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## F & R Futurities strives to bolster market for young horses

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Blame it on the economy or people's busy schedules, but the fact remains that while prices have held steady for solid ranch, roping, and competition horses, the colt and yearling market has been under pressure in recent years. "People have gotten away from wanting to spend the time it takes to break a colt and get it riding," said Kyle Elwood of Farmers and Ranchers Livestock Commission in Salina. "And that's a real shame considering how easily accessible good knowledge on the subject is with our internet access to great trainers like Clinton Anderson and Chris Cox, just to name a few."

As prices for young horses continued to slide, Elwood and Farmers and Ranchers manager Mike Samples decided to do something about it. Five years ago they began collecting nomination fees on the colts from the fall breeders sale to finance a payout for a futurity to be held during the colt's three-year-old year. The only stipulation was that the colts must be purchased at one of the yearly catalog horse sales, and had to have been nominated by seller or buyer at time of purchase for a minimal fee. With these early nomination fees, and the \$100 entry fees that were paid by the contestants in the futurity, a nice pot was built for the first competition, held in 2009. These three-year-olds competed in a trail course, reining pattern, and a general



Brad Wilson rides a three-year-old owned by Mike Sinclair in the F & R Futurities. The horse won the futurity, earning a \$3,200 pay-out.

Courtesy photo

working cowhorse pattern. Twenty-three colts competed that first year with the winner receiving \$1,300.

"After the futurity, Mike and I discussed maybe trying to get some outside sponsorship to make the payout even bigger," Elwood said. "What started out as a quest to gain three or four thousand more dollars quickly

became a competition between us to see who could get more people to participate." They offered sponsorship of signs hung in the sale ring, which they'd never had before, and soon, businesses were contacting them to be included. The sponsorships boosted the 2010 payout to an impressive \$12,500. Sponsors include:

Long McArthur Ford, Salina; Animal Medical Center, Great Bend; New Frontier Rodeo Company, Roxbury; Nutrena Horse Feeds; Walco Animal Health, Salina; CTI Concordia Tractor Inc., Abilene; Cactus Saddlery, Greenville, Texas; American AgCredit, Salina; Rodeo News, Colorado and Purple Wildcat On-Site Coggins

Vet Lab, Hutchinson

That year, only thirteen horses entered, with ten of them winning no less than \$400. Mike Sinclair's horse, ridden by Brad Wilson, won the futurity, taking home \$3,200 – not a bad return on investment for a \$400 colt and \$100 entry fee. "What is neat, is that Mr. Sinclair did it only on an investment, and hired the work done," said Elwood, "showing that anyone can be involved, even if you are not a active rider."

"We just want people to know that there is money to be made in it," Elwood explained. "There is a value for those three-year-olds that are broke and gentle and ready to go to work. The winners are even allowed to sell their horses in a special section of the following day's sale. When you combine that with the money won, it makes for a nice reward. Also, we are working hard to keep the sponsors involved to keep it lucrative."

Elwood said that the next opportunity to purchase a futurity colt will be May 21st and 22nd at the annual Spring Spectacular Sale at Farmers and Ranchers. Also, over 40 of the sale horses will compete on Friday evening the 20th at 6:00 pm in a ranch horse competition. "It's a great competition, and really puts the sale horses in the limelight to show their ranch horse skills," described Elwood. "In addition, the winner receives a new Cactus saddle, and the payout is very big."

Although there will be a few futurity eligible con-

signments offered in the spring sale, the largest number of these colts will be sold during the breeders sale on Sunday October 9th. That will be the same weekend as the next three-year-old futurity, and will offer over 200 cow-bred colts that will once again be consigned by a great list of area horse breeders who have weathered the storms of these deflated markets in recent years. All the colts will be eligible for the 2014 futurity.

While still a young program, Elwood believes the F&R Futurities are helping to strengthen the market for colts and yearlings. "We are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel finally, and are looking for stronger markets in the future. They have been on the incline, but are still not where we would like to see them" he stated.

"We are trying to create a reason for people to buy these young horses," he continued. "I see people, myself included, spending \$800 to \$1500 for a colt or yearling that would normally not be interested in buying something so young. Before, you couldn't have given me one. I am a roper, I want to rope. But I am also a realist, and realize that very few ropings or rodeos pay \$3000 for first place for only a \$100 entry fee. Plus, only 13 horses came back to last fall's futurity... you have to like those odds."

Elwood concluded, "We just want people to know that there is money to be made if they are willing to get involved."

## Public invited to attend 2011 Governor's Economic Summit on Flint Hills Visioning

Kansans interested in the economic vitality of the Flint Hills are invited to attend the 2011 Governor's Economic Summit on Flint Hills Vi-

sioning to be hosted by Gov. Sam Brownback on Tuesday, May 17th at Camp Wood YMCA, located southwest of Elmdale in Chase County. This is the second in a series of Governor's summits concerned with growing the Kansas economy and creating jobs. Gov. Brownback's administration will use the results of the summit to help develop a strategy to create thriving and sustainable communities throughout the Flint Hills region. Regional stakeholders and policy makers will make presentations during the day. All participants will be involved in morning breakout sessions to discuss the future of the Flint Hills. In the afternoon, there will be more presentations and Brownback will facilitate a roundtable discussion. Speakers include:

· Jeff Colyer, M.D. — Lt. Governor

· Robin Jennison — Secretary of Wildlife and Parks  
· Brian Obermeyer — Voluntary Conservation Easements

· Emily Hunter — Symphony in the Flint Hills/Art in the Flint Hills

· Becky Blake — Tourism, Fermata and Beyond

· Suzan Barnes — Flint Hills Tourism Coalition

· Jeff Oakes — Flint Oaks Hunting Lodge

· Ty Warner — Flint Hills Regional Council

· Bob Workman — Flint Hills Discovery Center

The event will be held in Ritchie Lodge, and will run from 9:00 to 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided for those who register in advance and there is a \$20.00 registration fee. Because of space constraints at the meeting facility, there is a limit of 200 registered participants. Kansans unable to

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## Checkoff teams with NTPA to show the power of biodiesel

For the second year in a row, tractor pullers in the National Tractor Pullers Association's (NTPA) Light Pro Stock class will be powered by high-performance bio-diesel, thanks to a partnership with the United Soybean Board (USB) and soybean checkoff.

USB and the NTPA have partnered since 2007 to increase the availability and use of biodiesel among pulling fans, many of whom work in the agriculture and trucking sectors.

"The partnership with the NTPA represents a good way to reach an interested group of people who are potential diesel users, whether they're participants or spectators," says USB Communications Chair Russ Carpenter, a soybean farmer from Trumansburg, N.Y. "The majority of the people are there because they like horsepower and this partnership is a great way to show off how well biodiesel performs."

In conventional diesel engines, soy biodiesel delivers horsepower, mileage and hauling rates comparable to petroleum diesel but offers higher cetane levels than petroleum diesel and better lubricity and BTU content than any other renewable fuel. Tractor pullers will be putting these performance attributes on display throughout the summer.

Check the NTPA schedule to find out if Light Pro Stock "Powered by Biodiesel" hooks will be in your area. NTPA office general manager Gregg Randall says 15 tractor pullers competed in the class last year and expects that number to double this year.

"Last summer was the first year for the Light Pro Stock class, and you would have to go back over 20 years to find a brand new class that garnered as much interest as the Light Pro Stock Powered by Biodiesel class did in 2010," says Randall. "The competitors were excited that USB was a sponsor of the new class, and all look forward to a larger circuit of events for the division."

In addition to powering the Light Pro Stock class, NTPA will use biodiesel to fuel its pulling sleds and track-grooming equipment at select events and to fuel its on-road vehicles as they travel from pull to pull.

The soybean checkoff funds biodiesel research and promotion efforts through the

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# Reflections

from  
Young Farmers & Ranchers

By Lori Pultz Haresnape,  
Lebanon

I recently saw a newlywed cousin of mine who had just experienced her first

time working cattle with her husband. She shared what it was like – who did what jobs, that she was a little intimidated to be in the

pen with the cows, and that his methods of communication perhaps needed some work. Sometimes he was effective, sometimes she didn't understand, and sometimes... well, sometimes telepathy just wasn't cutting it.

Sorry, guys. You know many of the wives reading this are nodding their heads with me right now.

I must have been beaming the whole time she was sharing her story. Theron and I have gone through this twice a year for the past 12 years now – minus that year he told me over breakfast that “we” were working cattle “today and tomorrow,” as I sat looking at our three children who were one month, 18 months, and three years old. Since it didn't seem fair to ask our three-year-old daughter to try to take care of the boys in the pickup for a whole day and granny had not been let in on the secret either, I had to miss my absolute favorite activity of the entire year. Yeah, that never happened again.

The first time I ever helped Theron I was so excited. I was ready to walk out the door with him in the morning, but he preferred that I just come at 10:00 after they'd rounded up the herd and separated the calves from the cows. “And don't be late,” was the last thing he said as he walked out the door. For the record, I was never late for any-

thing a day in my life – until I married him.

I arrived by 9:45. Total chaos.

I asked what I could do. “Stand over there, where you'll be out of the way.” (Oh no, he didn't!) I am a proud person – perhaps a little stubborn – but I did exactly what he said and stood where he told me to, about 15 feet away from the gate of the pen the calves were being sorted into. Calves went in; calves came back out. I didn't budge. After this had happened numerous times, he looked at my smug face. “Oh! Do you need MY help?” He smiled with a humbling nod.

Once everyone was sorted, the guys were showing our friends helping how to run the headgate. I suggested they show me just in case. They decided I shouldn't need to run it, and probably couldn't figure it out anyway. (Again? I help keep calves from running amok and they insult me?) So we get a pen or two vaccinated and hauled off, then the guys go for more calves while I get things ready for the next group. Pretty soon I hear commotion and yelling. Hey! They're yelling at me! All four of those darn men who thought it'd be a waste of time to teach me how to run the headgate levers were screaming at me. “SHUT THE HEADGATE!” Yeah, right. It wasn't for lack of trying, but I just didn't figure it out. Our friend Ron bolted over a panel and beat the calf to the end of the chute where I was still tugging on the two rusty levers over my head.

Theron and I can do this without much question or conflict now. In fact, things really run pretty smoothly. I love working with my husband. And I'm so grateful I am able to. I'm fairly confident that he might even admit he likes working with me too. Maybe not while sitting around the table with his buddies, but that's okay. I know he appreciates me. I'm sure most husbands admit it sometime, if only to the good Lord.

# Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

My dad has this saying — I think he got it from his grandfather. “Be sure to make plenty of deposits in your memory bank, so when you're old, you'll have plenty to draw from.” The things we do with the ones we love, as well as the precious little moments in life, all make the memories that we deposit.

Now, I'm not one to alter great words of wisdom, but I do think an addendum to that saying is in order. I would amend it to say, “Be sure to make plenty of deposits to your memory bank, then post an armed guard so that history-revising vagabonds in the form of your children don't come along and change said stories, causing you to look like a buffoon.” Granted, it doesn't roll off the tongue quite as nicely, but trust me, it's important. And if an armed guard seems a bit extreme, at least write them down. Doing so will spare you episodes like the losing battle I fought a few weeks ago during Sunday dinner, when an old family story came up and there was a little disagreement on the details.

The setting was the breakfast table about twenty years ago. The case involved my younger son's nose and a hot pan of Cream of Wheat. Those details we could all agree upon.

My version of the episode goes like this: I was dishing up the Cream of Wheat and he leaned over and stuck his nose into the spoonful of hot, white breakfast cereal, which resulted in a burned nose that caused him to look like Rudolph for a couple of days.

Their version goes like this: I was dishing up the Cream of Wheat, turned around too quickly and bumped him with the hot pan, resulting in the aforementioned injury.

“Look, as the adult in the situation, I'm pretty sure my memory of the event is much more reliable and accurate,” I said by way of defense.

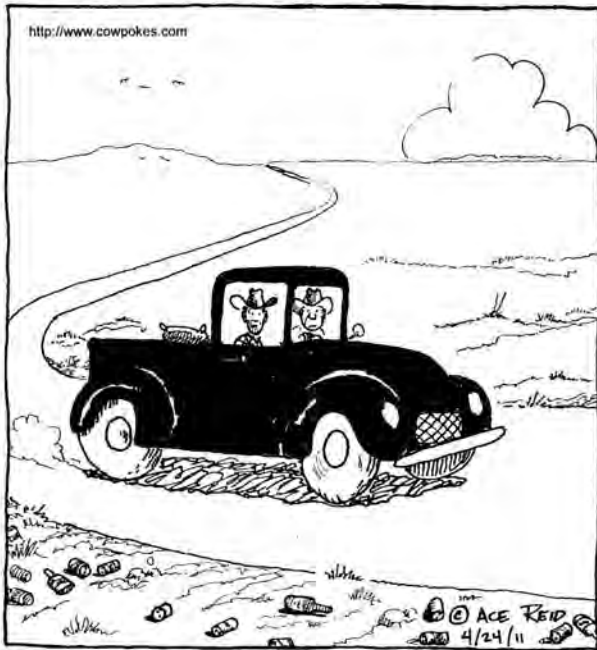
“As the adult in the situation,” my older son countered, “You shouldn't have gone around whacking your kids in the head with hot pans of Cream of Wheat.”

At this point, my dear father chimed in. “You know Sis, I think I'm going with the boys on this one. I have a feeling their version is the way it really happened.”

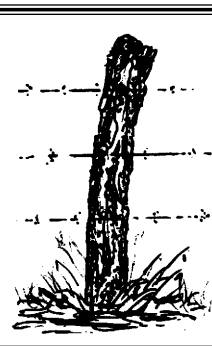
Seriously? He'd rather believe those two, whose combined ages at the time barely made it into double digits?

See what I mean? So by all means, make the memories. But by golly, you'd better guard them like the gold in Fort Knox, because you just never know when a little thing like Cream of Wheat or first-degree burns can come back to haunt you.

## COWPOKES® By Ace Reid



“I understand that there's a whole lot of shortages, but when it comes to beer cans and wine bottles, there don't seem to be none!”



## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator

### Deep Thoughts

I am writing this article in the early morning before the sun is up. It is a rather difficult one to write, but I seem compelled to do it. It must be faxed to Ag Press by noon today so I can't put it off much longer.

A recent e-mail from one of my former students had a sad message in it. He wrote to inform me that his classmate Dennis (also a former student from the class of 1960) who lives at Council Grove, had just been diagnosed with brain cancer. Three inoperable tumors were found growing in his brain. With treatment, doctors believe his life can be extended by several months; without treatment, they estimate he has only two months left. I think he is starting treatments right away.

Thinking back on my relationship with Dennis brings pleasant memories. There was never a dull moment when he was around; he was full of fun and laughter but was also respectful and kind. We all liked being around him. He was the one who started the He-Man's club in the Council Grove FFA chapter when he answered a dare by taking a bite of a raw hog testicle. This happened while returning from a field trip to castrate hogs for a local farmer, and the class had collected a bucketful of them. In fact, I wrote an article about this occasion for my column several years ago, and it was one of the stories we chose to include in the book, *Views from the Learning Post*. It is on page 60 in that book.

While I was sorry to hear the news of his very serious health problem, there is a bright side to this story concerning Dennis. About a year ago, I had a great visit with him

when we both were attending a 70th wedding anniversary celebration. He told me about his encounter with Christ and how important this relationship is to him. The same sparkle was in his eyes that I remembered, but his subject had changed. He was sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with everyone who would listen. I listened with delight; his testimony was powerful.

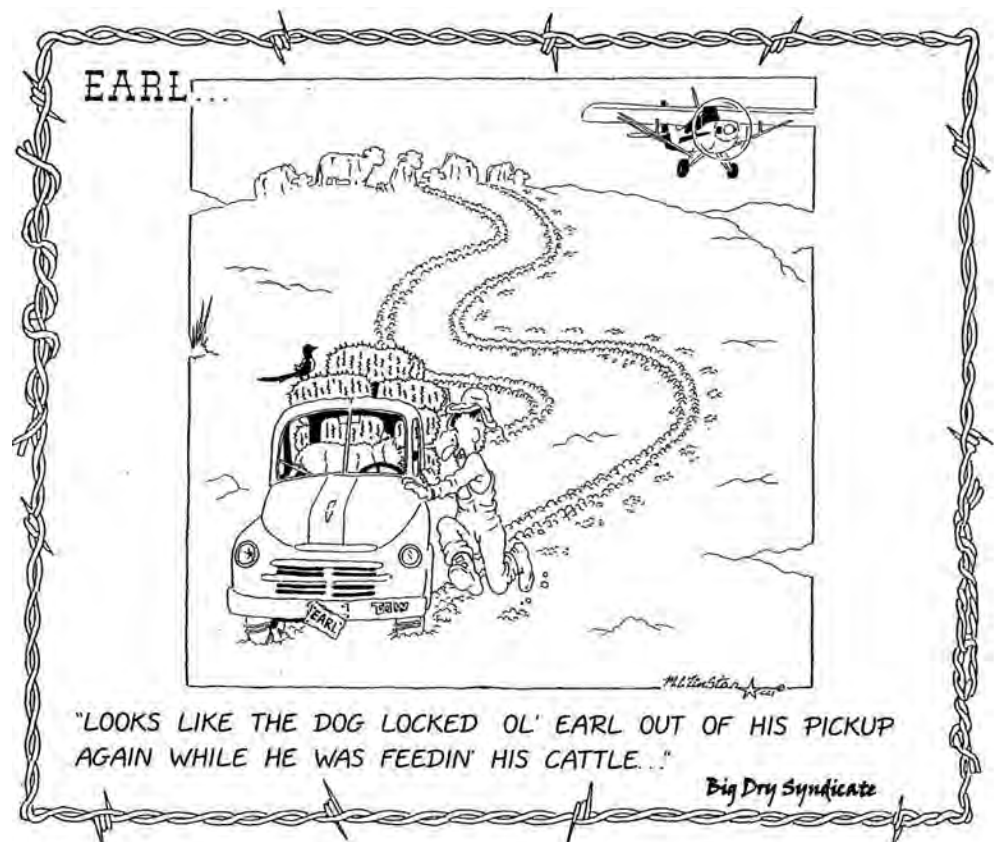
There are many kinds of prayers that one can pray. One is of request or petition, to ask for something. Yet a deeper prayer is one of submission. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked God, his father, to take away the cup of suffering he was about to endure, which is a prayer of request. His next statement, though, was a prayer of submission, when he said “... Yet not what I will but what you will.” (Mark 14:36 NIV)

What a difference His suffering has made for all who believe; for because of it, we can have eternal life and eventually reunite with our loved ones who are in heaven. God knew best. May our prayers become those of submission to God. “Thy will be done, not mine.”

We may never know the impact Dennis's life and his positive attitude while suffering may be having on people. Rest assured that it will not be in vain.

I believe that God is using his followers to make a difference just as Jesus did. Being a disciple of Christ may not necessarily be an easy life, but it will be on which bears much fruit and that will nourish others on the way.

Yes, Dennis needs a miracle. Let us pray for his healing, knowing we can trust God to do what is best.



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attend can watch the summit online. Links to the live stream will be displayed on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks website at [www.kdwp.state.ks.us/](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/); on the summit's website at [www.fhs.ksoutdoors.com/](http://www.fhs.ksoutdoors.com/); and on the Kansas tourism

industry website at [www.TravelKSIndustry.com](http://www.TravelKSIndustry.com).

To register or learn more about the meeting, visit the Governor's Economic Summit on Flint Hills Visioning website at [www.fhs.ksoutdoors.com](http://www.fhs.ksoutdoors.com).

For additional questions, contact the KDWP office at 785-296-2281.

## American Wetlands Month observed in May

May is American Wetlands Month, which was created in 1991 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its federal, state, tribal, local, non-profit, and private sector partners to celebrate the vital importance of wetlands to the nation's ecological, economic, and social health and to educate Americans about the value of wetlands as a natural resource.

The Wetlands Reserve Program became part of the 1995 Farm Bill. Since then the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has been working with farmers to protect those valuable wetlands by enrolling them into easements. "Kansas producers have enrolled over 20,000 acres into WRP since 1995," said Eric Banks, NRCS state conservationist. "There are still many more that could be enrolled."

Banks posed the following questions about wetlands on your land:

Are you tired of spending money trying to farm

cropland that is just too wet most years?

Does your cropland have fish swimming through it due to flooding?

Do you find yourself driving through standing water trying to salvage at least part of your crop?

"If the answer to any of those questions is 'yes,'" said Banks, "then maybe it is time to consider WRP as part of the conservation plan for your farm."

The WRP is a voluntary restoration program that provides technical and financial assistance to restore and improve wetland resources on private lands.

A WRP easement can pay you for letting your land be what it was intended to be — wetlands!

To find out more about applying for WRP, call or visit your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government or on the Internet at [offices.usda.gov](http://offices.usda.gov)) or call the Kansas NRCS easement team at 785-823-4548 or visit [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov). NRCS is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## Local Extension agents to host "What's Next" program

Most people plan their week's projects, vacations and dinner, but very few spend adequate time asking themselves, "What's Next?" Avoiding or ignoring that question can decimate a lifetime of asset accumulation.

Rodney Wallace, Pawnee County Extension director, will team with area agents and representatives from the Kansas State University Foundation to explore some of the planning tools available. The program will provide an overview of planning options and is open to everyone — because everyone needs to plan.

Estate planning is a tool to help preserve and distribute personal assets based on the owner's goals, rather than leave distribution to chance and the state's prescribed plan. Good planning allows individuals to provide for their family, community or favorite charity. The one-hour program will highlight 2011 tax and estate law changes.

"Without good planning, assets may land in the hands of folks not on our priority list or go to pay estate or other taxes," Wallace said. "Education is a key and this program will introduce some of the options available."

## Biodiesel

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National Biodiesel Board in an effort to help increase the use of U.S. soybean oil. Soybean oil remains the dominant feedstock for U.S. biodiesel production.

Biodiesel qualifies as the United States' first domestically produced advanced biofuel under the revised federal Renewable Fuels Standard. This requirement calls for the use of at least

800 million gallons of biomass-based diesel this year and at least 1 billion gallons per year in 2012 and beyond.

According to a recent checkoff-funded study, the biodiesel industry's demand for U.S. soybean oil supported U.S. soybean prices by as much as 27 cents per bushel over the past five years, bringing U.S. soybean farmers an additional \$2.7 billion in net returns.

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### COLLECTABLES

Gottlieb Rocket Ship pinball machine 1958; ½ hp stationary engine w/cart; National 313 brass cash register; Victor VV-IX oak phonograph w/matching cabinet; Edison Standard cylinder phonograph 2 & 4 minute w/large horn; Victor III oak phonograph w/outside horn; oak floor model phonograph; Compact 78 phonograph; brass National cash register model 324 (sold to Duckwall Bros in 1914); Eclipse & Roadmaster coaster wagons; 1 cent gumball machine; Arnholz tea dispenser; 1904 Worlds Fair Pabst horses picture by Wilbur Stack Food co; pictures inc.(yard long cat & dog pictures, Lay & Son adv. Victorian woman, other); Jet Glass & Cappers signs; Royal Crown Cola signs; crocks inc.: Mason Stone fruit jar, HJ Heinz, Alp-Rose strawberry crock; Blue crock; brown crock; cast iron yard sprinklers (frog, alligator & turtle); bronze Archer Taylor gear knob display; cast iron Auto pencil sharpener; Lodge ceremonial ritual light; 1960 Winchester 6" bronze; Stiff bear; Master Craft

clock; watch bands in case; Hurd Super Caster fishing pole; assortment other poles, reels, tackle boxes; traps; antlers; power horn & can; game calls; wood ammo boxes; Rawlings baseball uniform; catchers mask; baseball gloves; wood bats inc.: Mickey Mantle; 1937 souvenir bat; 1930 Dizzy Dean pins; George Brett card; baseball cards; other baseball items; marbles; Lionel train manuals; Finn double barrel black powder shotgun; cigar box openers; 2 Lee mustard tins; Ford prints; Norman Rockwell prints; car album; Kellogg pep pins; Halloeen; post cards; Hansel & Gretel cookie cutters; wooden golf clubs; tin types; Fender Classic FC40 guitar; bayonet; Ford V8 hood ornament; 1933 Ford coin; Rainier beer pictures; Majolica plate; Weller vase; Van Briggles vase; Niloak vase; Coors vase; lemonade pitcher; English pitcher; glass candy container; steins; beer salt & pepper; 1970 KSU decanter; JoMar milk bottle; Lows drug store jar; McCormick train set; Star perfume bottle; fountain pens; bullet pencils; advertising tip trays; Forest & Stream tobacco tin; girl advertising hanger; men's adv suit box; Western ornaments; Certain-Teed & Russelloid roofing posters; assortment jewelry; costume jewelry; postcards; mini Ski Country bottles; 4/5 qt. Ski Country bottles; calendars inc.:(1955 Marilyn Monroe, UP, Royal Crown, 40's & 50's Wincheste); sheet music; pocket knives; brass fan; Bakelite radio & telephone; blue granite ware; Case & IH tool boxes; lard press; wood beer boxes; other wood boxes; lanterns; KK level; pin backs; razor

straps; ice box hardware; collection 1st year Colorado Rockie's items; match book covers; Hans Brinker book; Harley Davidson sound machine.

### TOYS & BANKS

Cast iron banks inc.: rare Arcade model T touring car, street car w/people, 2 faced black, Zeplin, 4 poster safe, cannon, elephant w/wheels, horse on drum, time safe, Washington monument; tin banks inc.: WWI Helmet, Peters Weather bird shoes; Toys inc.: Arcade (8" yellow buss, 9" Yellow cab, 2 door sedan 6", touring car.); cast iron DX 189 airplane 6"; 1920's Cabrolet tin 2 door car w/luggage rack; Kingsbury 24" salt flats belly racer; Chain roller coaster in box; yellow UP Streamline windup train; pressed steel American Flyer 18" air plane; Wyandotte Shooting Gallery in box, Jungle Shooting Range; Star Basketball game; Marx Marble; Jumbo ring toss; Tidly Winks bowling; tin Pitch ball game; other games; 1933 framed animal pop outs; wood building puzzle; Tru Scale tractor, baler & combine; Tonka 50th ann pickup other Tonka toys; Marx Air Force truck; fold out Easter rabbit; Davy Crockett sheriff set; Mickey Mouse & Donald Duck puzzles; Milton Bradley paper dolls; western west; western kerchief; Disney & Cracker Jack hats; 1900 Carom board; Visible man & woman; cap guns; Johnny West figures; Xylophone in box; promo cars; dolls inc.(bisque, Irwin in oil cloth clothing, straw filled, Little Red Ridding Hood, clown, candy box w/doll, creeping doll); doll items; wicker doll buggy; doll trunk; comic books.

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

*Kellee Rogers, Topeka, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest And Prize*

Winner Kellee Rogers, Topeka:  
**MINI HAWAIIAN PIZZAS**

- 24 mini pita white bread rounds
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped ham
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped fresh pineapple
- 1 1/2 cup shredded fontina cheese

Preheat oven to broil. On a large rimmed baking sheet, place pitas. Top evenly with ham, pineapple, and cheese. Broil 5 inches from heat for 3 minutes or until cheese melts.  
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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:  
**MEMORIAL DAY SWEET & SOUR PASTA**

- 1 bag of bow tie pasta
  - 1 cup sliced carrots
  - 1 cup green peppers, chopped
  - 1 cup red onions, chopped
- Dressing:  
2 cups Miracle Whip  
1 cup sugar  
1/4 cup vinegar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
14-ounce can of Eagle Brand milk

Cook pasta according to package then add vegetables. Mix all dressing ingredients and mix with pasta mixture. Chill overnight.  
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Sandra Norris, Abilene:  
"I got this recipe from West Country Mart ad."

- BANANA SPLIT CAKE**
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
  - 3/4 cup white sugar
  - 1/4 pound butter, melted
  - (2) 8-ounce packages cream cheese
  - 1 1/2 cups confectioner's sugar
  - 4 bananas, sliced
  - 15-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained
  - 16-ounce container frozen whipped topping
  - 16-ounce jar maraschino cherries

**Chopped nuts**  
Combine the graham cracker crumbs, white sugar and melted butter. Mix together and press into a 9-by-13-inch cake pan. Refrigerate until chilled. Beat together the cream cheese and confectioner's sugar. Spread over graham cracker crust. Layer bananas and pineapple over cream cheese mixture. Cover fruit with whipped topping. Top with cherries and chopped nuts. Refrigerate and serve chilled.  
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Mary Rogers, Topeka:  
"Good served warm with vanilla ice cream."

- BUTTERSCOTCH BREAD PUDDING**
- 8 cups stale French bread cubes
  - 12-ounce package butter-scotch morsels
  - 2 cups whole milk divided
  - 2 tablespoons sugar
  - 3 large eggs
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan. Spread bread cubes and 2/3 cups of morsels in bottom of prepared pan. In a saucepan cook 1 cup milk, stirring often 3-5 minutes until tiny bubbles form around the edge of pan. Do

not boil. Remove from heat. Add remaining morsels stirring until melted. Add sugar, stirring until dissolved. In a bowl, combine remaining 1 cup milk, eggs and vanilla. Gradually stir about one-fourth of hot butterscotch mixture into egg mixture; add egg mixture to remaining hot butterscotch mixture, stirring constantly. Pour over bread cubes in baking pan, pressing bread cubes to absorb mixture. Bake for 35-40 minutes.  
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Judy Reynold's Caramel and Chocolate Kettle Corn Krispie Bars with Sea Salt won \$10,000 in the "Best of the Midwest" recipe contest in 2010. A reader submitted the recipe to share with G&G cooks:

- CARAMEL & CHOCOLATE KETTLE-CORN KRISPIE BARS**
- 8 cups popped kettle corn
  - 8-ounce package chocolate-covered toffee pieces
  - 1 cup pecans, toasted & finely chopped
  - 2/3 cup light-colored corn syrup
  - 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
  - 2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk
  - 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
  - 5 tablespoons butter
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 12-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate pieces
  - 1/4 cup caramel ice cream topping
  - 2 teaspoons coarse sea salt

Line an 11-by-7-by-2-inch or a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan with foil, extending foil over edges of pan; set pan aside. In a very large bowl toss together the kettle corn, toffee pieces

and pecans; set aside. In a small saucepan, combine the corn syrup, condensed milk, brown sugar, granulated sugar and butter. Bring mixture to boiling over medium-high heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and boil gently, for 5 to 6 minutes or until the caramel sauce has turned light golden brown, stirring frequently. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Pour caramel sauce over kettle corn mixture, stirring with a wooden spoon until the kettle corn mixture is completely coated. Turn mixture into prepared pan, pressing firmly into pan using the back of the wooden spoon or a large piece of waxed paper. Spread melted chocolate over kettle corn mixture in pan. Drizzle caramel topping over chocolate. Sprinkle with sea salt. Place in the refrigerator for 45 to 60 minutes to allow chocolate to set. Use foil to lift bars from pan. Cut in bars.  
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The following low fat recipes are from the website:

[www.freeonlinerecipes.net](http://www.freeonlinerecipes.net)  
**HEART-HEALTHY SPICY APPLE BREAD**

- 1 cup shredded apple (about 1 medium apple)
- 1/4 cup low fat sour cream
- 2 egg whites or 1/4 cup cholesterol-free egg product
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice or pumpkin pie spice
- Cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 8 1/2-by-4 1/2-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray. Dust with flour. Mix apple, sour cream and egg whites in large bowl. Stir in remaining flour and ingredients. Spread in pan. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack. Slice when cool, or wrap in plastic wrap, then over-wrap with foil. Freeze immediately.  
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**CHOCOLATE CREAM PUDDING**

- 10.5-ounce package lite tofu, extra firm
- 3/8 cup honey or rice syrup, heated
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Blend the tofu in a food processor until creamy smooth. In a microwave-safe bowl, heat honey in microwave for 90 seconds, or until very hot. In a small mixing bowl, pour the heated honey over the cocoa powder and stir until smooth and fully dissolved. Add vanilla extract. Add to tofu in food processor and process until smooth and fully blended. Chill for 2 hours. Makes 4 servings.  
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**NOTE:** You can double this recipe to create a chocolate pie filling. Pour into pie shell, add strawberry or banana garnish if desired.  
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**LIGHT RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE**

- 1 cup part skim ricotta cheese
- 1 cup low-fat cottage cheese

- 1/4 cup fructose or 1/3 cup granulated sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 1/3 cup low-fat yogurt
  - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon peel
  - 1 tablespoon flour
  - 1/2 tablespoon cornstarch
  - 1 cup fresh raspberries
- Puree cheese until smooth and thick add sugar, eggs, yogurt, vanilla extract and lemon peel. Beat into it the flour and cornstarch. Put in a bowl. Fold carefully the raspberries to above or save for decoration on top after cake has baked. Pour into pan and bake for approximately 35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in middle comes out clean. Chill until cold and serve plain or with pureed raspberry sauce. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8-inch springform pan with nonstick vegetable spray. Serves 12.

**Raspberry Sauce:** Puree, 2 cups raspberries (fresh or frozen) and strain through a sieve to remove seeds. Add 1/2 ripe banana mashed and add fructose or sugar to taste.

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In the 7th century, Chinese royalty enjoyed ice and milk concoctions. Ice cream was likely brought from China back to Europe and ices, sherbets and milk ices were served in the fashionable Italian and French royal courts during the Renaissance.

The first ice cream parlor in America opened in New York City in 1776. Ben Franklin, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were known to have regularly eaten and served ice cream. First Lady Dolley Madison is even said to have served it in what would become the White House at her husband's Inaugural Ball in 1813.

Fruit smoothies became popular in the 1960s, and in the 1970s, frozen yogurt was introduced to the U.S., though it didn't really take off until the '80s.

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- Turn the kitchen or dining room table into the parlor counter. Place it a couple of feet from the wall. Put a few small tables or even overturned boxes on the serving side to hold all the equipment you'll need.

- Have bowls and glasses in assorted sizes, spoons, straws, an ice cream scoop and lots of napkins.

- Write the various offerings on a chalkboard propped up on the counter. To make it a sweet, math-learning experience for kids, put on "pretend" prices and have them pay in play money-once they figure out how much they'll need and get back in change for each item. Have them "work" behind the counter, too, where they can learn about serving sizes and how to make change.



### The Treats

- Set out ice cream cones, toppings and mix-ins: candy-coated chocolates, sprinkles, candied cherries, raisins, bananas, strawberries, chopped nuts, crumbled cookies, whatever

# SUBSTITUTES FOR SHORTENING

Shortening is a semi-solid vegetable-based fat that is used in a variety of cooking capacities. The most commonly known shortening comes in a large can and is scooped out with a spatula or paddle. It is used in baking a lot, and can be used in its liquid state for frying and pan-based cooking. Shortening generally does not have a very strong flavor on its own (unless specifically modified, such as butter-flavored shortening), so it lets the other flavors in a recipe play together well.

Vegetable-based shortening is the common alternative to lard, an animal-based fat that is also semi-solid. Lard is used in much the same way as standard vegetable-based shortening, but most people report a slight difference in flavor. There's also a lot of concern about cholesterol content in lard because it is derived from animals, and cholesterol primarily comes from animal products (the exception to this is avocados, but that is the topic of another article).

Another alternative to vegetable shortening is butter — the tried-and-true kitchen staple! If you're baking, some slight variations may need to be taken into account since but-

ter browns and burns much more easily than shortening. "Flash browning" (putting a pie or pastry in a very hot oven for a short period of time to brown it) followed by a slightly longer period of cooking at a lower temperature is one option, although you may want to put a shield around the outside edge of a pie to prevent further browning. A pie shield can be purchased in many specialty shops, but you're just as likely to have fabulous success with a ring of aluminum foil.

The main concern is why you want to substitute shortening and for what kind of recipe. For making a roux, for instance, you can use shortening, lard, butter, olive oil, or any type of fat, but the fat you use will affect the flavor of your dish. For pastry making, sometimes there is no substitute, and some recipes will ask for both shortening and butter.

A good rule of thumb to experiment with a recipe is to start well-ahead of "showtime" and scale your recipe down to a quarter (or less) of its original size. Make your substitutions and see how it turns out. Have fun in the kitchen, and don't be afraid to color outside of the lines a little!

# Options For Cooking Fresh Asparagus

Asparagus is a very healthy vegetable that contains few calories and has no fat or cholesterol. Tender asparagus is usually boiled or steamed, but it can also be roasted or grilled for almost any asparagus recipe. Try eating them with hollandaise sauce after you prepare them they way you want.

1. Wash spears in cool water to clean any residual soil or sand from the tips.
2. Bend the spears and they will snap at the natural breaking point, to remove the woody bottoms. Cook one of the following ways:
3. Boil asparagus in 1 inch of salted water in a

wide skillet for 3 to 5 minutes. Immediately rinse them under cool water to stop the cooking and preserve the bright green color.

4. Steam asparagus spears or pieces for 3 minutes, then rinse under cool water.

5. Roast asparagus in a 500 degree F oven for 3 to 5 minutes, or until tender. Roasting is usually best for thicker spears.

6. Stir-fry 2-inch lengths of asparagus with black bean sauce for a change of pace. Or stir-fry with garlic and ginger and toss with a

little dark sesame oil.

7. Grill asparagus by skewering four or five spears together, making a raft that prevents individual spears from slipping between the grill bars. Buy the thickest spears you can find and secure them with bamboo skewers about 2 inches from the top and 1 inch from the bottom. Break the skewers off where they exit the raft. Brush the raft with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper and grill over medium heat for about 5 minutes.

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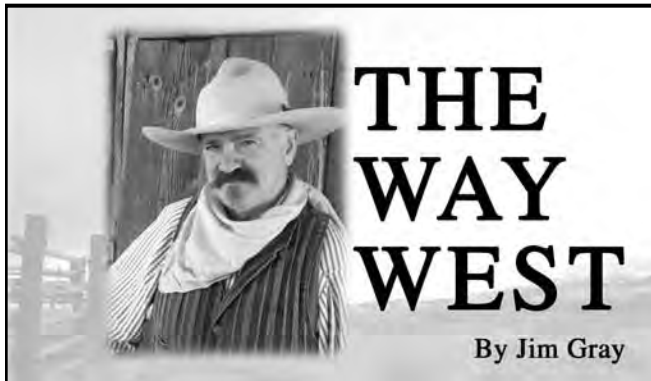
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## THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

### Cowboys and Lawmen

On the cattle frontier, spring brought renewed activity from Texas to Kansas and beyond. Big rangy steers, with horns that spread across the horizon were a common sight in the early years of trailing cattle. By the late 1870s most of the big cattle had been turned into steak dinners for hungry easterners. A good number of them were sold on government contract to the Indian agencies. On the trail a lame "Wo-haw" (Indian name for beef) was often cut out of the herd as payment for crossing reservation land.

Two hundred thousand head of cattle were expected to be driven into Kansas for the 1879 season. Speaking of the coming trail driving season a correspondent reported "The larger part of them are young steers, from one to two years old. They will probably reach the Arkansas valley about the middle of May."

The Chisholm Trail brought cattle into Indian Territory, making boom towns out of Kansas border towns like Arkansas City, Coffeyville, and Caldwell. All classes of cattle could

be seen moving north, including outfits who specialized in horses only. C. M. Scott, a correspondent for the Arkansas City Traveler, wrote from Indian Territory, dateline May 21, 1879, that, "James Steen was on the road with 900 head of ponies, and is probably at Caldwell now. Others were behind him with from one to three hundred head (of cattle). All horned stock looked a little thin on account of the hard winter, and grass was short for want of rain. Young stock - yearlings and two year olds - could not be bought; there were none for sale but thousands on the range... We conversed with several owners of large herds of stock that declared their intentions to make Arkansas City their headquarters this fall." So remake your vision of big Texas steers trailing north to Kansas railheads. That happened in the early years, but once they were gone, the young stuff ruled the trail.

Dodge City, in 1879 was headquarters for cattlemen using the Western Trail. Cowboys filled the streets. Whiskey flowed

and six-shooters barked as trail hands celebrated in high style. Standing between the cowboy revelry and the peace-loving citizens were Dodge City's lawmen. Cowboys were warned to check their weapons and hold themselves in check as well. But, "boys will be boys," as they say. An almost daily sight during cattle season was that of the mounted cowboy flourishing his pistol on his galloping pony, firing into the air as he bravely left town to return to the tedious life of herding cattle.

In that atmosphere cowboys weren't the only ones to push the limits of the law. Assistant Marshal Wyatt Earp waded into three unruly Missourians on their way to the silver mines in Colorado in May of 1879. Earp had one man by the ear when the other two began to "throw lead." Fortunately, Ford County Sheriff Bat Masterson arrived at that moment, bringing "the broad side of his revolver down over the head of the Missourian." He was lucky. Bat could have easily shot him under those circumstances.

Contrary to popular opinion, a city lawman was expected to follow lawbreakers wherever they might roam. On Wednesday, May 21, 1879, Assistant Marshal Wyatt Earp and Deputy James Masterson, Bat's brother, rode to a horse camp on Duck Creek to collect money owed in Dodge City for "services rendered."

The scene reported by the Dodge City Times could be played out on the

movie screen. "Seven brave horse herders stood against the officers." The odds were against the lawmen but Earp and Masterson stood firmly against the horse drovers "...showing no signs of weakening." The situation called for nerves of steel. One wrong move could mean death. The cowboys finally "blinked" and the money was collected. The Times boasted that Dodge City lawmen were not about to be "buffaloed."

A classic confrontation between cowboys and lawmen occurred June 9, 1879. The Dodge City Globe described the encounter without naming the lawmen involved. "Last night the police undertook to disarm a squad of cowboys who had neglected to lay aside their six-shooters upon arriving in the city. The cowboys protested and war was declared. Several shots were fired, and one of the cowboys was wounded in the leg. The balance of the cowboys made their escape."

With each encounter the story of the cowboy and the lawman grew until both became more than flesh and blood, legends whose shadows have grown greater than the men who cast them, on The Way West.

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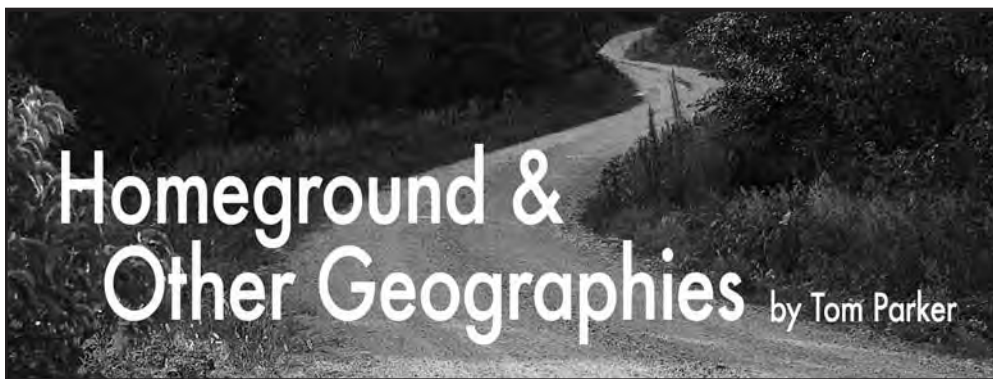
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## Once Upon an Afternoon Weary

The similarities were too concise to not consider the implications.

I had just returned home from a trying day at the office — something of a laughable concept as I'm there only one day a week and I'd spent several hours wandering backroads on my return leg — and sitting down to supper barely able to keep my eyelids aloft heard a slight tapping, a gentle rapping at my front door.

"It's back," my wife said.

I turned and saw nothing out the window. Two more taps followed and then nothing more.

"What's back?" "Tis some nameless visitor, gray of visage, entreat-ing entrance," she said.

I sniffed the coffee for telltale signs of additives.

"How was your day?" I asked, uncertain in all respects how to proceed. Outwardly she looked fine if not a little weary.

"Oppressive was the heat, a fiery cinder stoked by a burning wind, ceaseless and undying," she said. "And then the tapping at the window."

"Same as mine only without the tapping," I said.

I glanced around, suddenly consumed with dread. The kitchen was spotless, the counter cleared of everything but the coffee pot.

"Where are the knives?" "I hid them."

My stomach did a little flop. Behind me, unseen, came the gentle tapping.

To the hammering of my heart I whirled and strode to the stairs and looked out the entranceway windows. Beyond were trees pale and wan, their spring greenery leached by a merciless drought, elm seeds twirling down like embers, the sun molten on the dried and dying land. Long I stood there peering into the void before my wife spoke behind me: "It was a bird come to see you."

"What kind of bird?" "Featureless and gray."

Catbird, I thought. I told her that sometimes males see their reflections in windows and immediately launch offensives to destroy the interloper. Which, of course, is patently impossible. The offend-

ing bird stays at this thankless task until it grows bored, knocks some sense into its head or dies from the effort.

And so I returned to the table and my meal, and sat there engaged silently in guessing, and no syllable expressing my embarrassment over the pang of unease that came unbidden. No cloaked harbinger of evil lurked on our doorstep, no revenant bidding me follow across the sun-dering sea. A bird, I thought, and nothing more.

Alas for my willful ignorance, my impetuous dismissal of the gray visitor! For it returned and again with a gentle tapping, a melancholic rapping whose brittle sound though faint and feeble echoed throughout the house like an invocation or summons. At first almost a novelty, merely the mad antics of a heat-addled bird, the unseen and unsettling cadence insinuated itself into the haunted silences between its de-ranged knocking until it became impossible to dis-

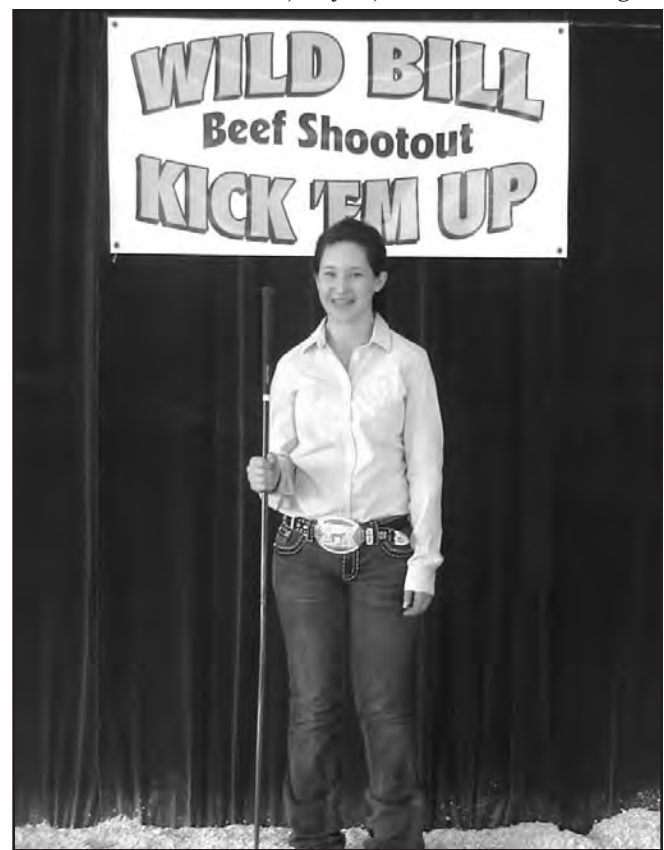
count. That demented fowl, that disturbed oracle whose intonations delivered so penetrating against the windowpane, so piercingly, must be confronted, I deemed, and sent packing to its hellish lair.

And so I lay in wait at the top of the stairs. The sun wheeled through the heavens and shadows grew long and lank, and the towering monolith of the grain elevator glowed like a beacon from a forgotten civilization, and in the gathering dusk a small gray form appeared at the window. Startled at its sudden appearance, I gasped aloud before reason brought me to my senses. No raven, as I'd half-feared, but a female cowbird, its beak thick and sharp and tapping against the pane as it stared into my eyes.

"Tell me, foul fowl, what reason for this tapping?" I cried. "By what dark angel are you sent?"

For a pregnant moment it paused in its ministrations, studying me as if taking my measure. Its eyes were shiny and depthless black and nothing could read therein. With the flick of a smoky wing it was gone.

But our doom had fallen, and standing there unanswered the realization dawned upon me that the bird would return evermore. And so it was. For unending days now comes the endless tapping, the gentle rapping, of an insane gray-cloaked bird. I might have to get a cat.



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# High heat and winds could reduce wheat yields

Wheat in most of Kansas has faced numerous challenges this spring – primarily a severe and ongoing drought, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist.

Now, temperatures at or near 100 degrees and high winds have come just when the wheat needs cool temperatures and rain to recover lost yield potential, Shroyer said. This heat stress may affect wheat that is flowering or in grain fill.

“If wheat is flowering, you might see some floret abortion and possibly some kernel abortion as a result of temperatures nearing 100 degrees. The plants could recover if they receive some rain and cooler temperatures within the next week, but you won’t get any new florets. Once they are gone, they are gone,” Shroyer said.

The high winds accompanying the high temperatures will add to the drought stress of the plants, causing leaves to roll or dry up and turn blue or brown, he added. This will have the same

effect on yield as a bad infection of a leaf disease that destroys the flag leaf.

“If the flag leaf is lost at this stage of growth, whether due to diseases or drought stress, the kernels will not be able to fill adequately. This reduces yield potential and test weight,” he said.

If the wheat is still in the flowering or early grain fill stage, it can still fill kernels well if the weather would turn cool and the fields would get some rain, Shroyer added. The later the grain fill stage, the less likely the plants are to recover and the more likely the effect on kernel fill will be irreversible, he said.

Where wheat has not yet headed, the drought and heat will cause plants to be shorter than normal, and tillers will abort, Shroyer said. This wheat is in a precarious position right now.

“If the plants remain alive, they can eventually recover if they get some rain by the boot or early heading stage, but yield potential will be reduced. In severe cases, the plants can turn blue and may die,” Shroyer said.

# False chinch bugs reported on some area canola fields

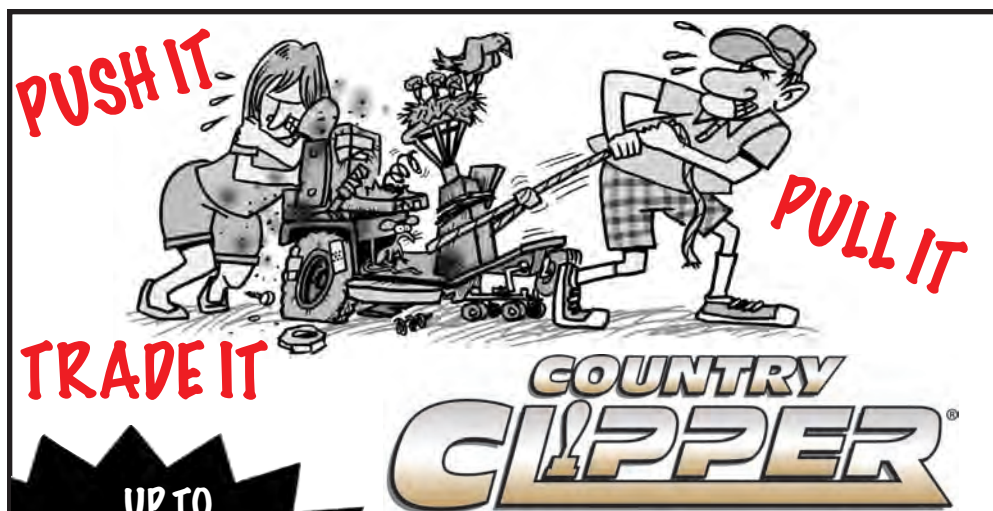
Clouds of false chinch bugs have recently been reported in some, but not all, winter canola fields in Kansas and Oklahoma, said Mike Stamm, K-State Research and Extension canola breeder. Because of abnormally dry weather, false chinch bugs have infested winter canola fields earlier than expected, Stamm reported. “High numbers of false chinch bugs are often observed on canola plants at ripening, after yield potential has been determined. Once thought to be a non-factor, false chinch bugs have caused some yield loss this spring considering the current growth stage of the crop,” he said. These insects are first found in the dead plant material (fall growth) on the soil surface, and that is where they lay their eggs, he said. As tem-

peratures warm, activity increases and the insects begin to swarm in “clouds” around and on canola plants, he said. False chinch bugs feed by sucking sap from plants, the K-State canola breeder said. Damage will include aborted flowers and pods, plants stripped of leaves and stunting, he explained.

How heavy does the infestation have to be before an insecticide treatment is justified? “The Great Plains Canola Production Handbook lists thresholds at 5 to 10 per head at flowering and 10 to 20 per head at early pod fill. Because false chinch bugs swarm when distributed, it may be hard to count numbers per head. It also is acceptable to consider the thresholds as 20 to 30 per plant at flowering and 40 to 50 per plant at early pod fill,” Stamm said.

False chinch bugs are most active when the weather is warm and sunny, so avoid spraying on cool and cloudy days, he added. “It is recommended to spray close to evening to minimize the impact on beneficial insects. Scout thoroughly because hot pockets may occur in the field. A heavy rain also can dramatically slow the activity of false chinch bug,” he noted. False chinch bugs can be hard to control so it is important to use enough spray volume to get adequate coverage, Stamm added. For best control with aerial applications, five gallons per acre is recommended, he said.

For effective insecticides, consult the Great Plains Canola Production Handbook at: [www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/crps12/mf2734.pdf](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/crps12/mf2734.pdf).



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## Brownback strikes Flint Hills deal with wind farms

(AP) - More than twice as many acres of the nationally significant Flint Hills will be protected from wind farms under a deal Gov. Sam Brownback has reached with the state's wind energy industry.

The newly expanded protected area encompasses 10,895 square miles of tallgrass prairie, up from the previous 4,673 square miles, and will run south to the Oklahoma border.

The Wichita Eagle reports the new area will be called the Tallgrass Heartland, and Brownback said extreme caution must be used to protect it. Most of the nation's tallgrass prairie lies in the Flint Hills of eastern Kansas.

"I do not, however, wish to convey a negative message about the future of wind energy in our state," Brownback said. "My administration will continue to work with wind developers and wholeheartedly support their activities in other parts of the state."

The governor said existing wind farms that are operating in the protected area, and those that already have an agreement to operate there, will be allowed to fulfill their contracts. He said those projects will have "every opportunity" to renew those deals when they expire.

But they won't be able to expand, he said.

Kansas had seven operating wind farms as of January, and a number of others are in the process of being developed.

Two of the affected wind farms are just east of Wichita. The Elk River Wind Facility began operating in 2005 in Beaumont in southeast Butler County, where it produces 150 megawatts of power. The Caney River Wind Project, about eight miles away in western Elk County, is under construction and expected to begin commercial operation by January with 111 turbines pumping out 200 megawatts.

Brownback said he got feedback from a broad-based coalition of Flint Hills ranchers, preservationists, wind developers, power companies and government officials when he was coming up with the new plan.

"From the beginning of our commitment to wind power, we've been equally committed to locating our wind farms in environmentally appropriate areas," said Bill Moore, president and chief executive officer of Westar Energy, the state's largest supplier of electricity.

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# KU research team awarded \$5.6 million to convert biomass into chemicals

Some of the most popular everyday products — such as plastics, packaging materials and personal care products — are derived almost entirely from petroleum-based chemicals.

But that could soon change.

A University of Kansas research team has received a \$5.6 million grant to develop clean technologies to convert biomass into chemicals that could ultimately replace the petroleum-based chemicals currently used in many household items.

Bala Subramaniam, director of the Center for Environmentally Beneficial Catalysis at KU, was recently awarded the grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop sustainable catalytic processes that would enable biorefineries to convert biomass from nonfood crops and agricultural leftovers into bio-derived chemicals. Once these technologies are developed, bio-based chemicals could become sustainable substitutes for petrochemicals in products such as laundry detergent, bathroom cleaners and beauty products.

"Shoes, paint, the food packaging in your refrigerator and the refrigera-

tor itself are all made with petroleum-derived chemicals," said Subramaniam, the Dan F. Servey Distinguished Professor of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering. "Each year, manufacturers use millions of barrels of petroleum crude to make these items. The CEBC is developing catalytic processes to convert biomass into biochemicals that can replace oil-based chemicals in these everyday products. This means sustainable bio-based products and decreased dependency on oil. And because crude oil supplies are finite, this is the only way to produce everyday chemicals in the long term."

As part of the project, the CEBC will partner with Archer Daniels Midland Co., a global leader in biomass production and biorefining headquartered in Decatur, Ill. KU and ADM will invest \$1.4 million in matching funds, bringing the total project value to nearly \$7 million. The CEBC/ADM project was one of only seven to be funded by USDA from a pool of approximately 300 applications. The grants were announced by USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu during a con-

ference call highlighting the Obama administration's efforts to advance clean energy and reduce America's dependence on imported oil.

In addition to producing bio-based products, the technologies being developed by the CEBC/ADM team could have enormous benefits for Kansas biorefineries and rural communities. While oil refineries have long been able to produce two categories of products — fuels and chemicals — co-producing commodity chemicals and fuels from biomass requires new technologies. The technologies being developed by the CEBC/ADM team would enable biorefineries to expand to chemicals, which produce about 10 times more value than fuels. The chemical portfolio in the CEBC/ADM proposal has a potential annual global value of \$127 billion.

"Technologies for producing bio-based chemicals have perhaps the biggest potential for driving rural economic development in Kansas," Subramaniam said. "Biorefineries are already in Kansas because of our

agricultural infrastructure and abundant biomass, and they produce mostly ethanol, biodiesel and lignin. The technologies we envision will produce high-value chemicals that will enable biorefineries to operate profitably, resulting in economic development in Kansas, including rural Kansas."

Industry experts estimate that if biorefineries are able to mass produce biochemicals, 40,000 direct biorefinery jobs and 120,000 indirect jobs will shift to rural areas nationwide. Kansas has 15 operating biorefineries and is a top five state for biomass production.

"Kansas is already a leader in biorefining and biomass production, so there's no reason the state can't be a leader in biochemicals once these catalytic technologies are developed," said Julie Goonewardene, associate vice chancellor for innovation and entrepreneurship. "The vision is to have people equate Kansas with biochemicals the same way they equate Silicon Valley with computer technology."

The challenges being

addressed by the CEBC/ADM team are akin to what the petroleum industry faced almost a century ago in its quest to produce chemicals. Back then, the collaboration of academic and industry researchers revolutionized petroleum refining and spurred economic growth. Similarly, this CEBC project envisions the development of a thriving biorefining industry in agro-based economies.

In addition to spurring rural growth, the technologies being developed by the CEBC could position uniquely trained KU students to take the lead in implementing this technology once they graduate. It could also mean business development for Lawrence, as companies explore partnerships with the CEBC.

"Companies benefit by being near research universities," Goonewardene said. "Whenever KU demonstrates this type of leadership, there's the po-

tential for companies to set up operations in Lawrence to be near KU technology. Dr. Subramaniam's project is exactly the type of research that could bring companies here, especially given the proximity of the lab and office facilities managed by our local Biosciences and Technology Business Center that were opened on west campus last year. Our vision is to develop the technologies in Lawrence and commercialize them in rural Kansas."

"ADM is excited to partner with Dr. Subramaniam and the University of Kansas CEBC team on this project," said Todd Werpy, vice president of research for ADM. "By combining our industrial acumen with CEBC's reaction engineering expertise, we can advance the development of bio-based chemical technologies that can serve as replacements for petroleum-based chemicals."

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# Soybean growing contest provides unique learning opportunity for Kansas students

This spring, Kansas students took on the challenge of growing the largest potted soybean plant. Their motivation was to win the "Willie and the Beanstalk" contest, a project organized by K-State's Department of Agronomy.

The contest, sponsored by the Kansas Soybean Commission, was created as a way to encourage plant and soil science in the school curriculum; to increase student interest in agronomy; and to attract students to K-State's annual Open House festivities, where they can interact with agronomy faculty and students.

Nathan Nelson, assistant professor of soil fertility, is the contest's coordinator. Nelson shared that since the contest began, participation has grown. In 2008, the contest's inaugural year, 126 students entered the contest. This year, a record-number 451 students registered.

The contest begins on a common seeding day, usually in March, and ends on the day of K-State Open House, also the 40th and final day of the contest. Students bring their soybean plants to the Manhattan campus to be judged. The plants are evaluated using the following criteria: cultural practices documentation, plant height, plant mass, leaf area and leaf greenness. Winners within each criterion and overall winners in each age division - 9-12th grades and K-8th grades - are selected.

Because the contest is big effort, Nelson is dependent on the help of agronomy faculty, staff and students for its success. Faculty score documentation sheets and provide equipment necessary for plant evaluation. Staff assist with website development and promotional efforts. Undergraduate and graduate students help with set up, man a soybean growing display at the contest, and score documentation sheets and plants upon arrival.

Due to the hands-on nature of the contest, it can easily be incorporated in the classroom as a strong experiential learning activity.

"The contest exposes students to the many factors that influence plant growth and gives them a way to evaluate the effects of each factor. They can easily explore the importance of soil fertility, water and light, and genetics," said Nelson. Lesson plans that focus on soybean and plant growth and development were provided to teachers and team advisers by Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, an agricultural education non-profit organization.

Seeing the value of the contest, Alissa Krafft, a K-State senior majoring in agricultural education, incorporated it into the curriculum at Blue Valley Jr./Sr. High School in Randolph, where she is completing her teaching internship this semester. She decided to have her students participate in the contest because she thought it would be a creative and exciting way to teach them about plant growth and development. The contest's emphasis on soybeans was also appealing to her since the crop is a large part of the agriculture industry in the school's area.

Krafft noticed the level of engagement among her students increased as a result of participating in the contest. "This activity allowed my students to be extremely engaged in their learning for the entire 40-day growing period. Whether it was planting the seeds, watering, fertilizing, or selecting which plant to keep, the contest was presented in a hands-on method everyday. I think this increased the retention of information for all my students," she said. Tim Kilgore, Krafft's cooperating teacher, noticed the engagement among his students during the contest, and he thought it was a great learning experience for

them. This was the first year Kilgore's students participated in the contest.

Krafft and Kilgore aren't alone in thinking the contest is a positive experience for students. Nelson noted that he has received affirmative feedback about the contest from teachers since the first year. "Many teachers note that students have increased interest in the project," he said.

Not all of the students who entered the contest were able to complete it. Plant disease and other external factors can be issues that students encounter during the growing period. However, for some students, the challenges pose unintended but unique learning experiences. Team members of Blue Valley High School's Team #2 experienced those challenges firsthand. "We messed up slightly by planting our plants in tin cans at the beginning of the 40 days," said Kyle Apley, a freshman BVHS Team #2 member. "I was surprised how quickly our plants started to show signs of metal toxicity from the cans. We moved our plants into plastic pots and their condition improved very quickly."

In addition to the challenge of determining the ideal growing conditions, Nelson has found that many students find it difficult to keep up on the daily care the plants require. "Disease, insects, water stress, nutrient stress and temperature stress can all occur in a very short time with soybean grown in pots," he said. "They need to anticipate these issues in advance and react to them very quickly if they have problems during the contest."

The contest can spark some lively discussions in the classroom, particular-

ly about how to implement strategies for growing a hearty plant indoors. Conversations about plant development and genetics often take place. Apley shared that he most enjoyed learning how genetics play a role in the viability of a plant. "We got to pick between three different [soybean] varieties that were donated to [our class] by LG Seeds."

Although winning the contest is the motivator for many students, the intangible rewards gained as result of the contest, such as importance of goal setting and the need to be responsible, far outweigh a certificate. "This contest gave the entire class a goal to strive for and a well-structured timeline to follow, which helped keep the students on track with their plants' growth," said Krafft.

Nelson anticipates that registration information and rules for the 2012 contest will be available in October. It is his hope that more students from urban school districts participate, so they may be exposed to agricultural applications of science that may be unfamiliar to them. A list of this year's winners as well as contest forms and rules are available on the Willie and the Beanstalk website.

In thinking about next year's contest, Nelson encourages students to plan ahead and grow many soybean plants. He challenges them to consider conducting experiments of their own so that they can evaluate what combination of factors produces the largest soybean plant. "By experimenting with multiple factors, students will learn about the science, challenges and opportunities present in producing sustainable food supply. They will experience the excitement of discovery and the contest will be a success," said Nelson.

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## Nominations sought for United Sorghum Checkoff Board slots

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced positions that will become vacant on the United Sorghum Checkoff Program Board in December 2011. As organizations in Kansas certified to nominate producers to serve on the Board, the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association and Kansas Farm Bureau, collectively, are searching for sorghum producers interested in appointment to the United Sorghum Checkoff Board.

Positions that will be open for nominations in

2011 are one Kansas fixed seat and two at large seats. These seats are held by persons whose terms will expire at the Board's winter meeting in December 2011.

In accordance with the program rules, persons interested in being nominated must be sorghum producers and need to complete and submit USDA's Form AD-755 - Advisory Committee Membership Background Information, and the Nominee's Agreement to Serve Form along with a cover letter outlining their interest to serve on the USCP Board. Appli-

cation forms may also be accessed on USDA's website at: [www.ams.usda.gov/ismarketingprograms](http://www.ams.usda.gov/ismarketingprograms) by selecting the "Sorghum Program."

For consideration for support by the three Kansas Certified Producer Organizations, completed applications must be received at the office of the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission ([jill@ksgrainsorghum.org](mailto:jill@ksgrainsorghum.org)), Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association ([sschulte@ksgrains.com](mailto:sschulte@ksgrains.com)) or the Kansas Farm Bureau ([nelson@kfb.org](mailto:nelson@kfb.org)) office by 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2011.

## Hereford youth preparing for "Kickin' It In Kansas" events

Hereford youth, their families and supporters, will travel to Kansas City for the 12th annual Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) sponsored by VitaFerm®, a product line of BioZyme® Inc., July 9-16, 2011. National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members look forward to the event all year, preparing not only their cattle, but also themselves, for a variety of fun-filled and educational activities and contests. Last year, the JNHE drew more than 2,000 people to Indianapolis. The JNHE is a great Hereford event that brings juniors together from all over the country. At the JNHE youth make lifelong friendships, participate in contests that make them grow stronger as individuals.

"The JNHE is not just a cattle show," says NJHA member Courtney Tribble. "It is an annual event that develops lasting relationships and helps with the growth and development of the future leaders of our breed."

At the 2011 JNHE, there will be 23 different contests - everything from quiz bowl to showmanship to the Great American Certified Hereford Beef Grill-off. Also at the event, more than \$15,000 is typically awarded in scholarship monies to NJHA members. Not to be forgotten is the highly competitive cattle show. Last year, more than 650 exhibitors from 40 states plus Canada entered 1,610 entries including: steers, cow-calf pairs, bred-and-owned bulls, junior AI bulls, bred-and-owned heifers, junior AI

heifers and owned heifers. Entries for this year's event are due June 1. For entry information, visit [JrHereford.org](http://JrHereford.org).

The JNHE is much more than just a cattle show; it's a highly anticipated Hereford event, giving youth not only a chance to show off a year's worth of hard work, but also to gain valuable lifelong skills which will mold them into successful adults.

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The NJHA is one of the most active junior programs in the country with approximately 3,000 members. The NJHA's mission is to create and promote enthusiasm for the breed while providing opportunities through leadership, education and teamwork. For more information about the NJHA or JNHE, visit [www.jrhereford.org](http://www.jrhereford.org) or contact Cowan at [acowan@hereford.org](mailto:acowan@hereford.org) or 816-842-3757.



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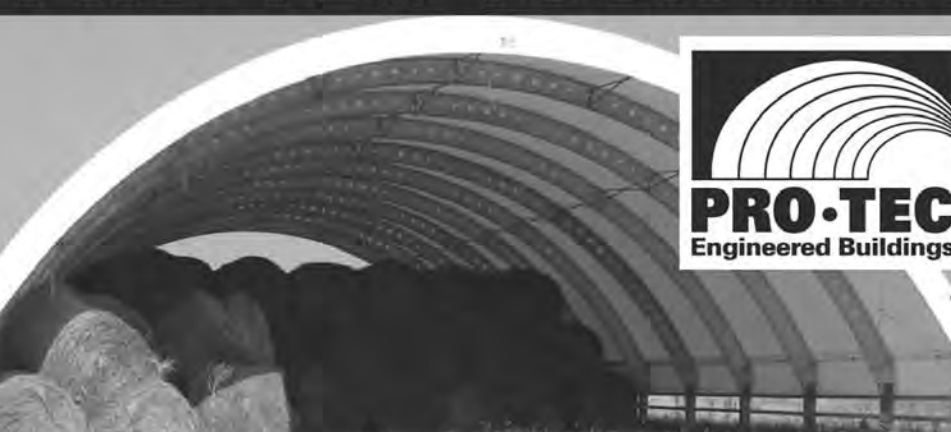
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Farmers National Company has sold more than 2,600 farms and ranches and completed 750 successful auctions, resulting in over \$1.25 billion in sales over the last four years. The company completed nearly 200 successful auctions of more than 41,000 acres in 2010.

"The reach of Farmers National Company and our successful sales numbers highlight our strength in the market," said Lee Vermeer, AFM, vice president of real estate operations at Farmers National Company.

Currently, Farmers National Company has more than 200 licensed agents, all of whom can offer full auction services. "Auctions have been a major factor in the increasing land values across the Midwest the last several years. Demand far exceeded supply in almost all areas of the Corn Belt and Great Plains," said Vermeer.

Farmers National Company, an employee-owned company, is the nation's leading agricultural real estate and farm and ranch management company. Farmers National Company currently manages more than 5,000 farms in 23 states. Additional services provided by the company include appraisals, insurance, consultation services, oil and gas management, lake management and a national hunting lease program.



Steve and Riley Sorell from Clyde discuss bulls with Scott Shaake, of Shaake Farms, while attending The Gold Bullion Sale, at near Wamego on March 21. The Sorell's have a cow/calf operation in Cloud County utilizing Simmental bull genetics. Shaake Farms are a part of The Gold Bullion Sale, Diamond D Simmentals, Brooks Simmentals and Dikeman Simmentals supplied some of the offerings as well.

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# Spring crops field day planned in Parsons

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The field day starts with registration and a continental breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., sponsored by several companies. Presentations will begin at 8:30 a.m., including:

- Tour of Wheat Variety Plots (26 Varieties) - Doug Shoup - K-State Southeast area Extension agronomist; Kelly Kusel, K-State research technologist, SE Agricultural Research Center; and seed company representatives.
- Potassium Issues in Southeastern Kansas - Dave Mengel - K-State soil fertility and crop production agronomist;
- Diseases Affecting the 2011 Wheat Crop - Doug Jardine, K-State Extension plant pathologist;
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- GPS Guidance Technology Update - Randy Price, K-State agricultural machinery engineer.

In case of rain, the field day will be held indoors. More information is available by calling 620-421-4826.

# Wheat Plot Tour to be held June 7

It doesn't constitute the most crop acreage in northeast Kansas - not even close. But Kansas is the Wheat State and if it's a part of your crop rotation, plan to attend the Meadowlark Extension District Wheat Plot Tour to get the 'state of wheat' for our area.

This year's tour will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7 at the plot site, northwest of the corner of W and 184th St. (1/2 mile west of Sabetha on the old sale barn road or four miles north of the intersection of W Rd. and Highway 36). Watch for the signs. The tour is a cooperative effort of Doug and Leonard Edelman, Sabetha Farmers Coop Elevator, and the Meadowlark Extension District. Refreshments are sponsored in part by the Kansas Wheat Alliance.

Eleven varieties from public sources, AgriPro, and Westbred will be discussed by Northeast Area Crops & Soils Specialist Dr.

Stu Duncan. They'll also discuss wheat diseases and look at conventional tillage/no-till planting comparison. It won't take much of your day, so plan to come hear about the new, the improved, and the reliable when it comes to wheat varieties.

### Dryland Corn Variety Plot Planted

Thirty varieties from fifteen companies were recently planted in the Meadowlark Extension District dryland corn variety plot located north of Winchester and hosted by Elvin Dommann. Companies entered include: Pioneer, Golden Harvest-Syngenta, Channel, Allied Genetics, Triumph, DeKalb-Monsanto, Stine, Renze, Taylor Seed Farms, Mycogen Seeds, Ag Venture, Hoegemeyer, Dynagro, Midland Genetics, and Fontanelle. For a listing of plot entries, visit the Crops & Soils tab at [www.meadowlark.ksu.edu](http://www.meadowlark.ksu.edu).

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## New animal health, food safety institute will greatly expand research, economic activity

Gov. Sam Brownback and Commerce Secretary Pat George praised the opening of the International Animal Health and Food Safety Institute on the Kansas State University Olathe Innovation Campus as a new chapter in the efforts to make Kansas a global center for research. Brownback and George attended the ribbon cutting last week marking the formal opening of the new institute, located just east of Kansas Highway 7 on College Boulevard.

"This is a great day for Kansas and K-State," Brownback said. "The opening of this institute will strengthen the efforts to make our state a worldwide leader in animal health and food safety,

which in turn will greatly expand our research and economic activity, and create jobs."

Brownback is hosting a series of economic summits focused on different industry sectors important to the state. The Animal Health Summit will be held on June 9 in Manhattan.

"This new institute will help K-State become one of the nation's best research universities in the growing industry sector of animal health and food safety," George said. "This is a world-class facility that will help Kansas attract the brightest academic minds and the best innovative businesses to the Animal Health Corridor."

The institute is a \$28-

million, 108,000-square-foot facility. The K-State Olathe campus will serve as a center for research, education and commercialization. Students earning Master's and doctorate degrees in biosciences and biotechnology will work alongside scientists conducting research on the campus.

In addition, K-State Olathe also will partner with the Kansas City area companies in providing professional development training for employees. K-State Olathe is part of the Johnson County Education and Research Triangle initiative, a cooperative effort with the University of Kansas that involves KU's Edwards Campus and the KU Medical Center.

## Alaska congressman refuses award from HSUS

Alaskan congressman Don Young refused an award from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Humane Society Legislative Fund that would have honored his work for animals in 2010. While capitalizing on the good work of local humane societies that shelter, spay and neuter animals, the HSUS does not own, operate, or directly control a single animal shelter in our country, despite a budget of well over \$100 million.

"HSUS are hypocrites, plain and simple, and I will not join them by accepting this award," said Rep. Young. "Local animal shelters and humane societies do excellent work by caring for neglected and homeless animals, and through their spaying and neutering programs. This organization, however, has absolutely nothing to do with animal welfare.

"Instead they prey on the emotions of big-hearted Americans," he continued. "They flash images of abused animals on our television screens to raise money that will eventually go to pay their salaries and pensions, not to helping better the lives of these animals. They run anti-hunting and anti-trapping campaigns and are of the same cloth as PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and other extremist organizations. I can only guess that I was to receive this award due to my support of the Wildlife Without Borders program, which develops wildlife management and conservation efforts to maintain global species diversity. That program is true conservation; what this group wants is preservation. To accept this award would be supporting their manipulative ways and misguided agenda, and I want no part of that."

## ANTIQUE AUCTION

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**Coin Operated** 1 cent Hunter gumball; 3-1 cent peanut machines; **Signs inc.:** porcelain double side Jewelry Watch Repair; Continental Ins reverse painting; Fairmont Ice Cream round button; tin Musing Wear; Sleepy Eye floor wood; 7 Kansas Farm Bureau; Phonix Ins; other; **Advertising Clocks inc.:** Grand-O-Lac Poultry; Linx Linoleum; Woodmen Insurance; Big Smith Clothes; St Joseph Aspirin; **Thermometers inc.:** round & square (Deirks, Larro Feeds, Jamesday, other); **Beer Memorabilia inc.:** Fehrs Famous beer tray pre-prohibition; Metz radio bottle; Metz clock; Schells Malt non alcoholic lady picture pre-prohibition; Kingsbury Pale tin sign; Coors Light Beer Wolf floor display & sign; Muehleback Western & Tavern scene prints; 1915 Anheuser Bush Malt Nutrine Dr. sign; Neuweiler Cream Ale sign; large Country Club bottle; Budweiser tray; Edelweiss, Royal & Schlitz stoneware beer mugs; Phil Schneider Brewery, Dick Bros, Grain Belt other tip trays; 19 beer can lighters (Canadian Ace, Busch, Schlitz, other); Wiedemanns match safe; Anheuser Bush cork screws & match safe; assortment beer openers wall type, spinners, figural, other; mini beer bottle salt & peppers; **Smoking items:** wooden lady

cigarette dispenser; Comet lighter display w/lighters; Supreme coin lighter display w/lighters; Melachrine cigarette tin sign; lunch box tins inc.: (Lucky Curve, Crow Mo Smokers, Dixie Queen, Dixie Kid, Sweet Cuba, Fashion, Patterson, other); Nebraska Blossum round tin; Yellow Cab round tin w/cigar box; tins inc.: (Sunset Trail, War Eagle); Sir Walter Raleigh counter top; Beech Nut counter top; thermometers inc. (Marlboro, Chesterfield, Cash Value, many other); tins signs inc.: (Lucky Strike, Camel); Old Gold cardboard sign; Musselmen Cut Plug Boot Jack; Troost Tobacco puzzle; cigarette cases, boxes, dispensers, cards, pin back buttons; advertising pocket match safes; Zippo, advertising & other lighters; ashtrays inc. (unusual, IH, Mack dog, Lock, Devil, WWI tank, other); cigar boxes; **Coffee Tins & Jars inc.:** Home brand tin & jar; Old Reliable jar & tin; Chocolate Cream jar & tin; Woolsons sample, IGA jar & tin, many other; Tins inc.: Morses Horehound candy; Old Fashion Licorice; Jackson Tea; Golden Sun pepper; Betty Baker; large assortment mini tins; nut choppers (Emerald, Diamond, Planters); spice tins; set McNess; **Games inc.:** tin Jungle Hunter, Sambo w/gun & box, Home Run; metal Trap em Alive & Action Baseball; plastic

pin ball (Cowboy, Speedway, Pro Sport, other); crocks inc.: (pitchers 7" cattail, Swan, cherry band, Good Luck Swastika); 11 1/2" spatter blue & white pitcher; blue & white pitchers (deer, butterfly both damaged); yellow ware 5 3/4" pitcher, sugar crock, chamber pot, bowls; Red Wing McDonalds cookie jar; 3 #5 Watt pitchers; rooster & other; blue cocktail shaker; cranberry glasses; ice cream dippers; yard art whirligig; assortment of post cards, trade cards & calling cards; Jayhawk memorabilia inc.: (lighters, skillet ashtray, paperweight, other); display cases & racks; small cap pistols; advertising novelty radios; advertising pocket mirror inc. (Star Brand shoes, Halls chocolate, other); advertising watch fobs (Rumley, DeLaval, McCormick Deering, other); pocket knives (Case, advertising, shoe, other); scissors; glass banks; pencil sharpeners; key chains; unique pin cushions; hankies; pot holders; milk bottles qt. & gallon; badges (Sheriff, Dick Tracy, toy, other); advertising letter openers; whistles; pencil clips; match books; cigar box openers & cutters; condom tins; whet stones (Lee, Sears, other); tip trays; Big Little books; bottle collection; coffee dippers, sample tins, puzzle, other items; large assortment of other good collectables.

**Note:** This is a very quality private collection. Check our website for pictures at [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com). We will be open for viewing from 6:00 until 7:00 P.M. on Saturday evening.

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On hand for the presentation of the President's Club Award were, from left: Marcus Madewell, New Holland Construction Territory Sales Manager; Tom Milligan, CNH Capital Financial Services Manager; Jerry Schippers, New Holland Agriculture Territory Sales Manager; Jim Meinhardt, KanEquip President and Craig Goff, KanEquip General Manager.

## KanEquip receives President's Club Award

KanEquip was recently awarded the New Holland President's Club Award. The award recognizes dealers who have been proactive in taking the steps that will increase their customer base as well as their customer's satisfaction with New Holland products and services. "This prestigious and highly sought-after award is very much appreciated and wouldn't be possible without the loyalty of our farmer customers and the tremendous support of them by our parts, sales and service department," said KanEquip CEO Jim Meinhardt.

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## AUCTION

THURSDAY, MAY 26 — 5:00 PM

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

### ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Furniture inc.: oak Hoosier cabinet; oak china cabinet; oak buffet; ornate wood claw foot couch; oak accounting desk; oak parlor table; oak chest; Mission style rocker; bench; 20's bed; 20's desk & chair; trunk; Harmony House "Maytime" silverware; coffee grinder; lamps; needlepoint sampler; wall dish rack; T. L. Prevost prints; quilts; Glass inc.: collection Fenton (Violets in the Snow, white glass, hobnail opalescent, 100 yr. plaque); Homer Laughlin Virginia Rose china; pink depression (Diana, Open Lace); clear Diana; blue carnival bowl, pitcher stems; child's plates cup & saucers; Royal Doulton Don Quixote; Davy Crockett

cup; amethyst vase & compote; Shawnee Puss n Boots salt & pepper, pig creamer; Wexford dishes; Tiara nursery rhyme set; circus glasses; Jadeite leaf; Nippon plate; Kodak measuring glass; Dryden pitcher & vase; cake stand; juicer; cut glass butter; Padden City pieces; carnival pitcher, compote; Avon vases, pitcher, candle holder; blue glass bird, vases, bell; red glass pitcher, stems, tumblers; Sango China Granada pattern; decorative plates; tea pot creamer & sugar; crystal pitcher & glasses; cups & saucers; tea pot; relish; creamer & sugar; Mikasa jewelry box; glass dog; glass birds signed W. Ward; South West Indian pottery; ice bucket; Norman

Rockwell collectables; Budweiser mug; Coke Christmas bottles; Pepsi cartoon glasses; 1960's Barbie, Midge & Ken; Charley Weaver bartender; Little Betty & Kayan EE Sew Master toy sewing machine's; Lone Wolf pictures; Little Golden Books; cook books; comic books; 1973-76 Playboy magazines; 6 quilts; 44" x 17" stain glass window; stamps; music; cross stitch.

### HOUSEHOLD

Baldwin Funster organ; blonde full bed & dresser; oval kitchen table w/2 swivel chairs; new Jacuzzi bath tub; new Victorian pedestal sink; new Pfister faucets; Tupperware; baking dishes; yard decorations; assortment of other items.

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## Auction Sales Scheduled

- May 17 — Tractors, machinery, livestock equipment at Newton for Eugene Claassen. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.
- May 17 — Marion Co. Flint Hills grassland at Cottonwood Falls for Herschman Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.
- May 17 — Chase County river bottomland at Florence for Betty Yoder Estate, c/o James Yoder. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
- May 19 — Land SE of Mulvane. Auctioneers: Weigand Auction & Sons, Inc.
- May 19 — Acreage OK Ranch (Florence) at Cottonwood Falls for Herschman Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.
- May 19 — Cloud County real estate at Aurora for Glen Gutka. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
- May 20 — Tractors, trailers, equipment, livestock equipment S. of Augusta. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auctions, Inc.
- May 20 — Finney County real estate & minerals at Garden City for Norman E. Becker Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auctions.
- May 21 — Quilting machine, lawn tractor, glassware and collectibles in Council Grove for heirs of Lola Euler. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate and Auctions, LLC.
- May 21 — Antiques, furniture, guns, coins, glassware and collectibles at Manhattan for John & Mary Roberts. Auctioneers: Gannon Auctions.
- May 21 — Tractor, pickup, stationary engines, tools, household, boat & guns at Concordia for John & Alice Brownell. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- May 21 — Furniture, artwork, advertising, primitives, collectibles & more at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Chris Paxton & Doug Riat.
- May 21 — Tractors, machinery, vehicles & misc. at Falun for Leland & Lois Applequist. Auctioneers: Crane Auctions.
- May 21 — Tools, antiques & household at Topeka for Mr. & Mrs. Bargmann. Auctioneers: Raine Auction Service.
- May 21 — Farm equipment & Great Plains equipment at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc.
- May 21 — Abilene High School Carpentry house at Abilene for Abilene High School Carpentry Class Project. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.
- May 21 — Farm and garden equipment, collectibles and household in Manhattan for William Marten. Auctioneers: Seele Auctions.
- May 21 — CCCHS carpentry home at Clay Center for Unified School District 379. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC
- May 21 — Tractor, vehicles, shop & household near Newton for Helga Schmidt Estate. Archie J. & Sheila Schmidt, sellers. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.
- May 21 — Furniture, collectibles, glassware, misc., yard & shop items at Minneapolis for Ester Hogg Estate. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auction Co.
- May 21 — Real estate W edge of Haddam for Haddam Rural Housing, LP. Auctioneers: Raymond ott Realty & Auction.
- May 21 — Home & contents at Cottonwood Falls for Busselle Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.
- May 21 — Tractors, vehicles, furniture, household, implements, tools, shop supplies & more at Salina for Ted & Norma Webb Estate. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.
- May 22 — Automotive, guns, furniture, lawn equipment, household and miscellaneous at St. Marys for Randy and Lela Fox. Auctioneers: Gannon Auctions.
- May 23 — Twin Peaks Ranch, South Central KS, Barber County land at Medicine Lodge. Auctioneers: United County/Nixon Auction & Realty, LLC.
- May 24 — Real estate in Manhattan for Sandra White. Auctioneers: Gannon Auctions.
- May 24 — Ranch home on 7 acres at Hillsboro for Gary Weber Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
- May 24 — Car, tractors, antiques, household, tools at Concordia for Harold Granere. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- May 24 — Antique tractors, train caboose & equip., yard decorations, furniture & collectibles near Haven for Louise "Babe" Hefling Trust. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.
- May 24 — Seward County real estate at Liberal for J.H. Salley Trust B & Richard J. Salley Irrevocable Trust. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auctions.
- May 25 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, trailers, combine, equipment online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.
- May 26 — Antiques, collectibles & household at Jewell for Mike & Dixie Dethloff & Lynette Swanson. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- May 26 — Land auction in Cuba for Edward F. Havel, Jr. Auctioneers: Roger Novak Real Estate.
- May 26 — Home & 80 acres at Wamego for Trey & Daniel Springer. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- May 26 — Online auction (www.gehlingonline.com). Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.
- May 27 — Household, collectibles, tractor, 3 pt. machinery, pickup & tools in Waterville for the Russell D. Kalous Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.
- May 28 — Collectibles at Salina for Sharon Bell Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- May 29 — Advertising & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- May 30 — Furniture, collectibles, toys & banks at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- May 30 — Harley Gerdes 18th annual Memorial Day consignment auction at Lyndon.
- June 4 — Truck, golf cart, trailer, power chair, furniture, appliances, housewares, misc., antiques, collectibles, garage & lawn at Hesston for Lee & Twila Stieben. Auctioneers: Duane Barker.
- June 4 — Jackson County real estate at Holton for Keith & Karen Moody. Auctioneers: Branam's Real Estate & Auctions, Dan Harris.
- June 4 — Collector vehicles, vehicles, pontoon, horse items, equipment & misc. at Lawrence for Charla & Late Same Tunget. Auctioneers: Elston Auction Co.
- June 5 — Antiques, collectibles and furniture in Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auction LLC.
- June 5 — Recreational Marion County land near Florence for John & Susan Koslowsky. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc., Ken Patterson Auctions.
- June 9 — Land at Olsburg for Hawkinson Brothers. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.
- June 9 — Chase County cropland with home at Cottonwood Falls for Andrews Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.
- June 10 — Pawnee County, Nebraska Real Estate at Summerfield for Kylene M. Stoll Living Trust. Auctioneers: Frank Thimm & Dennis Henrichs.
- June 11 — Tractors, SUV, ATV, trailers, equipment, horse & livestock items, guns, hunting & fishing, collectibles, tools & household at McLouth for Hal & Vicky Johnson. Auctioneers: Elston Auction Co.
- June 11 — Farm auction southeast of Alta Vista for Bill and Lois Kraus. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auction LLC.
- June 12 & 25 — Antiques, collectibles and furniture in Council Grove for Beulah Craig. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auction LLC.
- June 18 — Real estate, antiques, furniture & miscellaneous at Belleville for Paul & Elsie Fahrback Estates. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estates.
- June 18 — Real estate, machinery, tools, antiques & household W. of Formoso for James Hoard, Deanna White, Susan Sly & Connie Snodgrass. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.
- June 25 — Antiques, collectibles and furniture in Council Grove for Beulah Craig. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auction LLC.
- July 15 — Real estate and cropland at Concordia for Don and Pat Peterson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
- July 16 — Farm equipment, John Deere 4-wheel drive tractor, JD combine, trucks, pickup, tillage equip. N. of Culver for Dean & Emma White. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.
- August 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.
- September 2 — Farm machinery consignment at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC
- September 5 — Harley Gerdes 16th annual Labor Day consignment Auction at Lyndon.
- September 24 — Farm sale SW of Courtland for Richard Nelson Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
- November 5 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.
- December 31 — Harley Gerdes 27th annual New Year's Consignment auction at Lyndon.

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## The Middle of Nowhere

Branding season. Spring-time west of the Mississippi. Long days in the saddle. Sitting on a horse miles from nowhere, it seems, trying to spot cows on the gather, silence except for the thud of your horse's hooves. You might as well be on a fishing boat in the middle of

nowhere watching the waves.

The more I work with real cowboys, the more I realize how little I know.

This means no disrespect for those cowboys who achieve fame as our rodeo heroes, or noted horse clinicians, trick riders, ropers

and movie stars. They have chosen one specialty from the many skills that everyday real cowboys use daily, and then become an authority on that facet of cowboyness.

I'm riding along, not writing poetry to the "drum-beat of the horses' hooves." or "humming a western tune," I'm checking for sign. Cow tracks, are they going to water or coming away? Is that cow plop fresh? Do I take that calf without his mama? Does that cow have a tight bag? Should I take another hour and check that corner? Checking cows is not a timed event!

I talk to my horse when we're checking cows. They are always giving you some information. They have their own radar. They can see or hear or smell each other a lot farther away than I can! If they whinny, you can almost guarantee there's another horse on the horizon. If they stop, ears up, and point like a bird dog into the mesquite, you can bet something's over there. Many of these traits I have ascribed to horses also fit a good cowboy. Out in the middle of what most people

consider nowhere, they seem to have a sense of place. At that moment in time 2011 AD, at that place on earth, N31° 53' 43.3" x W110° 18' 46.3," they are in harmony with the pulse of life.

I can put you in their saddle but I can't give you their eyes, ears, scents, touch and connection to the horse, the terrain, the flora and the air. They innately know exactly where they are in relationship to the world spinning around them. They have that in common with sea captains, woodsmen, airline pilots and the original American Indians. Much of a cowboy's life is spent hunting for, or observing cows. A much smaller part of his life is what defines them to urban people. Paintings you see on the walls of western museums. Stories you hear at poetry gatherings or around the campfire. All depicting the excitement of getting bucked off, or roping a dogie, hog-tying a bull to tree, chasing wild cattle or gathering the remuda.

And all of that happens, even to someone who is supposed to be in tune with all

his surroundings, because sometimes the horse or cow comes untuned and the cowboy has to ride it out! But they come to an understanding and the sea grows calm again. They are back in tune.

I thank 'em for helping me pay more attention to the world they rule and the one I abide in. It would be nice to be one of them but I fear, I have spent too long in school and not enough time in the middle of nowhere, and it has inhibited my ability to learn the simple things.

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Reid Shipman of Manhattan exhibited the grand champion prospect market hog at the Russell County Kickoff Classic held recently in Russell. Also pictured is judge Josh Flohr.

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**Tact 1: 300 acres m.l.** located on the North side of 247th and the East side of Rockville road with road frontage on Mission road. This tract is a combination of terraced tillable farm land and grass land. This farm has some of the finest upland soils in Miami County. The current owners have taken care of the property with pride and the utmost of attention. The property is all fenced and crossfenced for livestock management. There is one barn on this tract for storage, also an older mobile home. Located on the East side of this tract is a KCPL transmission line and underground gas transmission line. Located in the Northeast corner of this property is one gas well with a lease only on a small portion of the property near the well.

**Tact 2: 250 acres m.l.** located on the North side of 247th street and frontage on Rockville road and 239th street. This tract is a combination of terraced tillable farm land and grass land. This farm like tract one has some of the finest upland soils in Miami County. The current owners have taken care of the property with pride and the utmost of attention. The property is all fenced and crossfenced for livestock management. This tract has a gas lease with two wells.

**Terms:** The offering price is \$ 10,000.00 per acre. The owners will have the property surveyed at seller's expense and the final price will be determined on the amount of total acres. 5% down with the agreement to purchase, balance due upon closing not to exceed 60 days. Landmark Title Company to handle closing. The sellers have growing crops on the property at present and will be entitled to harvest their crops. Title insurance cost split 50% / 50% buyer-seller. Property sells subject to easements, restrictions, and covenants if any of record. The real estate company Webb Realty are agents of seller only. Property sells as is where is without warranty expressed or implied. If new fences are required, buyer and seller will split cost equally for new like type fences. All information is from sources deemed reliable, however accuracy is not guaranteed. Each buyer is responsible for conducting their own independent due diligence concerning the property.

**Brokers Note:** I first met the Truman family in the mid 1960's. It has been my honor to know them for all of these years. As you drive around this farm you will witness the attention to detail the Truman family has taken in this property. This family like many was a part of the Greatest Generation as referred to in the book by Tom Brokaw. Plan to take a look at this property, call for an appointment and purchase. Only once in a lifetime there is a property like this that is available for purchase. Thank you we appreciate your taking time to look at this property offering.

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