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## Customer satisfaction and family involvement earn Mushrush Red Angus Seedstock Producer of the Year

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Creating the product their customers want is a priority for Mushrush Red Angus of Strong City, and may have been one of the factors that led to their being named the 2011 Seedstock Producer of the Year by the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF). They were presented the award, for which they had been nominated by KLA, at the BIF research symposium and annual meeting in Bozeman, Mont. in early June.

While they didn't get to read the applications of the other nine nominees, they believe the fact that they are a family-owned and managed operation may also have been a deciding factor. The Mushrush ranch was started by Joe's parents, Robert and Oma Lou, right after they graduated from Kansas State University in 1950. Robert worked in town and they had a herd of about 100 commercial Herefords. Joe and Connie came on board in 1980 and began adding registered Red Angus cows.

"We were at K-State in the late 1970s when exotic cattle were coming on the scene," Joe described. "I learned that we had to get an exotic, so we bought a big, flowered Simmental bull. This was before there were any selection tools including EPDs and birth weights. And we proceeded to have a calving train wreck."

Joe relates that while taking naps between classes in Weber Hall, he began reading a Red Angus magazine. "I started thinking that Red Angus might be the way out," he said. But locating a Red Angus bull was no easy undertaking and they ended up going to Oklahoma to get one, which was delivered in a pickup with stock racks.



The four generations of the Mushrush family include, standing from left: Robert and Oma Lou, Casey, Chris, Madelyn, Laura and Cole. Sitting: Joe, Connie, Daniel, Christine and Sadie. Mushrush Red Angus was named the winner of the Beef Improvement Federation's Seedstock Producer of the Year award.

Courtesy photo

They turned him out with some Hereford-Simmental-Angus heifers.

"We immediately noticed the color uniformity," says Connie, as the flowered coloration disappeared.

In the early 1980s they had the opportunity to buy 10-12 registered Red Angus cows.

"The plan was, because we liked the Red Angus bulls and couldn't find them close, we'd keep this small herd and raise our own," Joe says.

The results are what Joe says is "like a 4-H project run amuck." The first year they had three bulls and sold two of them to another cattleman in Chase County. They kept the heifers and began to grow the herd. Before they knew it, they were in the Red Angus business. Later their kids bought some cows. Their herd now numbers 500 head.

As they filled out the application, which they estimate took about 50 hours, it too became a family undertaking, and underscored the priority they put on making sure their six kids can be part of the operation if they choose to return.

"For us as a family it was fun," Connie recalls. "It was like strategic planning backwards. Everyone was reading it and having input. It caused us to really think about what we're doing and realize that maybe we are doing a few things right." Everything from record keeping to range management was included in the application as well as a section

on short- and long-term goals. While there weren't any big "Ah-ha" moments as they looked toward the future of their operation, it did reinforce the goals they already have in place.

"We have six kids and if you ask them right now, every one of them will tell you they want to come back," states Joe. "When they tell you that they want to work with you and do what you do, it's both flattering and frightening."

"We're working on a legal framework to make that happen," Connie adds. "We are constantly working on that to make it possible and to secure a spot for each kid."

Currently their oldest son Daniel and his wife Christine have come back to work at the ranch. Their son Casey graduated from KSU in milling science and is currently working for ConAgra. Twins Cole and Laura are juniors at KSU, with Cole majoring in Ag Business and Animal Science and Laura studying Journalism with a minor in Animal Science. Their son Chris is a senior at Chase County High School and Madelyn is an 8th grader at Chase County.

But before they come back, each of the Mushrush children will gain work experience off the ranch. "One of our rules is that they have to go work for someone else first to see that we're not the world's worst bosses," Joe says.

Innovation and the use of technology has been a posi-

tive development on the Mushrush Ranch. "The computerization and being able to keep the records has been a really big asset to know what's going on," Joe believes. "We always kept the data, but now we can process it better. We embrace anything that can save us time because we are so short-staffed."

With cattle spread out in numerous pastures over 8,000 acres, cell phones have also become an important tool, and one that may have saved Joe from further injury in an incident that they look back on now and laugh as they tell. While counting cattle in the alley, Joe's horse licked the high-tensile electric fence. "They both went straight up but the second time the horse flew up in the air without Joe," Connie remembers "I knew that if I went running up there I would scare the cattle and if he was laying on the

ground, they'd step on him." So she whipped out her cell phone. "I called him and asked, 'Are you dead?'"

"There I was, laying there with the wind knocked out of me, and my cell phone rings," he said. A couple of broken ribs were the only injuries he suffered.

As one of about fifty Red Angus breeders in the state, they have spent 25 years developing the market for their cattle, and producing the product most desired by their customers is important to them, even if it means inconveniencing themselves. "We have a fall herd because our customers want those older bulls," Connie says. "They don't fit our environment, take more feed and labor, and it's harder to get them to breed back, but it's what our customers want."

"We are trying to accurately describe our cattle to our customers," she continues. "They might not be the

most of anything, but we try to have very consistent, predictable genetics. We've made a plan and stick to it."

"When buyers look at our private treaty pen, they say, 'How are we supposed to choose?'" Joe adds. "I say, 'Throw a rock and we'll sort out the one you hit.'"

"When people open our catalog, we want them to be able to find 20 or 30 bulls they could use instead of just one," Connie concludes.

Customer satisfaction and the long-term growth and sustainability of the family operation may have helped the Mushrushes win the BIF award, but as they look at their first granddaughter Sadie, who makes the fourth generation on the ranch, they understand that those bedrock values are what will earn them an even greater reward – a family business that has and will, God willing, continue to stand the test of time.



In the heart of the Flint Hills, Joe and Connie Mushrush have spent 25 years developing their Red Angus herd as well as the market for their registered bulls and fall-bred heifers.

Photo by Donna Sullivan

# Reflections

from  
Young Farmers & Ranchers

By Meghan Muesler,  
Wichita

The waving of the wheat isn't just something that happens at a Shocker basketball game! Last weekend I had the opportunity to experience firsthand what I had seen happen in the basketball arena happen in the wide open fields of Haviland.

I grew up in the eastern part of the state, a.k.a. where all the rain falls, where our wheat fields are limited by the hills and trees. So my experience of wheat harvest was many times through stories of friends, but you never can quite grasp the magnitude and history that goes into wheat harvest until you partake of it firsthand.

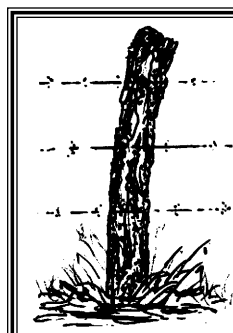
During one of my first

several years living in Wichita, a good friend took me out for harvest one night including a sandwich in the field... yes, most of my memories center around the food that was served even while in a grain truck taking wheat to the elevator.

This past week I was on a mission, I wanted to learn how to weave wheat. And my luck had it the combines were heading to the fields early on my visit to Pratt! So we headed west toward Haviland to find a field that wouldn't mind missing a few bundles of \$8.00 wheat. As we pulled onto that old familiar country dirt road with the country music playing on the truck radio, we saw a familiar truck and began to

follow. Not too surprisingly "Grandpa" had been sent to town for parts because there was a breakdown in the field. This breakdown provided me with some time to see the 'real' harvest and catch in on some of the fun of why it had taken "Grandpa" so long to get part, which for him included a cup of coffee at the local coffee shop! Standing out in the wide open field you could see and hear the picture of the 'waving of the wheat.' It is so hard to describe the sound - it was beyond majestic! This was and is truly what growing wheat is all about. Many hours of hard work were put into getting the wheat in the ground and then, left in Mother Nature's hand, a bountiful crop was forthcoming (many were pleasantly surprised by the yields they were getting). What a blessing to have seen and heard the joys of wheat harvest!

Now to work on my project of wheat weaving...



## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator

### Control, Control

The wildlife around here, I believe, consider the Morrison farmstead to be a friendly place; no need to fear taking shortcuts into the yard. We sometimes thrill at seeing wild turkeys walk onto our lawn and cross it in their search for tidbits to eat. Rabbits happily nibble and play around in our yard, and all kinds of birds, including an occasional pheasant, seem to feel at home here. Even coyotes have ventured in on some winter mornings. But some are more bold with the attitude of "Yes, just sneak up onto the porch and eat the cats' food; we should be safe even that close, now that the dog is no longer there."

It had become apparent to me that the two cats could not be eating as much dry cat food as what disappeared in a day's time. Just before going to bed last night, I snapped on the porch light to see a possum gorging himself at their food pan. My friendly attitude toward wildlife suddenly left me, and I went for my .22 pump rifle. I soon had it in hand along with some shells. After fumbling around a bit, I got it loaded, slipped out to the porch, snapped on the light and saw that he was still there, making himself right at home. I had not fired that gun in a long time, so I mentally had to do a fast refresher course.

The possum was just four or five yards away so it should be an easy shot. My first attempt was a zero. In my haste, I forgot I had to pump a shell into the chamber. The second try was no better, for when I pulled on the trigger, it wouldn't move. My brilliant deduction told me it must be on safety, but in the dim light I had trouble finding the safety. By the time I was finally ready to kill the varmint, he had left the porch area and was headed into the yard,

where the light was even poorer. I did get off two shots, but he kept on walking toward the shelter belt with its trees.

The car was parked handily nearby, so I got into it to make use of its bright lights. In my excitement, I couldn't find the right button to let the window down. By the time I got into a position to shoot, the possum had disappeared into the trees. There was just enough clearance to drive between the rows of trees, so I decided to pursue with my car lights on. I was determined not to let a dumb possum outsmart me. After a side mirror was dislocated by a tree branch, it dawned upon me that May would surely frown on my attempt to bring a possum to justice in our Caddy. To shorten a long story, the dumb animal got away scot-free.

I checked the cat dish on the porch this morning and find that it has been slicked clean. I have resolved not to continue feeding that possum, but how do I go about getting rid of him? Maybe next time I should grab the shotgun so I won't be as apt to miss him. I know where the gun is, but are the shells still in the hunting vest? I hope so.

I have secretly wondered how I would go about defending our ranch if it ever came to such a serious situation. I wonder which breed of dog would be the most ferocious. Buck would have been too gracious and friendly.

Seriously, though, is it possible in the future that private property could be confiscated and given to those who have not or to spread the wealth? What would be our recourse? Is making everyone equal the answer? Has it been successful where it has been tried? I'm just asking. I think they call it communism.

## Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

It appears as though, after only one haying season, I have been relieved of my duties as truck driver/trailer puller. I think I may have actually been fired, but since the foreman of the operation is my own son, in an effort to be somewhat delicate and preserve family unity, he just discreetly replaced me. You may remember that last year, in my first of only two appearances behind the wheel, I managed to kill the truck that he said is impossible to kill and also caused a certain amount of physical pain to him and the rest of the help when I sent them flying to the front of the trailer as I got the feel of the clutch.

It's not so much the demise of my hay-hauling career that wounds me, it's who he replaced me with - my oldest daughter. Now I know what you're thinking - why should that bother me? After all, she was raised in the country just like her siblings, right? True, but as soon as she was able to find something constructive to do besides assist with farm-related duties, that girl was out of there. Oh sure, she would still engage in a few rural activities here and there - loading firewood, horseback riding, the county fair and pasture golf with the family - but there was a time when she didn't even know whether or not we still owned sheep, despite driving right by their pen on a daily basis.

So how in the world can she, who barely knows how to drive a stick shift, possibly replace me? I don't really know, but my other son reports that she was ten times better at it than her dad and a hundred times better than me. Now that just hurts.

"What's the big deal?" she asked, innocently. "You just push the clutch in and let the clutch out."

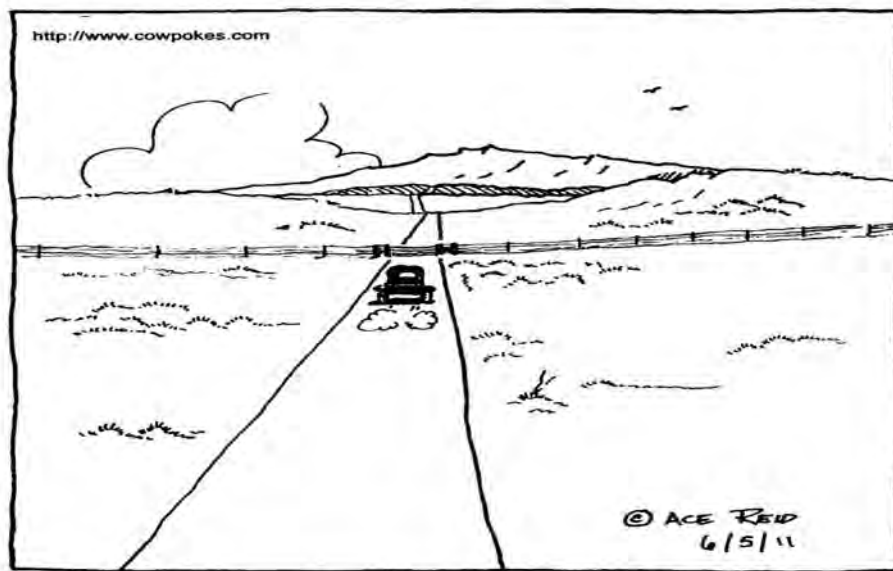
"How many times did you kill the truck?" I asked hopefully.

"None," she replied.

Doggone it, that's not right, I tell you. It's just not right. So now I'm out of a job. Anybody out there looking for an experienced hay-hauler?

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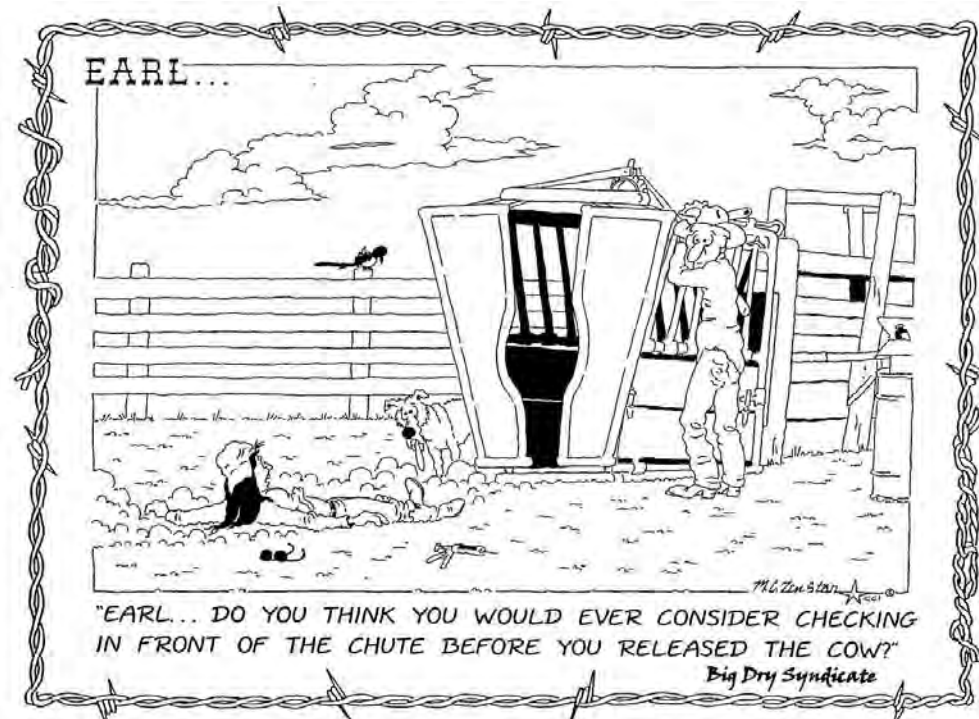
By Ace Reid



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## From Oz to Aus

by Brandi Buzzard

The driest continent: Just one of many nicknames Australia has acquired over the years. Others include "Land Down Under" and "The Outback," but at the moment, "the driest continent" seems rather unfitting. After suffering through a blistering drought for 10 years, Australia saw flooding in half its states due to cyclones and rainfall from December to February. Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia have more water than they know what to do with; an occurrence that has both plagued and blessed Australian farmers.

Don't tell that to farmers in the Midwest, some of whom have been desperate for rain since March. Last week, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, requested disaster drought status for 25 additional Kansas counties. The addition will bring the total to 46 counties in Kansas under the disaster declaration. In Texas, more than 60 percent of the state is in an "exceptional" drought, according to Travis Miller of the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service. In an interview with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Miller also said that the last eight months have been the driest in Texas since records were first kept in 1895. Some Texas ranchers have even contemplated ship-

ping cattle to Colorado in light of grass and water shortages.

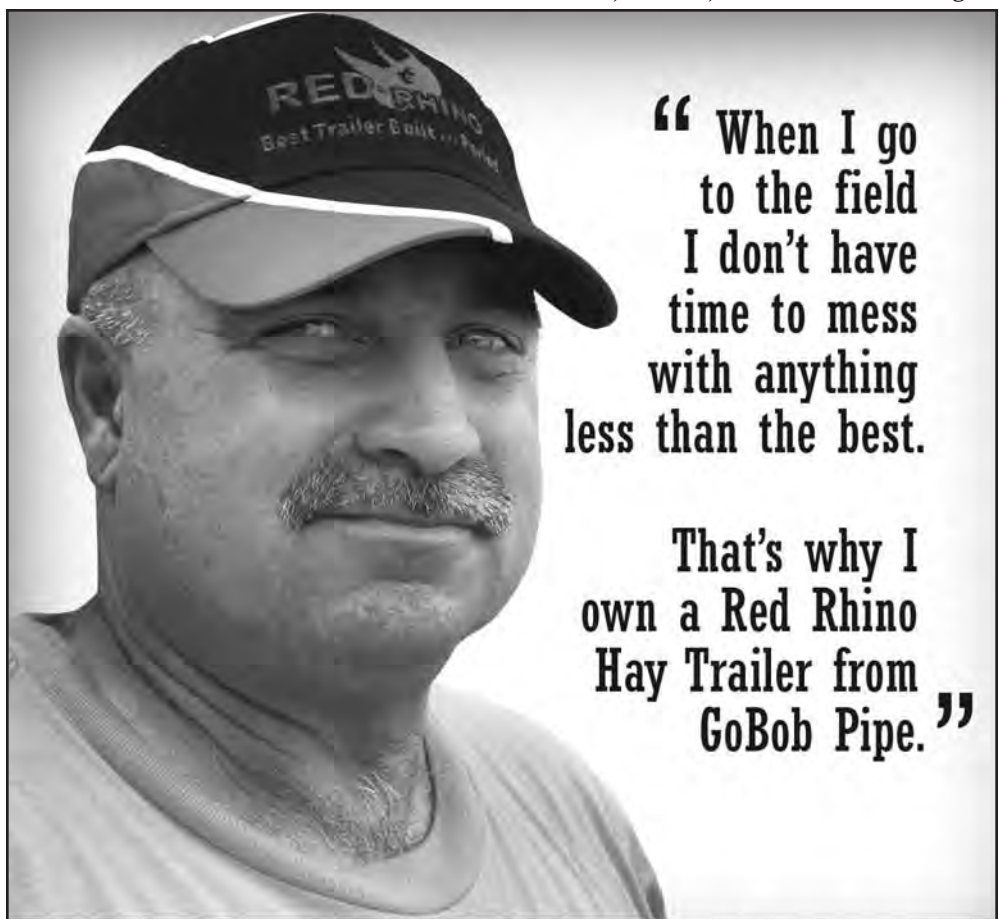
On the other side of the world, the extensive flooding across eastern and southern Australia caused an estimated \$30 billion reduction in Australia's GDP. In Victoria, the floods caused \$2 billion in agriculture damages, flooding 128,000 acres of pasture land, 102,000 acres of field crops and 83,000 tons of hay/silage. The effects of the devastating flood have been passed down to consumers in the form of increased fruit and vegetable prices due to supermarket chains having been forced to import more produce to compensate for the reduced supply. For example, banana prices have skyrocketed in light of the flooding in Queensland — when my husband and I first arrived in Australia in February, banana prices had escalated to \$15/kg (\$6.81/lb). That was a quite a shock to us, since we were used to paying approximately 50¢-60¢ per lb. for bananas at Walmart. Other produce prices that were affected include broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce and squash.

While the extensive flooding has come with its obvious setbacks, there are numerous positive aspects to the excess water over the past six months. The Murray-Darling basin, also known as "the food

basin," which spans four states and supports more than 40 percent of Australian farms, has had more rainfall this year than in any of the previous 110 years. The excess rainfall has enabled producers to modernize their irrigation systems to be more efficient in order to accommodate increased food demands. Additionally, increased water levels have provided renewed habitats for native fish and frog species in several of the river systems that wind through the basin. Inhabitants of areas of the basin that haven't seen water in more than a decade are ecstatic about the increased water and the possibilities increased water storages have brought.

Agriculture is subject to Mother Nature's whims. Some years, farmers are blessed with perfect precipitation and bumper crops. Other years, weather conditions can make it hard to find the motivation to get up in the morning. Currently, American farmers are experiencing misfortunes in the forms of severe droughts, wildfires and flooding. However, just like in Australia, eventually the tides will turn and the American farmer will once again see prosperous times.

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- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Sauce:  
 1/8 cup onion soup mix  
 1 tablespoon soy sauce  
 1 can cream of mushroom soup plus enough water to make 3 cups liquid

Mix all ingredients together (sauce separate) and form into patties. Roll patties in flour and brown in oil in an electric skillet. Mix sauce ingredients and pour over browned meat in skillet. Simmer 20 to 30 minutes. Serve with mashed potatoes or rice.

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- 1 cup powdered sugar
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Mix whipped topping, cream cheese, sugar and vanilla together and put into a graham cracker crust. Chill. Add strawberry or cherry pie filling or any other topping you desire.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:  
**PIMIENTO CHEESE**  
 1 cup mayonnaise

- 2 teaspoons grated onion
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 8-ounce block shredded extra sharp cheddar cheese
- 8-ounce block sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 4-ounce jar diced pimiento, drained

In a bowl combine first 3 ingredients. Stir in cheese until blended. Gently stir in pimientos.

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**Kellee Rogers, Topeka: CAPPUCINO PUDDING**

- 3.4-ounce box instant French vanilla flavored pudding mix
- 1 tablespoons instant espresso granules
- 2 cups cold whole milk
- 1 cup thawed whipped topping

In a bowl combine pudding mix and espresso granules. Add milk, whisking for 2 minutes or until slightly thickened. Whisk in whipped topping until combined. Spoon into 4 bowls. Cover and chill at least 1 hour before serving.

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Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:

- SQUASH & ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE**
- 6 cups sliced yellow squash, 1/4-inch thick
  - 6 cups sliced zucchini, 1/4-inch thick

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

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. In a bowl combine squash, zucchini, salt and pepper. Arrange half of squash mixture in a single layer in dish. Top with half of onion and sprinkle with half of cheese. Repeat layers, ending with cheese. Top with crushed crackers. Cover and bake for 1 hour or until tender. Uncover and bake for 15 minutes longer or until golden.

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**Mary Rogers, Topeka: GRILLED EGGPLANT**

- 1 large eggplant
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons dried Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Shredded Parmesan cheese

Spray grill rack with a nonflammable spray. Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Cut eggplant into 8, about 1/2 inch thick, slices. Brush both sides with oil and sprinkle with seasoning and salt. Grill eggplant, covered with grill lid, for 8-10 minutes on each side or

until golden brown. Garnish with Parmesan cheese.

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**Sandy Hill, Eskridge: MOCK APPLE STRUDEL**

- 2 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 tablespoons + 1/2 cup sugar, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup cold butter
- 3/4 cup fat-free milk
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 3 cups chopped tart apples
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Icing:

- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 teaspoon milk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla

In a large bowl combine the flour, baking powder, 2 tablespoons sugar and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in milk just until moistened. Turn onto a lightly floured surface, knead 8 to 10 times. Roll out into a 14-by-10-inch rectangle. Brush with melted butter. Top with apples and sprinkle with cinnamon and remaining sugar. Roll up jelly-roll style, starting with a long

side; pinch seams to seal. Place on a parchment paper or waxed paper lined 15-by-10-inch-by-1-inch baking pan. Bake at 425 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pan to a wire rack. In a small bowl combine the sugar, milk and vanilla; drizzle over warm strudel. Yield: 12 servings.

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Debbie Rogers, Independence, Mo.:

**SHRIMP SALAD**

- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup minced celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons seafood cocktail sauce
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 pounds medium fresh shrimp, cooked, peeled & deveined

16-ounce box bow tie pasta cooked, drained & rinsed  
 In a large bowl mix all but shrimp and pasta. Stir in shrimp and pasta. Cover and chill for a least 4 hours.

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Substitution Idea: Use any favorite flavor of yogurt as a base. You can also substitute canned fruit (drained) for fresh fruit.

**Nutritional Facts Per Serving** (analysis accounts for strawberries): Calories: 408; Total Fat: 5g; Saturated Fat: 2g; Cholesterol: 12mg; Sodium: 276mg; Carbohydrates: 75g; Dietary Fiber: 5g; Protein: 16.5g; Calcium: 45% Daily Value.

## EGG AND MOZZARELLA BREAKFAST PIZZA

1 whole wheat English muffin  
2 mushrooms, sliced  
2 green onions, finely chopped  
4 tablespoons diced green or red bell pepper  
1/2 cup egg substitute  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
Dash oregano or Italian seasoning  
4 teaspoons pizza sauce  
1/2 cup shredded low-moisture, part-skim Mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Split English muffin in half and toast; set aside. Heat small non-stick skillet

over medium heat. Add mushrooms, green onions and bell pepper. Cook, stirring continuously for two minutes or until vegetables are softened. Stir egg substitute, black pepper and oregano into vegetable mixture. Cook, stirring continuously until egg substitute is set, about two minutes. Spread 2 teaspoons of pizza sauce onto each English muffin half. Spoon a quarter of the egg mixture over pizza sauce and top with a quarter of the cheese. Spoon the remaining egg mixture and cheese evenly on top of the muffins. Place the muffins on a baking sheet and bake for five minutes, or until cheese is melted. Servings: 2

Substitution Idea: Tip: Keep a bag of frozen vegetable mix to use in this recipe. Any remaining pizza sauce can be frozen for another use.

**Nutritional Facts Per Serving**: Calories: 190; Total Fat: 5g; Saturated Fat: 3g; Cholesterol: 15mg; Sodium: 520mg; Carbohydrates: 19g; Dietary Fiber: 3g; Protein: 17g (7 grams from dairy); Calcium: 30% Daily Value.

## PEANUT BUTTER & BANANA BREAKFAST SHAKE

1 cup of fat-free or 1% low-fat chocolate milk  
1/2 cup frozen banana slices  
1 tablespoon peanut butter  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Combine all ingredients in a blender; blend until smooth and creamy. Serve in tall glass or on-the-go drink container. Servings: 1

**Nutritional Facts Per Serving**: Calories: 270; Total Fat: 9g; Saturated Fat: 2g; Cholesterol: 5mg; Sodium: 220mg; Carbohydrates: 35g; Dietary Fiber: 3g; Protein: 15g; Calcium: 35% Daily Value.

## BBQ-RANCH QUESADILLA WEDGES

1 package (16 oz.) frozen pepper stir-fry blend (green, red, yellow peppers)  
1/4 cup diced onion  
1 1/2 cups prepared shredded barbecue beef  
1/4 cup barbecue sauce  
1/2 cup light ranch dressing  
8 (8-inch) whole wheat tortillas  
1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
Non-stick cooking spray

Prepare stir-fry pepper blend with diced onion added and heat barbecue beef according to package directions. While vegetables and beef are cooking, mix barbecue sauce and ranch dressing in small serving bowl; set aside for dipping sauce. On a tortilla, evenly layer 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons each of shredded beef and cheese. Add about 1/4 to 1/2 cup vegetables. Cover with a second tortilla. Repeat for total of 4 quesadillas. Spray large skillet or counter-top grill with non-stick cooking spray. Cook each quesadilla for 3 minutes on each side or until golden and cheese is melted. Cut into 8 wedges; serve with barbecue-ranch. Servings: 8.

Substitution Idea: This is a good way to use up leftover BBQ beef! In addition to the frozen veggies, you also can

stock a bag of frozen onions to use in this recipe. For fajita-ranch quesadillas, substitute chicken strips for the shredded beef. Mix light ranch dressing with salsa instead of barbecue sauce for dipping.

**Nutritional Facts Per Serving**: Calories: 360; Total Fat: 15g; Saturated Fat: 4.5g; Cholesterol: 40mg; Sodium: 840mg; Carbohydrates: 39g; Dietary Fiber: 3g; Protein: 15g; Calcium: 15% Daily Value.

## CHEESY CHICKEN CRUNCHERS

1 cup all-purpose flour  
Salt & pepper  
4 egg whites  
1/2 cup 1% low-fat milk  
1 1/2 cups cornflakes, crushed  
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded reduced fat Cheddar cheese  
6 chicken breast filets, cut into strips  
Non-stick cooking spray  
Ketchup or BBQ sauce (optional)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a small bowl, combine flour with a pinch of salt and pepper. In second bowl, make egg-wash by beating eggs and milk. In third bowl, combine cornflakes with cheese. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with non-stick cooking spray. Dip chicken pieces in flour, then into egg-wash, then roll in cheesy-flakes mixture, coating entire piece of chicken. Place on baking pan. Discard any unused cornflake mixture after coating chicken. Bake for 25 minutes, turning halfway through to ensure even browning.

Serve with ketchup or BBQ sauce, if desired. Servings: 4-6.

Substitution Idea: Kick it up a notch by adding your favorite spice, like cajun or garlic seasonings, to the flour mixture before coating chicken!

**Nutritional Facts Per Serving**: Calories: 320; Total Fat: 8g; Saturated Fat: 4g; Cholesterol: 90mg; Sodium: 320mg; Carbohydrates: 24g; Dietary Fiber: 1g; Protein: 37g; Calcium: 20% Daily Value.

## BBQ CHICKEN & CHEDDAR FOIL PACKET DINNER

3 tablespoons barbecue sauce  
4 small boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (1 pound)  
2 small unpeeled red potatoes, thinly sliced  
1 red or green bell peppers, seeded and sliced  
1 green onion, finely chopped  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon black pepper  
1 1/2 cups shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place a foil sheet, approximately 12 x 12 inches, on a work surface. Spoon about 1 teaspoon of the barbecue sauce in the center of the foil. Place one chicken

breast half over barbecue sauce and spread another teaspoon of sauce over chicken. Top with quarter of the potato, bell pepper and onion. Sprinkle with a little of the salt and pepper. Fold foil in half to cover contents; make narrow folds along edges to seal. Repeat with remaining ingredients to assemble three more packets. Place the four packets on a baking sheet and bake for 35 minutes. Open foil packets with scissors and carefully pull back edges as contents may be very hot. Sprinkle a quarter of the cheese over the top of each chicken breast and return to oven, unsealed for two minutes or until cheese is melted. With a spatula, transfer the contents of each packet onto individual serving plates. Servings: 4.

Substitution Idea: One cost-savings tip is to buy bone-in chicken breasts and remove the skin.

**Nutritional Facts Per Serving**: Calories: 290; Total Fat: 4.5g; Saturated Fat: 2.5g; Cholesterol: 75mg; Sodium: 630mg; Carbohydrates: 21g; Dietary Fiber: 2g; Protein: 38g (10 grams from dairy); Calcium: 20% Daily Value.

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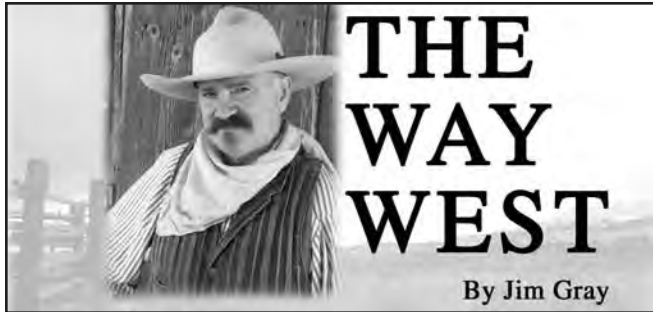
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# THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

## A Marshal Crosses The Line

The idea that lawmen of the Old West were bound by laws governing state lines didn't necessarily apply. Officers helped one another around state regulations, but reputations were often at stake and politics could easily muddy the waters. One example was the arrest and capture of a killer by the name of Ed Hibbard. It all began in southeast Colorado when a desperado known as Ed Lee killed a man by the name of Reynolds for \$1100. Reynolds turned out to be Lee's uncle and Ed Lee was actually Ed Hibbard. Tracing the family connection, lawmen learned that Hibbard was from Wauneta, Kansas, a small community about ninety miles southeast of Wichita. Trinidad, Colorado, City Marshal Lou Kreeger set out on Hibbard's trail with La Junta, Colorado, rancher and part-time lawman John Meagher. Meagher knew the country they were headed for. He had previously served as Sedgwick County Sheriff at Wichita, and also served as assistant Wichita City Marshal under his brother Mike Meagher. Mike Meagher was killed in a Caldwell, gunfight in 1881. At Dodge City the two Colorado lawmen were joined by one more tenacious lawman, Ford County Undersheriff Fred Singer. Singer's presence would give the Colorado lawmen authority in the state of Kansas. The trio traveled on the Santa Fe Railway to Wichita where they boarded the Kansas City, Lawrence, & Southern Kansas train for the town of Grenola. At Grenola a team and wagon

was rented for the twenty-mile drive to Wauneta. The December 27, 1883, Caldwell Journal described the scene as the lawmen closed in on their prey. "Arriving at Wauneta about 3 p.m., they went into the village store, which they found full of people, and Ed standing by the counter, behind the stove, surrounded by a throng, to whom he was relating his western adventures. The officers knew him at a glance, and Sheriff Singer at once stepped up to Ed. And taking him by the hand, said: 'How do you do, Ed? I want you.' Ed reached for his revolver with his left hand, but by this time Meagher had him covered with a six-shooter and he quietly submitted..." Hibbard was evidently fairly free with his uncle's money. \$105 remained of the original \$1100 he had stolen. As the lawmen passed through Cedar Vale, eight miles west of Wauneta, on their way back to Colorado with Hibbard, a constable of the township approached the officers, informing them that Lee Hibbard was a hard case; a known horse thief and rumored to have also killed a man in Texas. The advice evidently didn't faze the lawmen, for Meagher decided to leave the party and pay a visit to his previous home town of Caldwell. At the state line Fred Singer left Kreeger to escort his prisoner on to Trinidad, Colorado. Marshal Kreeger successfully locked up Hibbard at Trinidad, and that's where you might think the story would end, but that was where the politics entered in.

Kreeger "crossed the line" when he played up his part in the capture, giving his constituents the idea that he had arrested Hibbard nearly singlehandedly. The very suggestion that Kreeger had taken the credit rankled the ire of Fred Singer's boss, Ford County Sheriff Bat Masterson, who felt it his obligation to set the record straight. Kreeger, who reportedly rode with Quantrill during the Missouri-Kansas Border War, was well-liked in Trinidad, despite Masterson's opinion. Masterson acknowledged Kreeger's standing in the community, writing in the January 6, 1884, Trinidad News "He is recognized... as their official 'demi-god.'" Nevertheless, Masterson insisted his officer, Fred Singer had accomplished Hibbard's arrest and not Marshal Lou Kreeger.

The controversy was noted by the Dodge City Democrat on January 12, 1884, "We are informed by under sheriff Fred Singer, that the statement of facts made by W.B.M. are verbatim et literatim, true. Yes, says Fred, and more too."

The Democrat found Bat's handling of the incident intriguing enough to add "In a controversy through the Trinidad Press, W. B. M. shows himself almost as adept with the pen as he undoubtedly is with the six-shooter - a dual accomplishment much appreciated on the frontier." Perhaps Bat took their acknowledgement to heart. His writing skills would eventually serve him well as a sports writer in New York City. And so a new legend was born as a gunfighter began a writing career in the famous Kansas cattle town of Dodge City on The Way West.

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# Designed for success: Quarter-Scale Tractor Team wins international competition

When it comes to scaling the heights of success, it's hard to beat Kansas State University's Quarter-Scale Tractor Team.

K-State's A team took first place in the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers' 14th annual International Quarter-Scale Tractor Student Design Competition, June 2-5, in Peoria, Ill. It's the eighth time the team has won the international championship, and the 12th time in the last 13 years that the team has finished first or in the top three of the competition.

K-State also took second place in the X-Team competition, which is for students new to the contest.

"Team experiences such as the International Quarter-Scale Tractor team are a reflection of the quality of education young people receive at K-State," said Joe Harner, head of the department of biological and agricultural engineering. "Faculty willingly transfer their knowledge to team members through quality instruction, advising and research. This solid foundation is critical for teams to succeed and speaks well of Kansas State University."

This year's main competition featured teams from 27 universities, including four from Canada. For the event, student teams build their own tractor and document their market research, testing and development. They also present their design to a mock corporate management team and demonstrate its performance capabilities in a live tractor pull.

Along with being the top team overall, the K-State A Team earned firsts in written report and design performance. The team's tractor also competed in four pull events, placing first in two of the pulls, and placing second and third in the other two pulls.

Team advisers are Jim Schmidt, a K-State biological and agricultural engineering alumnus; Lou Ann Claassen, senior administrative assistant for the department of biological and agri-



K-State senior Doug Grollmes, left, and sophomore Justin Sales look over a quarter-scale tractor built by students in the agricultural technology management program. Standing are advisers Pat Murphy, left, and Ed Brokesh.

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cultural engineering; Ed Brokesh, instructor of biological and agricultural engineering; J. Pat Murphy, professor of agriculture and natural resources; and Darrell Oard, research assistant in biological and agricultural engineering.

The advisers said the student team members won the competition because of the time and effort they put into the event.

"Students volunteer many hours of their time to secure funding and to design, build and test their final tractor design," Murphy said. "Only a few points

separate the top four teams in this competition."

Members of K-State's Quarter-Scale Tractor Team and their competition team, if applies, include:

Andrew Koch, sophomore in biological systems engineering, Auburn, X Team member; Dillon Thompson, junior in biological systems engineering, Burdett; Clay Reinecke, senior in biological and agricultural engineering, Centralia, A Team vice president; Doug Grollmes, junior in biological and agricultural engineering, Circleville, A Team president; Brad Ellenz, sopho-

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# Kansas Farmers Union to host renewable energy tour near Hillsboro

Kansas Farmers Union will host an Alternative Energy and Grass Finished Beef Tour at Herb and Pat Bartels farm at 1220 220th St in Hillsboro on July 7 at 1:30 p.m.

The tour will highlight Solar Energy, Wind Energy and Grass Fed Beef. The Bartels' have installed a 2.4 KW wind turbine and a 2.6 KW solar unit on their Marion County farm. They also have a solar battery charger for tractors and trucks.

"Renewable energy in

the form of wind and solar just has to be in the future of our civilization," said Donn Teske, president of Kansas Farmers Union. "It's non-polluting, and after the initial cost it's free besides maintenance. And with the choke hold the big boys have on the grid system here in Kansas any form of community-owned wind and solar is just about going to have to be at the farm level itself."

Most months, between the two systems, the Flint

Hills Rural Electric Association receives an average of 400 KW from their farm.

"I feel strongly that every farm should have 10 KW of wind or solar generation," Herb Bartel said. "We find great satisfaction in being net renewable energy producers."

Also featured on this tour will be the Bartels joint grass-fed beef program with Jason Schmidt. Schmidt is finishing the beef on a volunteer wheat and red clover forage mix,

using rotational grazing to maximize the nutrition for the calves. Schmidt has recently returned to his farm near Newton to continue grass-fed research with beef and sheep.

"There is great interest in the health benefits that grass-fed beef adds to a

diet, especially concerning Omega-3s, 'good' unsaturated fats, and higher CLA (Conjugated Linoleic Acid) content," said Mary Howell, membership specialist for Kansas Farmers Union. "All lean beef is very nutritious, provides great protein, iron, vitamins and min-

erals to improve and maintain good health in a balanced diet."

The tour will also feature speakers, refreshments and a pair of Farm Aid concert tickets will be given away.

For directions and more information visit [kansasfarmersunion.org](http://kansasfarmersunion.org).

## K-State Beef Conference planned for August 16 in Manhattan

The 2011 Kansas State University Beef Conference is planned for Tuesday, Aug. 16, with a full lineup of speakers who will address "Managing in a Transitioning Industry."

"The beef industry has encountered so many changes recently," said Larry Hollis, veterinarian with K-State Research and Extension. "Volatile beef and cattle prices, new research findings, and high fuel and other input costs mean producers are always looking for ways to keep up with the most recent information, so they can run their businesses as efficiently as possible. Our goal with the K-State Beef Conference is to address the most relevant topics every year." The program begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. and includes both refreshments and lunch. If unable to travel to Manhattan, beef producers and others inter-

ested in participating can attend via webcasts, hosted by Butler County Community College, Pratt County Fairgrounds and the Wakeeney Public Library. On K-State's Manhattan campus, this year's conference will be in a different location than in years past — 123 Weber Hall. Presentation topics and presenters at the conference will include:

- The New Reality: Volatility Factors and the Cattle Cycle — K-State agricultural economist Glynn Tonsor;

- Ranch Management in Volatile Times — Justin Waggoner, K-State animal scientist;

- Does High Input Always Mean High Output? — Bob Weaver, K-State animal scientist;

- Adapting to Change at the Ranch Level — Virgil Huseman, Ellsworth stockman;

- Anthelmintic Resistance in Beef Cattle — Joe Dedrickson for Merial;

- Implant strategies for forage-based programs — Chris Reinhardt, K-State animal scientist;

- Sell Cows, Build Herds, or Get Out? — Kevin Dhuyvetter, K-State agricultural economist; and

- Emerging Social Ethics for Animals and the Beef Industry — Bernie Rollin, Colorado State University.

Sponsors for the 2011 K-State Beef Conference are animal health company Merial, as well as K-State Research and Extension.

The fee to attend is \$60 per person or \$100 for two or more from the same operation. More information, including how to register for the webcasts or for in-person attendance, is available on the web at [www.asi.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabindex=339&tabid=223](http://www.asi.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabindex=339&tabid=223) or by phone (785)-532-1280.



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# Nitrogen-deficient soybeans can benefit from fertilizer application in some cases

Soybeans do not normally respond to applications of nitrogen fertilizer, as long as they are well nodulated with rhizobia bacteria, said Dave Mengel, K-State Research and Extension soil fertility specialist. But if soybeans are poorly nodulated, they can become nitrogen deficient. This is most likely to occur when soybeans are planted into ground that has no history of soybean production, or when it's been a long time since soybeans were last planted, he said.

When that happens, Mengel said producers would like to know if nitrogen-deficient soybeans will respond to applied nitrogen fertilizer. Recent Kansas State University research has shown that it can.

"Data from two recent studies in north central Kansas show that applying nitrogen fertilizer to poorly nodulated, nitrogen-deficient soybean enhances yield. Applying up to 120 pounds of nitrogen per acre has been effective in each of the past two years, increasing yields by 21 bushels per acre in 2009

and 9 bushels per acre in 2010," Mengel said. "At current fertilizer and commodity prices these responses would provide a good return on investment, even on the modest yields obtained in 2010," he added.

For complete details on this research, see 2010 Kansas Fertilizer Research, K-State Research and Extension publication, SRP 1049: www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/crps12/srp1049.pdf.

While nitrogen applied to nitrogen-deficient soybeans at the pod development or early pod fill stages of growth can increase yields, Mengel noted there are risks:

**\* Leaf burn.** It would be much safer to apply granular urea than liquid nitrogen solution, unless the liquid fertilizer is applied directly to the soil.

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

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

**\* Plant damage during the application process.** Making a fertilizer application with ground equipment could damage some of the plants when they are in the pod development stage. Whether the benefits would outweigh the amount of plant damage is a judgment call.

Irrigated soybeans with high yield potential may respond to nitrogen applications, even if they are not nitrogen deficient, Mengel added. "There was some K-State research several years ago on late-season applications of nitrogen to soybeans, conducted by Ray Lamond, former K-State soil fertility specialist, and colleagues. This research was on irri-

gated soybeans with high yield potential, and the plants were not showing nitrogen deficiency at the time of application," Mengel explained. The K-State agronomists applied 20 and 40 pounds of nitrogen per acre to the beans at the R3 stage, using UAN, ammonium nitrate, urea, and urea + the urease inhibitor NBPT, the active ingredient in Agrotain. The nitrogen increased yields at most locations. The yield increases ranged from about 6 to 10 bushels per acre — or about 5 to 10 percent. The high rate (40 pounds nitrogen per acre) of UAN caused severe leaf burn. The researchers concluded that late-season supplemental nitrogen at a rate of 20 pounds per acre should be applied to irrigation soybeans with high yield potential at the R3 growth stage, according to Mengel.

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This year's rodeo, which is sponsored by the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association and underwritten by the Farmers and Drovers Bank of Council Grove, is expected to draw fifteen cowboy teams from ranches throughout the Midwest. Events will include wild cow milking, stray gathering, team penning, calf branding and ranch bronc riding.

A western trade show will be open both Friday and Saturday nights, and booth space is still available for interested vendors. The rodeo arena is located 1½ miles east of Council Grove.

Friday night tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children twelve and under. Tickets for Saturday night are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under twelve. Tickets will also be available for a chance to win a ranch saddle custom-made by Matt Hunn of Hunn Leather in Augusta, for \$10 per ticket. The drawing for the winner will be held at the Fall Invitational Ranch Rodeo on Sunday, October 2 at 1 p.m.

For more information phone 785-466-0003 or visit their website at [www.mrcyouthrodeo.com](http://www.mrcyouthrodeo.com).

## REAL ESTATE AUCTION

MONDAY, JULY 18 — 7:00 PM

Auction will be held at the Senior Center 109 E. Main in GLASCO, KANSAS

**TRACT I:** NW ¼ 29-9-4 Ottawa Co. Kansas The farm is located on the southeast corner of Treaty & 70th road Southwest of Delphos, Kansas.

160 acres with 153.3 cropland acres that lays flat. Wheat base 75.5 w/35 direct yield, 47 CC yield; Sorghum base 19.6 w/57 direct yield, 74 CC yield; Sunflowers base 7.5 w/1208 direct yield, 1412 CC yield; Soybeans base 48.5 w/30 direct yield, 36 CC yield, for a total base of 151.1 acres. The farm has a metal building & steel bin. Possession will be after 2011 milo harvest. Purchaser will receive landlord's 2/5 crop share and pay the seller for their 2/5 expense on milo crop. Purchaser will pay all of 2011 taxes. 2010 taxes were \$1,476.48.

**TRACT II:** W ½ NE ¼ 21-8-5 Cloud Co. Kansas The farm is located at 250 Camp road, Southwest of Glasco, Kansas.

80 acres with 75.9 acres that lays flat. Wheat base 37.8 w/35 direct yield, 47 CC yield; Sorghum base 9.8 w/57 direct yield, 74 CC yield; Sunflowers base 3.8 w/1208 direct yield, 1412 CC yield; Soybean base 24.3 w/30 direct yield, 36 CC yield; for a total base of 75.7 acres.

Possession will be immediate. Purchaser will pay all of 2011 taxes. 2010 taxes were \$443.62.

**TRACT III:** W ½ SE ¼ & E ½ SW ¼ 20-7-4 Cloud Co. Kansas . The farm is located at 725 Hawk road, Northeast of Glasco, Kansas.

160 acres of grass with good fence, spring feed pond that is less than 10 years old. There is a well with windmill. Possession will be December 1, 2011. Purchaser will receive the 2011 cash rent on pasture of \$3,200.00. The rent will be paid to purchaser on December 15, 2011. There is a wind farm lease on the farm. The purchaser will receive the 2011 rent from the wind farm. The Purchaser will pay all of 2011 taxes. 2010 taxes were 282.74.

**TERMS:** 20% of purchase price as down payment day of auction. The balance will be due upon closing on or before August 25, 2011. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent.

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## ANTIQUUE AUCTION

SUNDAY, JULY 10 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo Center 900 Greeley SALINA, KANSAS

### COLLECTABLES

2 Elvis Presley 1954 Sun label records (Baby Lets Playhouse, I'm Left Your Right She's Gone & That's All Right, Blue Moon Over Kentucky); **Disney** items inc.: Sleeping Beauty & Princess celluloid picture used in picture production, Mickey Mouse 1950 skates new in box, Donald Duck pull toy, Mickey Mouse 1930's tumbourine, lunch pail, Pluto roll over, 60th anniversary items; **Roy Rogers** (bank, lantern); monkey hand puppet; 1919 Green River whiskey picture; 1940's gas station tire display; 1920's bug store display; Flying A gas clock; Florsheim shoe sign; crock rolling pin; Dr. Pepper ice chest; cast iron banks; collection tins inc.: Donald Duck coffee, Aladdin coffee, Popeye popcorn, rare cigar tin lunch pail, spice tins; wooden cocoa & chocolate box; large assortment primitives; kitchen items inc.: rare juicer; 8 hole cherry pitter; large fruit picture; 2 gal Red Wing churn; 5 gal Elephant ear Union bottom mark Minn Stone ware crock cracked; 3 & 5 gal Western jugs; yellow ware bowl; Black woman picture; Green River whiskey; Northwood carnival bowl; flow blue platter; cobalt blue pontit-

ed rolling pen; several pieces blue pottery; yellow ware; batter bowls; refrigerator bowls, pitcher, creamers; hat boxes; crock jugs; cake stand; brides basket; Kachina dolls; clown & animal figures; 1000 pieces military ribbons & appliances; early 1900 West Point Army football uniform buckle; Hicks 15" frontier knife; 1849 Ames knife & scabbard; 1908 Benjamin model C air rifle; WWII North Africa tankard; WWII army woman's compact; 1900's tin soldier collection; 1898 Spanish American canteen signed by McCain; August Buermann US Cavalry spurs; North & Judd spurs; police & highway patrol badges; 1932 Luftwaffe armband; WWII German bayonet, scabbard & frog; Marbles gun cleaning kit; Western Colorado hunting knife; collection military, gun & knife books; viewer; 100's viewer cards; pens & mechanical pencils; postcards; 1900's Needlecraft Magazines; Life & Look magazines; pictures; double fiberglass lamp shade; kitchen utensils; granite ware; blue swirl cast iron skillet; glass negatives; buttons; costume jewelry; sewing items; greeting card scrapbooks; assortment beads; Christmas decorations; bubble lights, birds; leopard TV

lamp; ash trays; puzzles; toy cars; purses; lamps; eagle; Rayo lamp; Lennox pocket mirror; cast iron policeman; games; toys; bottles; movie posters; signs; glass fire grenade; English tin collection; black items; UP pewter tea pot; Sparton bakelite radio; marbles; Elgin 14 k pocket watch; tokens; 30 gal cast iron kettle; copper & cast iron boilers; porcelain Concordia Creamery sign; 12 ice cream molds; Westinghouse fan; porcelain drinking fountain; 30 lb. test weight; primitive wood boxes; Craftsman 3650 miter box; triple beam platform scale; RI railroad bar; assortment older tools; car tags; assortment of other collectables.

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Oak top loader ice box; 6 drawer spool cabinet; 4 & 2 drawer spool cabinets; square oak table w/center pedestal; drop front desk; 1 door tin front cupboard; lift top ice box; Mission library table; Mission sewing machine; Edison oak floor phonograph; oak commode; oak writing desk; rocking chair's; wicker rocker; plant stand; carpenter chest; copper frame beveled mirror; youth bed; school desk; Coleman porcelain heater; primitive bin.

**Note:** This is a very nice large auction with many quality items. Check our web site for pictures at [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com).

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## Book recalls black settlers on the Kaw Indian Reservation

More than 130 years ago 275 black families arrived at Dunlap on the MKT (Katy) railroad. At the time Dunlap was a little village only three years old located in southeast Morris County near the old Indian Trading Post. The Kaw Indians had been moved to Oklahoma and these black families were coming to secure land on the former Kaw Indian Reservation around Dunlap and Council Grove. Benjamin "Pappy" Singleton was responsible for bringing hundreds to Dunlap and thousands to other locations in Kansas to secure

land. Many came by riverboat to Wyandotte, then to "Tennessee Town" in Topeka and on to the Kaw Indian Reservation and other areas of Kansas. These ex-slaves would eventually own more than 10,000 acres of "Indian Land" and more than 130 years later, several black families still hold ownership in family land on the former Kaw Indian Reservation.

A fascinating book, containing 130 pages with more than 20 maps, photos and illustrations, has been authored by Jim Sharp, now of Manhattan, and a native

of the Kaw Reservation area. *Black Settlers on the Kaw Indian Reservation* describes the story of their joy, toil, suffering, sacrifices and successes that merit the remembrance of those who settled, lived, toiled, and are buried here on former Kaw Reservation Land. When *Kansas Country Living* magazine reviewed this book they called it, "Hidden in History", because few knew of this amazing story. Available for \$19.95 postpaid, Jim Sharp/Books, 508 Wickham Rd. Manhattan, Ks. 66502 or Amazon.Com



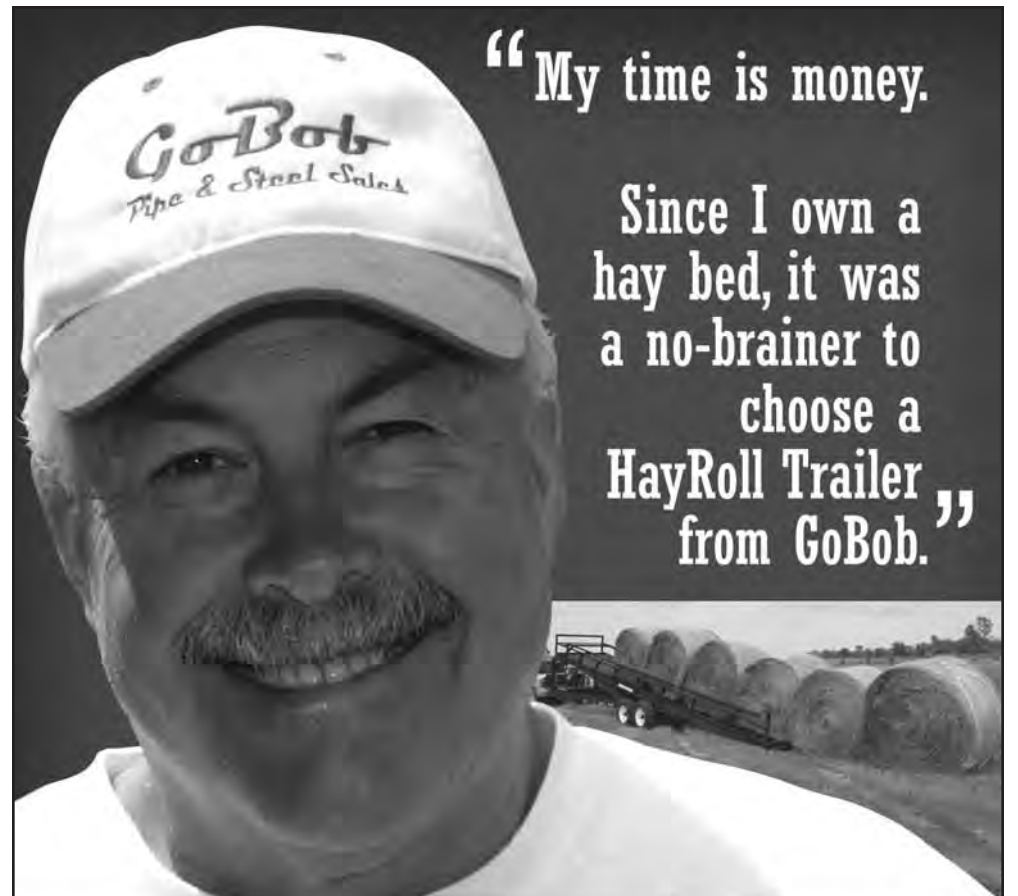
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# GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled

Now-July 7 (bidding closes) — Online machinery consignment auction ([www.cornleairon.com](http://www.cornleairon.com)). Auctioneers: Cornlea Iron Auctions.

Now-July 29 — Sealed bid land auction at Havensville for Florence Bottom Estate.

June 28 — Forklift, pallet jacks, shelving, pallet racking, more at Wamego for Prizm, Inc. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 30 — Marshall County real estate at Frankfort for Dan & Marilyn Horigan Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.

July 1 — Marshall County grassland at Oketo for Darlene R. (Klover) Mills. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate & Auction.

July 1 — Real estate at Holton for Stan & Charlotte Brock. Auctioneers: Branam's Real Estate & Auction, Dan Harris.

July 2 — Toys, banks, china, pottery, glassware, primitives, baler, snow blower, farm equipment, antique furniture at Newton for Living Estate of Lee Parker & Tom Snaza. Auctioneers: Rick Kaufman.

July 2 — Old & collectible, furniture, household, shop & misc. at Newton for Marcheta Holdeman Estate. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.

July 2 — Carport, vehicles, tractor, trailers, cycles, toys, antiques & collectibles, guns, furniture, appliances, shop & tools, mowers, sporting, yard & garden, misc. at Ellinwood for Marilyn Hanna & the late Wayne Hanna. Auctioneers: Schremmer Auctions.

July 2 — Guns & coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-n-Sure Auctions.

July 6 — Russell County real estate at Luray for Ken & Connie McMillen. Auctioneers: Farmland

Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

July 9 — Personal property at Summerfield for Mrs. (Mick) Rosie Cameron. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

July 9 — Woodshop equip. & tools, lawn garden equipment & misc. at Lawrence for Del & the late Dale Backs. Auctioneers: Elston Auction Co., Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp.

July 9 — Household, tools, pickup at Wakefield for Frank W. Palmateer Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

July 9 — Autos, tools, office furniture & supplies, lawn equipment & mowers & more at Westmoreland for Pottawatomie County Public Works. Auctioneers: John Cline.

July 10 — Coins, appliances, furniture, antiques & collectibles, tools at Perry for Mrs. Dorothy (Floyd) McCain. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions, Elston Auctions.

July 10 — Collectibles, Disney, Roy Rogers, furniture at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 11 — Kitchen, office, beds & other equipment at Tipton for Tipton Academy. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 12 — Land in 3 counties: Thomas, Sherman & Kearny Counties at Garden City. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company, Inc.

July 14 — Farm & household, tractor, guns, tools, appliances at Waverly. Auctioneers: Swift N Sure Auctions.

July 15 — Real estate and cropland at Concordia for Don and Pat Peterson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

July 16 & 17 — 16th: Tractor, machinery, lawn,

garden, tools, household goods, collectibles, misc.; 17th: Ranger, gun safe, supplies, outdoor supplies, guns, coins at Jansen, Neb. for Art "Artie" Friesen Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

July 16 — Collectibles, furniture at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 16 — Tractors, implements, forklift, trailer, parts, toys, memorabilia, used rear tractor tires, shop & hand tools at Vermillion for Otto & Marjorie Hallier. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions.

July 16 — Vintage car, guns, hunting supplies, WWII items, railroad items, coins & misc. at Clay Center for Bruce Bigler. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.

July 16 — Surplus auction at Salina for South Industrial Sheet Metal Co. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

July 16 — Estate auction at Summerfield for Regina Smith Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

July 16 — Farm equipment, John Deere 4-wheel drive tractor, JD combine, trucks, pickup, tillage equip. N. of Cul-

ver for Dean & Emma White. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.

July 17 — Advertising, Coke, fishing, collectibles at Salina for Jackie Larson. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 18 — Washington County land at Linn for the Hirschberg Joint Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

July 18 — Ottawa & Cloud County real estate at Glasco for Harlan R. Berndt & Mildred F. Berndt Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 23 — Tools, outdoor equipment & collectibles at Washington for Simon & Evelyn Fulton. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

July 28 (ending) — Equipment Online only ([www.gehlingonline.com](http://www.gehlingonline.com)). Auctioneers: Gehling Auction.

July 30 — Farm machinery & shop at Sabetha for Leo & David Bindel Estates. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

July 30 — Farm toys, Heston belt buckles, glassware, household at Clay Center for Harold & Charlene Habluetzel Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

August 3 — Farm & indus-

trial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.

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 7 — Cloud County pasture & cropland at Concordia for Dorothy Neander Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

September 12 — Farm

sale NW of Concordia for Tom Trost Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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.

November 6 — Shades of Red & White Show Calf Sale at Clay Center. Lori Hambright, sale manager.

December 31 — Harley Gerdes 27th annual New Year's Consignment auction at Lyndon.

**Grass & Grain will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING FOR THE JULY 5 ISSUE WILL BE NOON FRIDAY, JULY 1**

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## POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY SURPLUS AUCTION

**SATURDAY, JULY 9 — 9:30 AM**  
 AUCTION HELD AT POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY YARD  
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**VEHICLES:** 1991 Ford Pickup, 1995 Ford Pickup, 2 1998 GMC Pickups, 1994 Chevy Pickup, 1998 Gravel Truck, 1986 Gravel Truck, 1973 Water Truck, 2003 Ford Bus, 1984 Chevy Pickup, Pipe Trailer, Army Oil Filter Trailers, 2001 Minibus, Fire Trucks, 77 Ford F-756 Pierce Built Fire Truck 4620 original miles, 1971 Honda Dirt Bike.

**SHOP & YARD ITEMS:** Many Bicycles, Bluebird Lawn Comber F-20B, Yamaha Endura 175, Drill Press, Battery Charger, 1983 Tractor with Boom Mower, 1986 Tractor with Tiger Mower, Chainsaws, Oil

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**OFFICE EQUIPMENT, ETC.:** Misc Computer and printing items, chairs, Fiber optic Microscope, File Cabinet, Cameras, Typing Table, Cellular Bag Phone, Mobile Phone, Wireless Ethernet Bridge, Ethernet Hub, Hand Held Radio, Typewriter, Hanging File-Mini Rack, Tables, Metal Book Case, Planhold Plat Rack, Vacuum, Computer Stand, Desks, Color Television, 29"x 18" Wooden Table.



Items can be inspected Friday, July 8, 2011, from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Information about sale items can be obtained by calling (785) 457-3631.

**TERMS:** Cash or check with proper ID. Bid by number. All items are sold as is. Successful bidders are responsible for removing items from premises before July 22, 2011, @ 4 pm. Vehicle titles will be mailed to successful bidders. No exceptions. Statements made day of auction take precedence over all written material. Seller and Auction Company are not responsible for accidents or theft. Lunch will be served.

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**Note:** The Academy at Delphos has closed, these are the items from the Delphos school. The items are mostly in good condition. The items will be available for viewing on the day of auction after 10:00 a.m. Check our web site for pictures at [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com).

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**LAND AUCTION**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 30 — 9:30 AM**  
**AUCTION LOCATION: American Legion -708 N. Locust FRANKFORT, KANSAS**  
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**LOCATION OF PROPERTY:** Three miles north of Frankfort on Hwy 99, then west on Quail road.  
 Note: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co. is acting as an agent for the Sellers and not as an agent for the buyer.  
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## The Mad Cow Escape

It's 6½ hours from Sieraville to Modesto and the packing house. Karl had put together a load of cull cows. Whilst unloading, a bony gummer mama cow who looked like a ragged shag carpet hangin' over a sawhorse balked, backed up, and fell between the chute and the truck!

Karl leaped after the critter shouting profanities. Ever Ready, as we'll call the cow, turned, charged and put him under the trailer. Evaluating his predicament, Karl dialed the nearby sale barn requesting assistance and to bring a rifle. Ever Ready wheeled and

took off! She raced past the beef packing house, the tallow works, the hog plant and the hide plant, scattering a pack of smokers on a break! She hit the Stanislaus River and swam it like a porpoise, climbing out on the other side onto the golf course.

By the time the sale barn pickup found Karl, crossed the bridge, and swerved out onto the golf course, E.R. was chasing and menacing a foursome of retired bankers who had already downed half a fifth!

Karl was leaning out the sale barn pickup window wielding a rifle when

a deputy sheriff with lights and a siren blaring forbade him to shoot the cow. "Against the law in the city limits," he explained, "Animal Control is on the way with a tranquilizer gun."

In the meantime twelve police cars had converged on the back nine. Animal Control arrived with the tranquilizer gun just as the Police Sergeant drove up. He said it's too dangerous to fire at the cow, what with there being an apartment complex just across the street. They must wait for the SWAT team who had a designated shooter.

In a stroke of professional genius the expected shooter made a quick analysis and, taking a page from the Modesto Rodeo, commandeered four patrol cars to chase the cow across a big par 5 as hazers, while he raced behind

like a bulldogger to get close enough to bring her down. It was at that moment that Channel 3 arrived and joined the chase!

At ten o'clock that evening in an all-night café Karl was ordering a turkey and cheese sandwich to go with his antacids and stool softener. The television behind the counter was playing and the story of the great cow escape came on. Karl and the waitress watched the wild-looking cow running at full speed across a broad expanse of fairway being chased by, what appeared to be, the start of the Indy 500!

"Can you believe someone is dumb enough to let their cows out on the golf course!" the waitress asked indignantly.

Karl popped a Tums and said, "Yup, it's unbelievable."

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