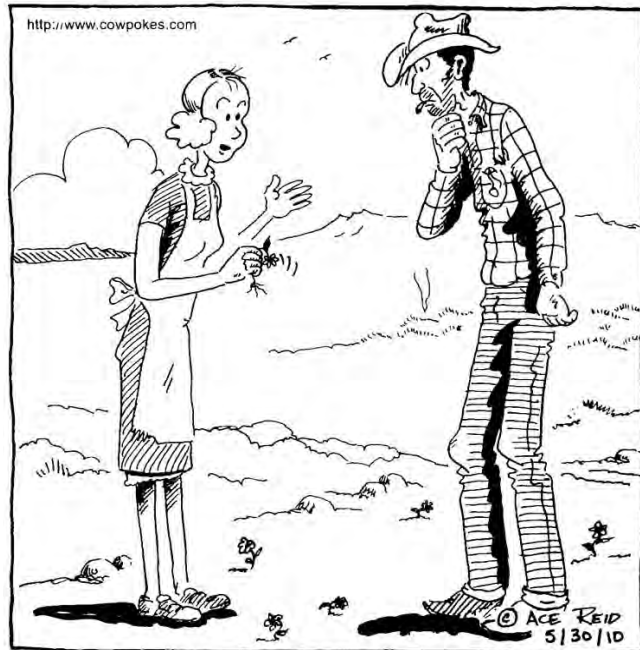
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Sage Greenemeyer, son of Chris Hepner, Potwin, had author William Least Heat-Moon sign his copy of *PrairyErth* at the Pioneer Bluffs reception. His mother said Sage can't read yet but he's going to learn how in the pages of the book.

COWPOKES

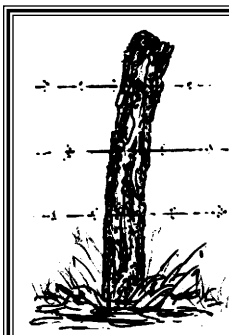
By Ace Reid



"Oh Jake, that rain we had early wuz so great, just smell all these spring flowers!"

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

—Thomas Jefferson



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Marching In Unison

The Daily Mail, an English newspaper, reports that a British army sniper shot and killed two Taliban machine gunners that were one and a half miles plus two hundred feet away, a distance of 8,120 feet. This broke the previous record by 148 feet. This seems like a great feat to me, but the high-powered scopes on guns and powerful ammunition make it possible.

When I view cattle from a distance of one and a half miles with the naked eye, I can tell they are livestock, but that is all. I cannot distinguish whether they are cattle or horses and can barely make out the appearance of a man to know that it is a man. Yet, the British sniper hit his target at that distance, killing the two terrorists in just three shots with a shoulder rifle with scope. This was definitely a one-on-one endeavor, which is unusual in military actions.

In my military days, a unit of eight men was known as a squad with one being the squad leader who was often a rank of corporal or sergeant. The next size up unit was a platoon of close to forty men of four squads with the leader being a lieutenant. The next size up was the company of around 200 men with the officer leader being a captain. The objective was to train these men so well that they would function as if they were one. Even though the eight or forty men, or even 200, were assaulting a hill or fortification, they knew exactly what to expect of one another and would depend on and trust each other, even with their lives, on line. Their training would be so perfected that they would function as a champion basketball or football team.

The drill sergeant is an expert at taking a bunch of undisciplined raw recruits, who barely know their right foot from their left, and training them to march in perfect unison as if they were one soldier instead of 40 or 200 different individuals. I have watched the North Koreans on television, displaying their superb marching skills: perfect cadence, uniform size, and synchronized foot movement. This skill is expected to

transfer to combat conditions, enabling them to act as one to destroy the enemy while moving separately to attack and assault.

I am reminded of the time when I was assigned as platoon leader over forty men who were in reserve after capturing and driving the North Koreans off Old Baldy Mountain. They were proven soldiers and I was now their new leader who had never experienced the horrors of combat and who was dealing with hidden fear as to what it would be like to have the enemy trying hard to kill us. It would be important for my platoon to be a body of men who would act as one to protect and shield one another and to also accomplish its mission to defeat those who wished us all dead.

How well I remember Captain Kelly calling my platoon of men to attention and introducing me to them. I was 24 years old, and most of my men were 18 or 19 years old but they had already become experienced warriors. I now wonder what they were thinking. I was to take them to a remote area and instruct them on any subject I chose. I surely didn't think it wise for me to elaborate on combat tactics, so I picked a safe topic, which was on terrain features.

After a period of instruction, it was time to return to camp for chow. I called my new platoon to form ranks and come to attention. The quarter-of-a-mile march back to camp was more effective than the lesson on terrain features, for I insisted that they shape up, be sharp, get in step, and be proud of the 1st platoon of Baker Company. We were the last platoon to return to camp, and all eyes were upon us as we marched into camp. "Platoon halt; left face; you are dismissed for chow." In that short march, I sensed that we had become as one, proud of our unit and friends, ready to defend to the end if need be.

It is amazing what marching in perfect unison will do for one's morale and esprit de corps. May our country of over 300 million people again march in unison to remain the greatest nation this world has ever known.

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Guest Editorial

Conventional versus Organic

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Do organically produced foods have higher nutritional value? Let's take a look.

Colorado State University (CSU) researchers recently compared vitamin content of organically and conventionally grown vegetables (carrots and broccoli). CSU found no statistically significant differences.

Other research from focused on growing potatoes using four different farming techniques under the same growing conditions: an intensive high-chemical system; a moderate conventional system; customary organic farming (livestock manure and crop rotation on land used for organic production for 10 years); and virgin organic production, using cow manure on land cleared from brush. Nine minerals and seven vitamins were analyzed and no clear differ-

ences were discovered.

Another U.S. study found more soluble iron in conventionally grown spinach. The proportion of the soluble iron available to consumer's system was somewhat higher for both spinach and peppers grown with compost and manure.

In other studies abroad, a Norwegian study found conventionally grown carrots contained more beta-carotene, more magnesium and more manganese. The ecologically grown carrots had more aluminum. When carrots of the same variety were compared, the only difference was a higher level of carotenoids in the conventionally grown carrots.

A German study discovered lower levels of nitrate in carrots, beets and potatoes grown with manure but the differences were minute under good storage conditions. Stressful storage conditions enhanced the difference.

Consumers can conclude from such findings that people who do not buy organically grown fruits and vegetables can find equally good products with equal nutrition at supermarkets and roadside stands — usually at lower prices. It also means people who wish to eat organically grown fruits and vegetables should do so.

Bottom line — differing farming systems produce virtually no difference in the nutritional value of the crops. The variety, or strain, of the carrots and potatoes grown appears to have a bigger impact on their nutrient value than organic production methods.

It's no secret; plant breeders have long advocated that fruits, vegetables and grains require three main nutrients — nitrogen, phosphate potash and trace minerals in varying amounts

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Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

He fired his verbal barrage from point-blank range. "You are an idealistic little cop-out!" he thundered.

The classroom sat in silence as I wondered how I would respond, given the fact that the comment that had gotten me into this mess hadn't been very well thought out to begin with. I squirmed in my seat and would have gladly crawled under the desk, had his penetrating stare not impaled me to my chair like the cold steel of a bayonet.

I really should have known better, having sat in Mr. Traskowsky's Government class since the dog days of summer had waned into fall, ushering us into the midst of a Presidential election season. You didn't lob an ideological grenade into his camp without having plenty of ammunition, in the form of sound reason and logic, with which to defend your position. I had neither.

"I don't believe in political parties," I had foolishly stated. "I think we should all just vote for the things we believe in." It was about 11:30 a.m. as I recall, and I had only held that particular point of view for about an hour, so my thinking it was a good idea to share it with a brilliant political mind like his can only be attributed to low blood sugar, since lunch time was drawing near.

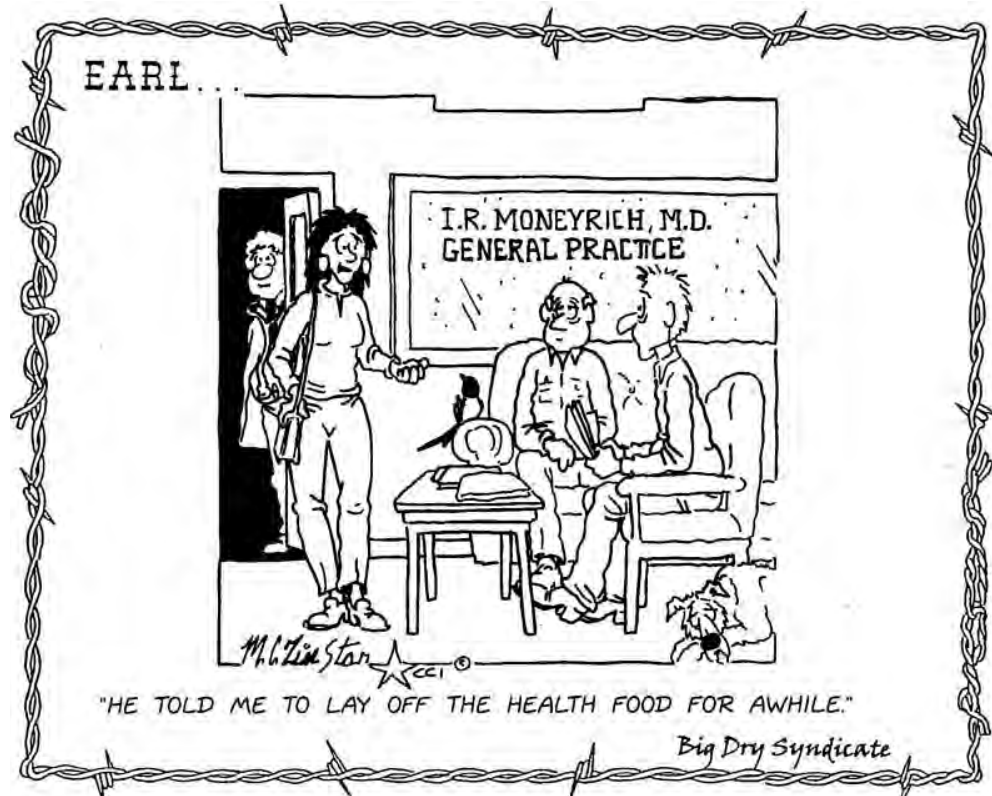
Looking back, I realize that every day Mr. T stood in front of a classroom full of high school seniors who were all beginning to form their political ideas and persuasions. He never tried to tell us WHAT to think, he just wanted to make sure we DID think. It was a tall order, considering the most important things we generally concerned ourselves with were what we were doing that weekend, who would win the football game, and if our parents would notice that little dent we put in their fender.

Everything I know about our government, and the importance I place on voting and understanding the facts about issues, I owe to that man, who burned through chalk like a chain-smoker burns through Marlboros. I always thought it was a good thing there were no asthmatics in our class, as the chalk-dust filled air would have sent them wheezing to the nurse's office on a daily basis.

The funny thing is, I didn't even realize at the time how much I was learning, or how useful that knowledge would be in the future. I guess that's what a good teacher does — leaves you with lessons that follow you all through your life. And he was one of the best.

Today is Election Day. Have you cast your ballot? It's one of the greatest privileges and responsibilities we have as Americans. In honor of every soldier who has ever fought, every mother who has sent a son or daughter off to war, and yes, in honor of Mr. T and all his fellow government teachers everywhere, go cast that ballot. Then wear that little "I Voted" sticker all day long with pride.

And by the way, I now believe in political parties. Thanks, Mr T.



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fence were part of the book, and Chase County the ideal location for its premiere.

"Several people moved to Matfield Green after reading the book," she said. "Where else could it have been shown? It had to be here."

The film will air later on public television, O'Hara said.

Heat-Moon conceived the idea for the book after a failed attempt to write an article about the Flint Hills for National Geographic. A personal crisis led him to hit the road in a van he named "Ghost Dancing," a journey on the back roads of America (those marked on maps in blue ink) from which his first book was gleaned. The book's popularity sent him on the road again, but closer to his home in Columbia, Mo.

There was something about Chase County and the Flint Hills that resonated with him. More, certainly, than the simple fact that if you folded a map of the lower 48 into half, top to bottom and then right to left, the center would be an inch from Roniger Hill, a grassy knoll rising behind the small town of Bazaar. "In truth," he wrote in the opening chapter of *PrairyErth*, "I don't much understand why I am here."

He was determined to discover why, though. Connecting landscapes with what he was seeing, rendering it onto two-dimensional maps as he retraced his travels, speaking to the ranchers

and residents, delving into the history, geography, geology, flora and fauna, and walking, always walking, though it made him at first an eccentric before people grew accustomed to his presence and the unending questions he put to them. "I wanted to make a connection between the present and the past," he said. "I also wondered how is this place linked to the American spirit."

That he wrote and dreamed the spirit of Chase County so succinctly is a testament to a writer of deep insight and great skill, but also to the people and the place itself. For though it's about a single county in Kansas, the book is really about every place and the stories that imbue them. As one woman told Heat-Moon, since reading the book she's more aware of her place in the land. "In some ways I've found myself," she said.

Heat-Moon's latest book, *Roads to Quoz*, is another travelogue down the back roads of America, with at its core a literary exploration of language both real and invented. A reader, offering him a copy to autograph, told Heat-Moon that it seemed he had enjoyed the journey as much as having fun with the alphabet, especially with the letter q.

Heat-Moon flashed a big grin. "That was my intent," he said. "I hoped someone would catch that. I had fun writing it."

He then patted a paperback copy of *PrairyErth*. "That book," he said, "that was work."

Moyer Ranch

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sustain the Army's training missions and secure the Army's long-term presence at Fort Riley by protecting airspace from wind farm development for helicopter traffic and by preserving large blocks of native, tall-grass prairie. Keeping the Moyer Ranch's well-managed and visually stunning tallgrass prairie intact also represents an important step forward in preserving the existence of a unique ecosystem.

Valerie Wright, a KLT board member and environmental educator for the Konza Prairie Biological Station, said the area's plant and animal species would benefit from the preservation of a large expanse of tallgrass prairie.

"If you have little islands of habitat, then it's more difficult for species to survive, to mate and find food to live on," Wright said. "Their range shrinks terribly when they're on an island and it's easy to lose species."

Margy Stewart, who raises cattle and hosts tourists along with her husband on land to the east of Moyer Ranch, said she believes that

Moyer's decision makes sense economically, too. By preventing inappropriate development, Stewart said the easement would help allow this part of the northern Flint Hills to continue to flourish as ranch land and as a growing destination for agritourism.

"We think he's setting a great example of long-term thinking," Stewart said of Moyer.

The easement also stipulates that good conservation measures be maintained on the grassland, Moyer said. Yet it was also important to him that the agreement be flexible enough that the land remains usable for agriculture in subsequent decades.

"As one tries to look forward and anticipate how agriculture will be in 50 to 100 years, I don't know that very many have the crystal ball to even have a slight idea," Moyer said.

Conventional versus Organic

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according to the plant species. If a plant is sorely lacking in one of these nutrients, it will not grow. If it has access to these nutrients, it will grow into the crop its heredity determines and will pass along the nutrients its heredity intends.

Translation — for a healthy diet eat plenty of fruit and vegetables each day, regardless of how they were grown. Doing so will probably mean a person eats more fiber that is healthy. It also means less room for fatty foods that are one of the major contributions to poor health.

Eating five fruits and vegetables per day reduces our risk for heart disease and cancer. Researchers tell us this health-enhancing effect is derived from the high levels of antioxidant chemicals in the fruits and vegetables. Studies are confirming this cleansing effect from specific chemicals from specific

crops including broccoli and blueberries.

So much of this research on conventional versus organically grown food has demonstrated little nutritional differences. In our society consumers have a choice. It is an individual decision.

Organic-food enthusiasts may choose products grown the way they prefer. Those with a more traditional bent can enjoy fruits, vegetables and grains grown conventionally. Remember, scientific research and studies indicate conventionally grown fruits, vegetables and grains have the same nutritional value and are equally healthy.

The choice is yours.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

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

Ida Eater, Raymond, Wins Grass & Grain Recipe Contest And Prize For The Week

Winner Ida Eater, Raymond: "This makes a quick pantry-shelf meal with a tossed salad."

BEEF TAMALE PIE

- 2 1/2 cups (12 ounces) cooked lean beef, cut into 1/2-inch pieces, or 1 pound ground beef
- 15-ounce can mild chili beans in sauce
- 4-ounce can chopped green chiles
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 8 1/2-ounce package corn muffin mix
- 1 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese (optional)

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Combine beef, beans, chiles, green onion, cumin and pepper. Mix well and set aside. Combine corn muffin mix and water; mix well. Will be very thin. Grease sides and bottom of a 9-inch square baking pan or an oven-proof skillet. Pour batter into baking pan. Spoon beef mixture in center of batter, leaving an inch border. Bake in a 425-degree oven for 30 minutes until lightly brown. Remove and sprinkle with cheese. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Makes 6 servings.

- Mary Rogers, Topeka:
- ### CORNBREAD SALAD
- 6 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled
 - 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded & chopped
 - 1/2 red bell pepper, seeded & chopped
 - 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
 - 5 cups crumbled cornbread
 - 1/3 cup sliced green onion
 - 1/2 cup whole milk
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 2 tablespoons ranch dressing mix
- In a bowl, toss bacon, cucumber, bell pepper, tomatoes, cornbread and green onion. In another bowl,

whisk milk, sour cream and dressing mix. Pour over salad just before serving, tossing to mix.

Kathy Hogue of Topeka/Alma says, "the extra prep time for these individual loaves is well worth the effort. Simplify with cornbread from the bakery or whip up a Jiffy box and crumble."

- ### CORNBREAD MEATLOAF
- 2 celery ribs
 - 1 small onion
 - 1 small red pepper
 - 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/2 teaspoon coriander
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
 - 1/3 cup tomato paste
 - 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
 - 1/2 pound ground pork sausage
 - 3 cups cornbread crumbs
 - 1/3 cup fresh parsley
 - 1/2 cup roasted red peppers
 - 1/2 cup tomato juice
 - 2 tablespoons molasses

Finely chop celery, onion and pepper. Cook in oil until soft. Add salt. Whisk eggs, coriander, basil, pepper, mustard and tomato paste in a large bowl. Add onion mixture, beef, sausage and cornbread. Add chopped parsley and roasted peppers. Mix together with clean hands. Form into 8 loaves. Place on

top of a greased broiler pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 40 minutes. Simmer tomato juice and molasses 5 minutes, spoon onto cooked loaves. Broil 3 minutes. Cool and freeze.

- Gin Fox, Holton:
- ### MEXICAN CHICKEN THIGHS
- 12 chicken thighs (with bone & skin)
 - Marinade:
 - 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
 - 6 medium garlic cloves, peeled
 - 1/3 cup finely chopped red onion
 - 2 dried chile peppers, stemmed, seeded & cut into strips
 - 1 cup diced canned Mexican tomatoes with juice
 - 1 cup of beer
 - 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
 - Salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

To make the marinade: In a small saucepan over medium heat, warm the oil and cook the garlic until lightly browned, 4 to 5 minutes, turning occasionally. Add the onion and chiles. Cook for about 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Simmer for 15 minutes. Remove saucepan and let mixture stand for 15

minutes to soften the chiles and blend the flavors. Puree the blend in a blender. Place thighs in a large resealable plastic bag and pour in the marinade. Seal tightly. Turn the bag several times to distribute marinade. Refrigerate for 4 to 6 hours, turning the bag occasionally. Remove thighs from the bag and wipe off and discard most of the marinade. Sear thighs, skin side down first, over direct medium heat for about 5 minutes, turning once. Continue grilling over indirect medium heat until juices run clear and meat is no longer pink at bone. Estimated cooking time, 30-40 minutes. Serve warm.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "A summer must. Great for cookouts! My kids and I nibbled on these for a snack."

RED WINE VINAIGRETTE CUCUMBER SALAD

- 4 cucumbers, peeled & sliced into 1/4-inch slices
- 16 ounces Seven Seas Fat-Free Red-Wine Vinaigrette salad dressing

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Kellee Rogers, Topeka:

HAND CREAM

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

- 4 slices whole wheat bread, torn
- 6 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled.
- 4 sausage links, cooked & chopped
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 large eggs, beaten
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan. Place bread pieces in dish. Sprinkle bacon and sausage over bread pieces. Sprinkle cheese over bacon and sausage. In a bowl, whisk eggs, milk and mustard; pour over cheese. Bake until set in center, about 35-40 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

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Grill Masters Share Secrets To Great Grilling

(NAPSA) — The next time you're looking to advance your grilling skills or bring new flavors to neighborhood cookouts, you may care to consider some secrets to grilling success.

They come from eight culinarians who outgrilled over 3,600 others in the first annual Red Lobster Certified Grill Master Competition. The contest revolved around the newest addition to every kitchen in the restaurant chain: a wood-fire grill that sears in the juices and brings out the natural flavor of seafood. For a winning grilling experience of your own, follow these tips:

1. Start off clean. Competition winner Alex Lopez, Tampa, Fla., creates a clean grill surface by using a grill grate brush. Season the grill with a light coat of vegetable oil to prevent sticking.

2. Season safely. A.J. Subramaniam, a winner from Ontario, Canada, suggests marinating seafood for up to two hours before cooking to infuse it with flavor. Set aside an extra

dish of marinade just for basting while cooking to avoid spreading any bacteria. Use different utensils for handling cooked pieces on the grill.

3. Notice temperature zones. Matt Cavanaugh and Nathan Schwartz, Certified Grill Masters from the Roanoke, Va., and Detroit, Mich., areas, check the grill for hot and moderate temperature zones. For even cooking, place thicker foods at the center of the grill, smaller pieces toward the edges and leave one inch of space between each piece.

4. Use proper tools. Place fish fillets such as salmon, mahi-mahi or tilapia directly on the grill with grilling tongs. Winner Robert Hart, Denver, Colo., prefers metal or water-soaked wooden skewers for cooking shrimp and scallops.

5. Look for cooking clues. Robert Felia, from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., uses visual cues to determine if seafood or steak is cooked to perfection. Steak juice



turns clear as it cooks, shrimp turns from clear to white and salmon becomes more opaque with time.

6. Go for the grill marks. A secret to great-looking seafood and steak is perfect grill marks. Winners Jesus Ramirez and Brandon Williams from Temecula, Calif., and College Station, Texas, cook fish or steak for two to three minutes without turning. Then, rotate a quarter turn on the grill and cook for two to three minutes longer on the same side. Flip to the other side and finish.

Learn More

For additional grilling tips and seafood recipes, visit www.redlobster.com.

Making Your Picnic Better

(NAPSA) — Backyards nationwide will play host to fun, family picnics. You can make your picnic a Better-Than-A-Picnic Picnic by following a few simple tips from Cooper Munroe, blogger and co-founder of TheMotherhood.com.

• Plan lots of fun, simple activities-sack races, bubbles, tug-of-war, sidewalk chalk and kicking soccer balls — but allow plenty of time for free play, too.

• Give back — choose a charity that's meaningful to your family. Call the organization to say you'd like to do a service project or fundraiser for it at your picnic and ask what the charity needs. Bring a big box to your picnic to hold the donations or get to work on planting flowers, painting shelves or the like.

• Let everyone in on the pleasures of picnic prep. Ask your guests to each bring a side dish such as fruit, baked beans or potato salad, or a menu staple such as hot dog buns or ketchup.

• Great condiments can put a fresh spin on traditional barbecue fare. Set out ramekins of colorful

condiments such as jalapeños, cherry tomatoes, mild and spicy mustards, grilled and raw onions, barbecue sauce and relish.

• Bring drinks that are both fun and refreshing: lots of lemonade and iced tea, garnished with a full slice of lemon, a sprig of mint and a colorful straw.

• Don't forget the ice; keep all foods covered and be sure you have enough plastic tablecloths, utensils, napkins and paper towels. Also pack a wet washcloth in a plastic bag and a first-aid kit, calamine lotion and sunscreen. Bring a camera and ask someone to take lots of pictures.

• Create a simple menu stocked with traditional grill items, including hot dogs. The only national, all-beef, kosher hot dog with no fillers, by-products, artificial flavors or colors, Hebrew National considers its franks to be "Better-Than-A-Hot-Dog Hot Dog." Said Munroe, "With Hebrew National hot dogs, moms can know they are feeding their family something that's better than just a hot dog. It's premium beef."



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• Grill the sides — veggies of all kinds — along with the meat. Grilling gives vegetables a fragrant, smoky flavor. Try carrots, eggplant, squash, bell peppers, sweet potatoes, leeks and more. You can toast or warm bread or rolls on the grill, too.

• End the day with an interactive dessert — decorate cupcakes or have a sundae bar.

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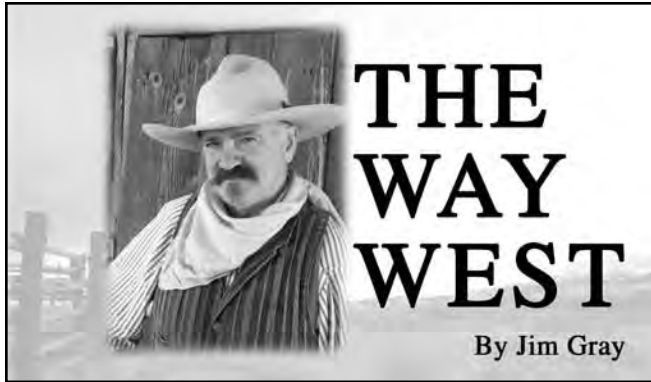
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Texas cattle were nothing new to Baxter Springs. The town was situated on the Shawnee Trail and for many years had witnessed great herds of cattle passing through on the way to Illinois feed lots and eastern packing houses. The new railroad at Baxter Springs brought an era of

prosperity that attracted not only drovers but northern cattle buyers and a full complement of business houses to serve the trade. Texas cattle were driven to Cherokee lands and wintered on the open range a couple of hundred miles west and southwest of Baxter Springs. Grass-fat Texas Longhorns were driven from the lush Cherokee range into Baxter with little trouble. Cattle could be shipped directly to northern feedlots where as much as an additional sixty dollars per head could be realized. Baxter Springs' proximity to Indian Territory gave the town an advantage over Abilene.

Baxter Springs was also competing with Abilene for its wanton reputation. The town boasted one saloon for every one hundred men who visited Military Avenue. That kind of activity was certain to spawn the kind of trouble that would be hard to forget, and on November 7, 1870,

trouble arrived in typical "Wild West" fashion. An argument broke out between Mr. Wiggins, the proprietor of the Wiggins House and one of his "girls," Nellie Starr. In the middle of the fight Nellie fired a pistol and everyone backed away. Isham and John Good, two brothers who had brought cattle up from Texas entered the hotel just as City Marshal Henry Seaman was about to arrest sweet Nellie with-out regard for her feminine nature. Isham took offense at the fair maiden's treatment and with pistols drawn charged to her defense. The room filled with smoke as nine shots were fired. Isham was hit in the leg. Wiggins was wounded in the arm and as the smoke cleared Marshal Seaman was found dead on the floor.

John and Isham hastily returned to their hotel room where they shaved and dressed in new clothes. They left the hotel unrecognized and joined a group of Texans riding out of town. About two miles out of town the brothers reined in at a friend's cabin where they took refuge.

Once the chaos in the Wiggins House had died down a posse was formed, tracking the Texans to their cabin hideout. John Good met the authorized mob at the door and boldly informed them that Isham was wounded and needed a doctor. He further warned the posse that if they attempted to take Isham he would "... shoot

any man that came through the door." The posse backed off and rode away. The next day a lawyer arranged bail for Isham prior to his actual arrest. Being assured of their safety, the Good brothers returned to Baxter Springs and put up gold to make the bond and returned to the cow camp.

A few weeks after the shooting Isham Good returned to Baxter Springs with his brothers John and William and a Texas Ranger by the name of Rufus Perry. Good's attorney advised him that he could get the case thrown out of court by paying the judge, prosecuting attorney, and, of course, himself, each one third of the bond money. The money was paid and Isham was allowed to go on his way.

He later wrote, "I lost all of my money on a cattle deal in Baxter Springs, Kansas, and I quit droving cattle." For Isham Good the costly experience was just another lesson learned on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier* and also publishes *Kansas Cowboy*, *Old West history from a Kansas perspective*. Contact *Kansas Cowboy*, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-472-4703 or www.droversmercantile.com ©2010



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Rural development and the next generation topic for summer meeting

Rural development and how to engage the next generation in farming, ranching, and rural communities will be the topic for the keynote speaker at the Kansas Rural Center's summer board meeting on August 28. Weldon Sleight, dean of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, Neb., will be the afternoon speaker starting at 1:30 p.m. at Red Rock Guest Ranch near Soldier.

Dr. Sleight has been instrumental in bringing entrepreneurship into the curriculum at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, a part of the University of Nebraska, with the development of the "100 Beef Cow Ownership Advantage Program," "100 Acre Farm Program," and the NCTA Business Builder Program. Each of these programs is designed to provide NCTA students with an early entry into agriculture or business enterprise as a partner/owner that will lead to eventual ranch, farm or rural business ownership.

For example, The "100 Cow Herd Upon Graduation Program" combines several existing begin-

ning farmer programs with training programs at the college, and aims to give graduates an opportunity to build enough income so they can eventually take over or start a farm or ranch, as well as build cattle numbers in the state. "My passion," states Sleight, "is to help communities engage their youth before they leave for college or other endeavors with the intent that they return home to be partners/employees in farms, ranches, and rural main street businesses."

Sleight's afternoon presentation will follow the Kansas Rural Center board's morning business meeting which begins at 10 a.m. The 1:30 p.m. presentation is open to the public and should be of special interest to rural and economic development officials, FFA sponsors, and anyone interested in revitalizing rural communities through investing in our agricultural base.

Sleight will also speak at 7 p.m. the same night at Red Rock Guest Ranch focusing his second presentation of the day on Beef Cattle Profitability, Production and Management from research at the Uni-

versity of Nebraska's Research and Extension's Sandhills Laboratory. He will also share his experiences and ideas on bringing the next generation into farming and ranching.

Both presentations are open to the public. Supper reservations can also be made for a 6 p.m. supper prior to the evening presentation for \$10 per person. Contact KRC at 785-873-3431 for more information on supper reservations or for more information. Also, check KRC's website at www.kansasruralcenter.org for updates.

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Pre-plant wheat programs to be presented August 16th and 18th

Cropping systems have changed over the past few years, but wheat is still the major component of most crop rotations. Getting the most return from those wheat acres is the objective behind the pre-plant wheat meetings being conducted across the state. According to Extension agents from Post Rock Extension District along with Ellsworth and Smith County Extension, "K-State Specialists will present information and answer questions on production practices, variety selection, wheat disease, and fertility management as relates to wheat production under both conventional and no-till production systems."

Area wheat producers have two opportunities to attend this pre-plant wheat meeting. The first

is Monday, August 16th at the Wilson State Bank in Wilson. The program will be repeated Wednesday, August 18th at the Farmway Credit Union in Mankato. Both meetings will run from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and include a meal and time for questions. Data from this year's local wheat plots will be also be presented.

There is currently a requirement of at least 10 producers to hold meetings involving state specialists.

To pre-register or obtain more information call any Post Rock Extension District Offices, Smith County Extension, or Ellsworth County Extension by Thursday, August 12.



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USDA announces Conservation Reserve Program general sign-up

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that a general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) began on August 2, 2010 and continues through August 27, 2010. During the sign-up period, farmers and ranchers may offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up at their county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized USDA to maintain CRP enrollment up to 32 million acres.

"America's farmers and ranchers play an important role in improving our environment, and for nearly 25 years, CRP has helped this nation build sound conservation practices that preserve the soil, clean our water, and restore habitat for wildlife," said Jim Miller, Agriculture Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services.

To help ensure that in-

terested farmers and ranchers are aware of the sign-up period, USDA has signed partnership agreements with several conservation and wildlife organizations, which will play an active role in USDA's 2010 CRP outreach efforts. Additionally, Secretary Vilsack has recorded two public service announcements, which are available to the press and public at www.fsa.usda.gov/psa.

CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to use their environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share, and technical assistance. CRP protects millions of acres of America's topsoil from erosion and is designed to improve the nation's natural

resources base. Participants voluntarily remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production by entering into long-term contracts for 10 to 15 years. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation practices.

By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP also protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. Acreage enrolled in the CRP is planted to resource-conserving vegetative covers, making the program a major contributor to wildlife population increases in many parts of the country. As a result, CRP has provided significant opportunities for hunting and fishing on private lands.

Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be of-

fered in this sign-up provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall covering about 4.5 million acres may make new contract offers. Contracts awarded under this sign-up are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2010.

FSA implements CRP on behalf of Commodity Credit Corporation. FSA will eval-

uate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) for environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP. The EBI consists of five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the sign-up ends and after analyzing the EBI data of all the offers.

Those who would have met previous sign-up EBI thresholds are not guaranteed a contract under this sign-up. In addition to the general sign-up, CRP's continuous sign-up program will be ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land.

For more information, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.



Mackenzie Wahl visits with Sam and Annie Lyall of Manhattan about her calf, which was part of the Baby Animal Nursery at the Riley County Fair. The nursery was a very popular feature of the fair and even included a sow that farrowed while there.



Whitney Hutchinson of rural Chapman won the Youth World Championship in Western Pleasure 16-18, riding A Zip In Time "Elliott", at the 2010 Appaloosa Youth World Show, held June 28 through July 2, in Jackson, Miss. The win for Whitney was especially exciting as it was her last ride in the youth classes. She plans to continue riding in the non-pro classes next year.



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A few months back, I had in the back of my mind that I needed to start thinking about introducing a halter to a two-month-old filly born this spring. Early is better when you need to halter one the first time. They're easier to handle while they're babies.

I was able to quit thinking and start doing when I was fortunate enough to have a visit from Tom Ryan of Weatherford, Texas. Tom and his wife stopped by for a few days and I knew I would welcome his visit by picking his brain of the vast library of horse lore stored under his Stetson.

Tom is a retired cutting horse trainer and breeder. Besides playing in two Rose Bowl football championships while in college, he won the Super Stakes and many other premier cutting horse events. The perfect guy to help me get a halter on that filly.

After breakfast the next morning, I mentioned the filly to Tom and asked him to lend a hand with her. He didn't have much choice since he's the manager of the stud we used to breed her and is always interested in the babies.

We went to the barn and I gathered up a baby halter, lead rope and lariat rope. "Get a halter for her mother too," Tom said. "Why one for her

mother?" I questioned. "You'll see."

We walked to the corral where the mother and baby were grazing and Tom said, "Catch her mother and let's lead them into the alleyway by your cow pens."

Curious of what he had in mind, I did as he said. The filly followed her mother into the alleyway and Tom had me back the mare into a corner and hold her there. The filly followed in close behind. "They'll always go to their mother when they're worried about something," Tom said as he crowded the baby up against the board fence next to the mare.

He used his body to push the filly tight against the fence and placed his left arm under her neck to hold her tight at the same time reaching back with his right hand and grasping her tail. Tom raised her tail straight up and held it there. The filly remained stock-still.

"OK, slip the halter on her." I had no trouble putting the halter on and while I was buckling it closed, she remained motionless. Not a hair flickered. The job was done in a few seconds. The filly gave no trouble or fight. The job was done without any hassle or frightening experience for the baby.

Tom released the filly and then took the lead rope of the mare and began leading her in circles in the alleyway. "Follow the mare," Tom said. I had the lead rope attached to the filly's halter and followed Tom and the mare. The filly followed her mother and I merely held onto the baby's lead rope as she walked along behind her mother. When Tom stopped the mare, I coaxed the filly to turn in circles with tugs on the lead rope. I circled her one way and then the other. After a few circles, I walked straight a couple strides until she stopped and planted her front legs in a tug of war. As soon as she balked, I turned her in circles again and then moved forward until she stopped again. She gave some resistance for a while but soon began to step forward when I tugged on the rope. We made good progress in her first lesson and after ten minutes, we stopped and removed the filly's halter. It was a good start and enough for the first day. I was impressed with the technique Tom had taught me. It was a hassle free way to hold a colt without a fight. The real payoff came a week later when an aggressive gelding came through a gate that wasn't latched properly and ran into the mare and filly's pasture. He ran towards the filly and she ran from him. He ran after her, chased by her mother and this caused the filly to flee in panic. She ran headlong into a board fence running wide open. She busted the skin on her face below her eyes to her

nostrils. We were lucky she wasn't killed. Blood was streaming down her face.

I caught the gelding and put him back in his pasture and then haltered the mare and led her to the barn. The filly followed us right into a stall.

I needed to doctor the baby but couldn't put a halter on over the injury. I put a rope on her in the stall but had no luck trying to clean her wound while holding the rope around her neck. She wouldn't let me touch her injury.

I remembered Tom's technique and wondered if she would hold still if I held her around the neck and raised her tail? I removed the rope and went to the house to get some help. With my wife standing by, I forced the baby against the stall wall, placed my left arm around her neck and raised her tail as Tom had shown me. The baby settled down and never moved as my wife cleaned and doctored the wound. The job was done in minutes. Tom's colt holding technique was the perfect way to care for an injured foal without using any drugs to calm her.

The July, 2010 issue of Western Horseman magazine shows a picture of the technique with information on how to hold a foal if you don't have a board fence or stall wall to crowd them into while you hold them. The picture and description are a very good reference to this technique.

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Grand champion market hog at the 2010 Tri-County Fair in Herington was an entry shown by Karl Riffel, Marion County. Also pictured are judge Mark Flory, and Tri-County Fair Queen Erin Carroll. Riffel was also the reserve champion swine showman.



Justin Loomis showed this steer from the AOB division to be named grand champion market beef at the 2010 Tri-County Fair in Herington.

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During the field demonstration, AKRON-Canada personnel showed the techniques on how to fill and empty a silobag using their specialized farm equipment. At the same time, researchers from Grain Science-KSU and INTA-Argentina demonstrated the technical considerations that are needed for proper usage of the silobags for

long term storage (more than six months) in order to maintain grain quality. Among these innovating techniques are monitoring the carbon dioxide level that is produced by the grain stored in the modified atmosphere produced by the seal effect of the silobags.

This demonstration event was the initial activity for a series of research experimental trials that Grain Science-KSU and INTA-Argentina will be conducting during this year to study the different issues for silobag usage in the Midwest for storage of wheat, corn and soybeans. Also, several parameters that affect grain quality (grain temperature, permeability of the silobag, insect and mold development, etc) will be analyzed during the six month experimental trials.

If you have any questions or comments about silobag usage please contact Dr. Dirk Maier (Professor and Head of the Department of Grain Science and Industry at Kansas State University) at: dmaier@ksu.edu.



Kyle Riffel, Marion County 4-H member, owned the reserve champion market meat goat shown at the 2010 Tri-County Free Fair in Herington. Kara Riffel is pictured with the winning entry with judge Matt Hayes and 4-H Queen Erin Carroll.



Ethan Frantz, Hillsboro, drove the reserve grand champion Market Hog at the 2010 Tri-County Free Fair held in Herington July 8-10. Judge for the show was Mark Flory, Douglas County Extension Agent.

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KFAC recognizes ag advocate challenge partners' support



Dave Christiansen, Mid Kansas Cooperative Association president and CEO, left, presents a \$5000 check to Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director, center, and Cindy Baldwin, KFAC board of directors chair-elect. *Courtesy photo.*

The nonprofit organization Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) is kicking off an agriculture advocate challenge. The challenge is designed to raise funds for agriculture literacy programs targeted for Kansas students, their teachers, and their families. Mid Kansas Cooperative Association (MKC) of Moundridge and ICM, Inc., of Colwich have joined KFAC in their mission of "Connecting Classrooms to Kansas Agriculture."

Both entities have provided \$5,000 each of seed money towards a \$60,000 fundraising campaign. Together they are challenging Kansas businesses with agriculture connections to participate in the challenge

by making a donation to KFAC. The money raised will be used to maintain educational resources and create new delivery methods provided by KFAC.

"Mid Kansas Cooperative Association is dedicated to communicating the 'ag story' to consumers throughout the state. We also believe that it is important for the agriculture story to be introduced at an early age when students begin forming their own views of the role of agriculture and that is why we have chosen to provide financial support to Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom," said Dave Christiansen, MKC president and CEO.

Added Dave Vander Griend, president and CEO,



Dave Vander Griend, president and CEO, ICM, Inc. ICM also donated \$5000 towards KFAC's \$60,000 agriculture advocate fundraising challenge. *Courtesy photo.*

ICM, Inc., "Sustaining agriculture through innovation has been our passion at ICM, and we're very excited to support what the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC)

has been putting into action for more than 28 years - innovatively connecting classrooms to Kansas agriculture. ICM believes in the promise of agriculture through its ability to nourish us in the food and fiber we eat, supply our vehicles with homegrown and renewable transportation fuels, and show the huge role agriculture plays in maintaining a strong economy. "ICM is very supportive of KFAC discovering new ways over the years to integrate agricultural awareness into classrooms on a daily basis for Kansas students. It's extremely important for our youth to benefit from these critical learning opportunities to understand how agriculture adds value, both domestically and globally, as well as ensuring sustainability for future generations."

Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director, is pleased to add MKC and ICM, Inc. to their list of supporters. "We are excited about increasing our funding partnerships in order to maintain and expand our reach to Kansas students. It is our pleasure to work with businesses that have a vested interest in providing education about agriculture to Kansans." For more information on the 2010 agriculture advocate challenge, visit www.ksagclassroom.org. KFAC is also on Facebook, simply search for Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.



In the Tri-County Fair market goat show, Matt Regier, a member of the Goessel Goal Getters 4-H club, led out the grand champion for judge Matt Hayes.



The reserve grand champion lamb at the Tri-County Fair in Herington was a crossbred shown by Dickinson County 4-H member Macey Dinkel.

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Minimizing the risk of applying nitrogen in-season to soybeans with N-deficiency

Under some conditions, soybeans may show various degrees of yellowing and stunting about this time of year. In such cases, the soybeans may have been inoculated but at least parts of the field appear to be nitrogen (N) deficient anyway. Often, such fields have never been in soybeans before, have pH levels of 5.0 or less, or may have been in CRP prior to soybeans. Either way there was not enough inoculation to supply the soybeans with sufficient nitrogen or the inoculant was ineffective. Soybeans are big users of N, removing about 3-4 lbs of N per bushel of seed.

For soybeans that have poor nodulation and are showing N deficiency symptoms in mid-season, the question is what, if anything, producers should do about it. A K-State study conducted by Dave Mengel in 2009 with in-season N application to N-deficient dryland soybean showed significant yield response to up to more than 100 lbs N/acre.

This corroborates the high demand of N by soybeans and indicates that in particular cases of severe deficiencies, yield responses can be significant. While N applied to N-deficient soybeans at the pod development or early pod fill stages of growth can increase yields, there are risks:

* Leaf burn. It would be much safer to apply urea than UAN solution.

* Volatilization. Urea applied to the soil surface under warm, damp, windy conditions may volatilize if it is not worked into the soil by rainfall. This risk can be minimized by having the urea treated with Agrotain.

* Dry weather after application. If it doesn't rain after the application, the N may not get down into the soil in time to benefit the plants.

* Plant damage during the application process. At this time of year, making a fertilizer application with ground equipment could damage some of the plants. Whether the bene-

fits would outweigh the amount of plant damage is a judgment call.

If producers are willing to take those risks to get a possible yield increase, what rate of N should be used? The best advice would be to apply 20-40 lbs per acre as urea, treated with Agrotain, to N-deficient dryland soybeans as soon as possible. If drop nozzles are used, then UAN would be preferable to urea. Fertilizer can be applied as late as early pod fill and still be effective, provided rainfall or irrigation occurs soon after application. There is no guarantee this would help yields enough to pay off, but beans that are chlorotic and stunted due to N deficiency will almost surely have very low yields and N application would be beneficial. In some severe cases of deficiencies in fields with no history of soybean there have been yield responses to high levels of N application in-season. In addition, irrigated soybeans with high

yield potential may respond to N applications, even if they are not N deficient. There was some K-State research several years ago on late-season applications of N to soybeans, conducted by Ray Lamond, former K-State soil fertility specialist, and colleagues. This research was on irrigated soybeans with high yield potential, and the plants were not showing N deficiency at the time of application. Lamond applied 20 and 40 pounds of N per acre to the beans at the R3 stage, using UAN, ammonium nitrate, urea, and urea + NBPT. The N increased yields at most locations. The yield increases ranged from about 6 to 10 bushels per acre – or about 5 to 10 percent. The high rate (40 lbs N/acre) of UAN caused severe leaf burn. Lamond concluded that late-season supplemental N at a rate of 20 lbs/acre should be applied to irrigation soybeans with high yield potential at the R3 growth stage.



Chad Mueller, a member of the Tampa Triple Ts, showed the reserve champion dairy entry at the Tri-County Free Fair in Herington.



Casey Craver, Gypsum, led out the reserve grand champion market steer at the 2010 Tri-County Fair. His entry was the champion crossbred. Judge for the show was Mark Flory, Lawrence.

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U.S. cattle industry reduces carbon footprint

The U.S. beef industry has dramatically reduced its carbon footprint and overall environmental impact over the past three decades – thanks to advances in productivity – a new Beef Checkoff-funded study has concluded.

Dr. Jude L. Capper, an assistant professor of animal science at Washington State University (WSU), performed a comparison of the environmental impact of the U.S. beef industry in 1977 to its impact in 2007. Her research revealed that improvements in nutrition, management, growth rate and harvest weights have significantly reduced the environmental impact of modern beef production and improved its sustainability.

“These findings challenge the common misconception that historical methods of livestock production are more environmentally sustainable than modern beef production,” said Capper in her July 14 presentation at the American Society of Animal Science meeting in Denver.

A WSU news release said when compared to beef production in 1977, each pound of beef produced in modern systems used: 10% less feed energy; 20% less feedstuffs; 30% less land; 14% less water; 9% less fossil fuel energy

In 2007, there were 13% fewer animals harvested than in 1977 (33.8 million versus 38.7 million), but those animals produced 13% more beef (26.3 billion lbs. of beef versus 23.3 billion lbs. in 1977). By producing more beef with fewer resources, Capper found that the total carbon footprint for beef production was reduced by 18% from 1977 to 2007. The study used a whole-system environmental model that integrated all resource inputs and waste outputs within the beef production system, from crop production to beef arriving at the packing plant.

“It’s important to note that all food production has an environmental impact, but significant improvements in efficiency have clearly reduced the greenhouse gas emissions and overall environmental impact of beef production,” said Capper. “Contrary to the negative image often associated with modern farming, fulfilling the U.S. population’s requirement for high quality, nutrient-rich protein while improving environmental stewardship can only be achieved by using contemporary agricultural technologies and practices.”

“As the global and national population increases, consumer demand for beef is going to continue to increase,” Capper said. “The vital role of improved productivity and efficiency in reducing environmental impact must be conveyed to government, food retailers and consumers.”



Bryce Roberts, Marion County, showed his Angus heifer to become the Supreme Champion at the Tri-County Free Fair in Herington.



Champion dairy entry at the Tri-County Fair was shown by Darren Mueller, Marion County. Also pictured are Lauren Geis, second attendant, judge Glenn Toews, Carrie Carlson, first attendant and Tri-County 4-H Queen Erin Carroll.

Senate committee cuts \$500 million from USDA conservation programs

Environmental Defense Fund criticized the Senate Appropriations Committee for cutting several popular, oversubscribed USDA conservation programs by more than \$500 million recently. The programs cut include the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, Farm and Ranchland Protection Program, Grassland Reserve Program. The 2008 Farm Bill mandated a total funding level of more than \$2 billion in FY 2011 for these programs. The move follows a vote two weeks ago by the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee to cut \$270 million from next year’s baseline spending for the USDA’s largest working lands conservation program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP and other USDA conservation programs provide public benefits such as clean water and wildlife habitat.

“These votes fail to recognize the urgent need for

action to conserve the working lands, farms, ranches and private forestlands, that make up two-thirds of the continental United States,” said Sara Hopper, director of agricultural policy for Environmental Defense Fund and a former staff member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. “Farmer demand for assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and other conservation programs routinely outstrips available funding. We urge Senate and House leadership to reverse these cuts to these critical programs that assist farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who want to improve and protect their lands for future generations.”

President Obama’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget also called for cutting more than a half billion dollars from USDA conservation programs, including EQIP, the Conservation Stewardship Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, Grasslands Reserve Program, Farmland

Protection Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program. Last month, 17 conservation groups wrote key House committee and party leaders urging them not to cut USDA conservation programs to pay for an \$8 billion increase in spending for child nutrition programs. While the current House version of the child nutrition reauthorization bill does not cut USDA conservation programs, the Senate Agriculture Committee voted in March to cut EQIP by \$2.8 billion over 10 years to pay for a smaller \$4.5 billion increase in funding for child nutrition programs.

“America’s working lands are essential pieces of the conservation puzzle,” concluded Hopper. “Without healthy, productive agricultural lands, efforts to improve water quality, protect wildlife, and curb global warming are doomed to fail.”

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Sincerely,

Steven K. Howe, Salina

Editor:

I am pleased to support Mike Musselman in his

run for the Kansas House of Representatives. Each time elections draw near, I am disappointed by ever-increasing negative campaigning and the slick marketing candidates use to try to manipulate voters. Mr. Musselman is a breath of fresh air. I haven't been so excited to support a political candidate since Steve Lloyd ran for this same seat. Mike will bring many of the same admirable qualities to the office. Mike understands the agricultural economy of our state intimately and his conservative views on spending and taxes are right on target. His past experience as a substitute teacher for Clay County USD 379 will also serve him well in representing the 64th District. I think the quality that stands out most and moves me to write is Mike's personal integrity. Power has brought down many a politician, or at the very least, caused them to lose their focus on what is right for their constituents. I trust Mike Musselman. He has my vote on August 3.

Teresa Moore
Green

House funding bill excludes National Animal ID System again

The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) will receive no new funding under the 2011 U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Subcommittee spending bill, according to Subcommittee chairwoman Rosa L. DeLauro (D-Ct). Last year, the subcommittee also declined to appropriate funds for the program.

The NAIS is a nationwide livestock database designed to help federal and state agencies locate and track the movement of animals in the event of disease outbreaks or natural disasters.

The program uses data from livestock producers and property owners to assign identification numbers to individual animals and to properties where animals are born or reside. Registry participation is voluntary, but the program has failed to attract substantial support among livestock producers.

The NAIS has received \$147 million in federal funding since its establishment in 2004. This year the Obama administration sought \$14.5 million in appropriations for the program. However, the subcommittee declined to set the revenue aside because, according to DeLauro, the program's administrator, the USDA's Animal and Plant Inspection Service (APHIS) has been unable to implement an effective system that provides needed animal health and market benefits.

"We do not feel it is a good use of resources to fund NAIS until the agency develops a clear plan for a mandatory system with measurable goals, long-term funding levels, and a plan for successful implementation," DeLauro said.

Meanwhile, the USDA is redirecting some of its animal identification programming away from NAIS to concentrate on establishing new rules for the interstate movement of livestock, including horses. The new rules will place state animal health officials in charge of monitoring animal's interstate movements. Currently animal health regulations vary state-to-state.

Scott Stuart, spokesman for the National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA), a nonprofit organization that promotes food safety in the animal agriculture industry, said animal health officials and livestock producers from sever-

al states will meet in Denver August 30-31 to discuss ways to standardize an animal disease traceability system.

"NAIS has not led to what many of us hoped it would in terms of animal disease traceability," he said. "We're hoping to get state veterinarians, members of the livestock industry on the same page about regulations, and submit their input to the USDA before the new rules are published later this year."

Timely rains help fall crops

The Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service credits adequate moisture supplies, timely rain and irrigation for helping crops withstand a heat wave.

The agency said in its weekly crop update last Monday that 92 percent of the corn crop in Kansas is now silked.

The report rated corn condition in the state as 14 percent excellent, 58 percent good and 22 percent fair. About 6 percent was in poor to very poor condition.

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EVENT NOTICE
Bus Charter to Fort Collins for USDA Competition Meeting
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 has chartered a bus to Fort Collins. The bus will leave Wichita at 7:00 am on Aug 26 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). * Pickup times for locations along the route will be determined and finalized in mid August. Visit with friends and join in the fun as we make our way to changing the course of our industry. The charter rate is \$95/seat.

KCA has also arranged for discounted room rates at the Courtyard Marriott, 1200 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO. You do not have to be a KCA member to receive the discounted rate. You may make your hotel reservations by calling 970-282-1700. Just make sure you mention the "KCA room block" to receive your discount. 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!

To pre-register for the bus charter, call the KCA office at 785-238-1483. The deadline to register for the bus charter is August 20, 2010. Call today. *If Colorado producers would like to join us, stop can be arranged along I-70 in Colorado.

EVENT NOTICE
Cattlemen's Risk Management Seminar
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August 20, 2010 • 1:00 pm
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For questions about the Cattlemen's Risk Management Seminar, Call the KCA office at 785-238-1483.

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August 4 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beat-tie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.

August 7 — Cloud County real estate, tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, grain carts, machinery, tools & other at Aurora for Bernard & Wilma Breault. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

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: Newcom Auction.

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

August 7 — Tractors, vehicles, machinery, equipment & misc. at Hillsboro for Allen Pankratz. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

August 7 — Farm equipment at Moundridge for Mrs. James L. Stucky. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

August 7 — Farm tractors, trucks, old collectibles at E. of Lincolnville for Raymond Otte Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

August 7 — Tractor, pickup, const. equipment, tools at Ellsworth for Kohls Construction Company & Joe & Marge Svoboda. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.

August 7 — Vehicles & accessories, antiques & collectibles, farm equipment, shop tools, hand tools, household & misc. items at Hanover for Hanover Firemen's Consignment Auction. Auctioneer: Mark Uhlik.

August 7 — Antique & Coca

Cola collectibles at El Dorado for Estate of Doris Mae Newsom. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

August 7 — Trains, collectibles, clocks & guns at Newton for Rodney Shirk Estate/Sue Shirk. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.

August 7 — Guns, furniture, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Sunnie Gibbons. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

August 7 — Motor home, fishing boat, flat bed trailer, IH Farmall Super M, oil field equip., 3-wheelers, mini bike, tools, shop equip., household, furniture, antiques & misc. at Moundridge for Raymond & Della Alexander Trust. Auctioneers: Ediger Real Estate & Auction.

August 7 & 8 — Buggies & wagons, gas engine, guns & safe, coins, furniture, household, cars, trucks, golf cart, motorcycle, 2003 Dodge Ram, tractors, machinery N. of Manhattan for Dick C. & Joanne Piper Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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

August 9 — Harper County land with minerals at Attica. Auctioneers: United Country/Nixon Auction & Realty, LLC.

August 9 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailer, machinery, tools & other NW of Lincoln for Herman Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 10 — Rice County real estate at Lyons for Roger K. Caldwell Rev Trust, Julane Polling & Phyllis Tappan Rev Trust. Auctioneers: Ediger Real Estate & Auction.

August 10, 11 & 12 (BIDDING OPENS) August 17, 18 & 19 (BIDDING CLOSES) — Historic collections online only (www.dlwebb.com) for Estate of Mr. Robert Shackelford, Liv-

ing Estate of Mrs. Robert Shackelford. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb & Associates.

August 11 — Tractors, trucks, farm equipment at Barnard for Kenneth Srna. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

August 11 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, trailers, farm & harvest equip., lawn & garden, haying & irrigation equip., construction equip., skid steers & attach., ATVs online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.

August 12 — Eagle Landing Estates home, real estate at Abilene for Vincent & Laurita Berland. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Company.

August 12 — Dealer consignments: tractors, combines, corn heads, flex heads, hay & tillage equip. & misc. at Preston, Minnesota. Auctioneers: Gehling Implement & Auction Co.

August 14 — Trucks, trailers, construction equipment & machinery at Beloit 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.

August 14 — Toys, RR items, tools, adv. collectibles at Bob's Auction House, Delavan for Larry Byers/Friends. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

August 14 — Antiques, collectibles, pickup, tools & household at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 14 — R.A. Fox pictures, antique books, lots of costume jewelry, silhouette pictures & misc. at Abilene for Harold (Bud) Lemmons Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

August 15 — Antiques, collectibles, coins, household, boat & tools at Salina for Pat & Cliff Johns. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 16 — Pawnee County land at Larned for Mr. & Mrs. Lee Musil. Auctioneers: Carr Auction & Real Estate.

August 16 — Tools, furniture & household at Lincoln for Estate of Dallas Horner. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

August 21 — Furniture, household items, antiques, collectibles, miscellaneous at Bennington for Danny Startzman. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.

August 21 — Small tractor, loader, equipment, tools & misc. SW of Clay Center for Harold & Arleen Hartner. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

August 21 — Collectibles, crocks, primitives, WWII mementos, furniture, household, shop/garden, misc. at Delphos for Estate of Colene Halderson & consignments by Lamoine & Thelma Baldock. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.

August 21 — Automobile, limestone posts, pin cushion dolls, Coca Cola signs, toy sewing machine & sewing collectibles, collectibles, sewing machines, clock, furniture, dryer & misc. at Sabetha for Sue Patterson, etal. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

August 26 — Consignments Online & at Cornlea, Neb. Auctioneers: Michael Wegener Implement, Inc.

August 28 — Butler Co. real estate W. of El dorado for Lill Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty.

August 30 — Tractors, combine, machinery, trucks, trailers, cattle equip., misc. shop & auto equip. at Concordia for Rick Breault Estate. Auctioneers: J&L Auctions.

August 31 — Greenwood County real estate at Eureka for Mable Boardman. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty.

August 31 — Greenwood/Coffey County real estate at Eureka for T.O. Dunman. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty.

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 7 — Ottawa County land at Salina for Armour Trust. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

September 11 — Pawnee County acreage, tractors, high wheel wagon, machinery, generator, household goods, collectibles & misc., lawn mowers at S. of Wymore, NE for Keith &

Elaine Rees. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

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.

Youth rodeo to be held at Council Grove

The annual youth rodeo, sponsored by the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association, is set for Saturday, Aug. 7, at 6 p.m., at Council Grove.

Junior (eight and under), intermediate (nine to 13) and senior (14-19) division classes include steer riding, goat tying, breakaway roping, barrel racing, pole bending, chute dogging, calf roping and team roping.

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Rodeo Stock Contractors

Bennie Beutler got inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame this summer; one of a good handful of stock contractors that have been so honored.

Stock contractors are an odd lot. They're not smilers. They're always on the job . . . sort of a cross between a prison guard and the captain of a pirate ship! Maybe it's because they are trying to maintain order in a sea of chaos. They are merely attempting to match up one cowboy with one animal, neither of which takes orders very well! I've had the pleasure to be with several of them when they attempted to relax. Unfortunately, it's like watching Queen Elizabeth in her Bermuda shorts texting her broker at Billy Bob's!

I was there at the Agribition watching Harry Vold trying to pick octopus limbs out of his chow mein at the hotel where Bob Tallman was asked to leave and Leon Coffee took on the Royal Canadian Mounties!

And, when Cotton Rosser surprised his guests at his birthday party by having me ride one of his big paint horses into the dining room. That same night he invited a skydiver to parachute into the parking lot wearing an American flag. Many were relieved that no one was seriously injured, but Cotton I think appreciated the excitement when the skydiver hit a lamp post and landed in a tree.

Jim Korkow took me home with him after a big night at the Silver Spur in

Ft. Pierre where we concluded by singing "On the Wings of a Snow White Dove" with the All-Girl Indian Band. His wife drove, thank goodness. I remember he put me to bed but I woke up the next morning under the kitchen table downstairs!

I've been Mike Cervi's pen pal, listened to Wayne Vold sing "Oh, Canada" flat on his back, done pre-rodeo announcing for Bobby Christensen, and held the door for Jim Sutton and Reg Kessler and admired many from afar.

Back to Bennie, one of the more sartorially splendid rodeo producers, he's usually in a suit, clean shirt with that natty little scarf around his neck, carrying on the tradition. In the early '80s during rodeo's more "homey" days, Bob Edson was the commissioner, Bruce Ford, Roy Cooper, Tom Ferguson and Brad Gjermundson filled the stands, and the PRCA Convention was held in Denver.

In the evenings the halls were lined with hos-

pitality rooms. My wife and I often played music with others . . . just jammin'. Cindy Lou was from Oklahoma and played a fine fiddle. Bennie, it seemed, would often hunt her out and sit around listening to her play all those great ol' songs that were part of his Oklahoma upbringing; Faded Love, Maiden's Prayer, Take Me Back to Tulsa, Oklahoma Hills. His serious demeanor would melt for awhile . . . and he would smile.

Of course, we all knew that he was still workin' out ways to get cowboys bucked off, but for a few minutes he looked almost . . . happy.



Reserve supreme champion heifer at the Tri-County Fair was an entry shown by Payton Harms, Marion. His entry was the champion all-other-breed.



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 We got **FINANCED!** even with **Credit Challenges!**

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100% APPROVED

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