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Feast of the Fields a delightful experience for guests

By Lou Ann Thomas

The tables stand ready, all elegantly covered in white linen tablecloths and tastefully set with fine dinnerware and good silver. Ice water glistens in the glasses waiting for the dinner guests to take their seats... in the corn field.

This is no ordinary dinner. But that was evident as soon as the guests began gathering for the 2011 Feast of the Fields. The evening began with wines from the Oz Winery in Wamego and Kansas-grown pheasant and lamb appetizers, and guests leisurely chatted under shade trees lining a dirt path to the fields. Yes, classical cello music created a beautiful background accompaniment to the socializing and noshing, but David Littrell, professor of cello at Kansas State University, was playing in the hay shed.

Littrell shared that space with a 2010 John Deere 9670 Combine and a 2010 John Deere 7230 tractor with a 740 loader. Many guests had never been this close to the equipment that helps tend these fields and were surprised at the high level of technology that is such an important part of today's agriculture.

"People are often surprised to learn how high-tech our equipment is and how efficiently we can produce on today's farms," Mary Mertz, organizer of the Feast of the Fields, said.

Bringing them up close and personal, not only with the tools of the trade for Kansas farmers, but also to the source of their food, was one of the goals Mary had when she began envisioning such a gathering.

"We can all become too rushed to appreciate the goodness of farm products available to us. Feast of the Fields was intended to take people out of their routine



Guests prepare for their feast, but first some appreciative applause for the hosts.

and allow their senses to relax and experience the food and farm together," Mary said.

Although the Mertzzes had gathered friends at their family grain and livestock operation along Zeandale Road, nine miles east of Manhattan, for an inaugural Feast of the Fields in 2010, this was the first one where the public was invited to reserve a seat at the table to partake of a gourmet meal featuring Kansas-sourced foods and wines. The meal was prepared by Scott Benjamin, chef and owner of Four Olives restaurant in Manhattan, and featured lamb kabobs from the Mertz farm, as well as Duroc pork belly from the Good Farm in Olsburg.

The 57 guests in attendance enjoyed an opportunity to be on a working farm and to taste the foods created from the rich agricultural history in this area. Joe and Bob Mertz, the fourth generation of their family to farm River Creek Farms, provided brief comments about the history of the farm and how a family farm operates. They, along with their father, Harold, were also available to answer the many questions guests had about the machinery and farming techniques.

"Farmers have a story to tell and they don't often have the opportunity to share that story. Unless you live on a farm it can be difficult to experience where and how our food is produced and to realize the contribution our family farmers make to our daily lives," Mary said.

Each course of the feast

was accompanied by a wine from Smoky Hills Winery in Salina perfectly paired to the food. This helped make the dinner, already a special event, even more special for guests like Kimberly Yates of Manhattan.

"The special touch of wine pairings with each course elevated each one to a mini-event and a whole evening of mini-events could not be more special or more fun," Kimberly said.

Kimberly and her husband, Walt, grew up in a rural community of South Carolina and Kimberly remembers as a child going to Marcus Cook Farms in her home state to get peaches.

"But I have never been on a farm like the Mertzzes'. This Kansas farm gave me hope. It seems so many farms are being taken over by the corporate machine, so meeting people who are actually involved in the daily workings of a family farm was very special," she said.

This connection among farmer, food and consumer is another goal that Mary had when she conceived of hosting Feast of the Fields in the middle of a corn field.

"We can talk to people about farming, but when they actually have the opportunity to step into a field of growing grain, it can take on a whole new sense of reality and significance for them," said Mary.

For Jackie MacDonald of Manhattan, the feast was an opportunity to do just that. This was the first time Jackie, who grew up in New Zealand, had been on a working farm.

"Learning more about



David Littrell, professor of cello at Kansas State University, provided background music during social time at the Feast of the Fields.

Photos by Lou Ann Thomas

farming and their equipment was very interesting. It really helped me understand the business of agriculture better. It was such a unique experience to be sitting outside in the middle of a corn field and be enjoying this amazing meal," Jackie said.

Jackie admits that before attending Feast of the Fields she hadn't ever given much thought about where her food originated.

"Now I think about it. As I was preparing dinner the other night I kept thinking about where the pieces of my salad had come from, who had grown them and what their life was like," Jackie said.

But the feast and the farming are only two pieces of the evening. The other piece was the fellowship

shared as the dinner guests walked the dirt path to the long tables so beautifully set among a growing corn field. Joe Mertz sat next to Kimberly and welcomed questions from her, and others seated in the area, about his family's life on the farm.

"He was so open and friendly, just like all the other guests. It felt as though we all just fell in so comfortably together and had a great time sharing this amazing experience," Kimberly said.

For Ginny Arthur, of Manhattan, the evening was reminiscent of being in Tuscan and enjoying a lovely meal outdoors in the vineyards.

"It was just wonderful to be out there in that cornfield with the beautiful tables so

nically set and enjoying such great food," Ginny said.

Sharing the farm and its picturesque setting in the midst of the fertile Kansas River Valley is pure pleasure for the Mertzzes.

"This land is our life. We feel fortunate and blessed to be here and to be able to share it with others," she said.

The first official Feast of the Fields was such a success that the Mertzzes are planning to do it again. The Feast of the Fields - Barn Edition will be Sunday, October 16 and will be held in the historic limestone barn at River Creek Farms.

For more information, or to register for the next Feast in the Fields check out the website at: <http://feastofthefields.yolasite.com/>.



Safe food

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

The conversations are endless. Consumers want and some demand to know the origin, safety and nutrition contained in the food

they eat or feed to their families.

Little more than a decade ago, seemed like most people could give a hoot about their food. Heck, 20 years ago the only time

the media paid any attention to food was to tell consumers when prices went up.

It's obvious farmers, ranchers and other people who want to sell food want to tell the public about their product. But are they being heard? Does their message resonate with today's savvy consumer?

Or is it being sidelined by well-funded, well-managed and strategically placed ads and social media?

During the last several years, agendas championed by some environmental groups have been less than kind to agriculture. Some have flooded the public with figures on soil losses, pesticide-related mishaps and alleged failed attempts at using pesticides to reduce infestation.

Technology has often been labeled the number one environmental enemy. But here's the flip side of that coin and one agriculture must tell over and over again.

For food producers, farmers and ranchers technology is viewed as the application of knowledge. As humans, we survive by adapting the environment to our needs.

Someone much wiser than me once said, minus technology, we would be just like other primates –

confined to tropical regions and subject to extinction due to environmental changes. To survive, we must disturb the environment, conserve resources and continually create them.

Resources are made not born. Land, ores, petroleum, etc. – the raw materials of this planet – are not inherently resources. They do not inherently further human purposes.

We as humans must determine what is useful and how to use it. Topsoil becomes a resource when a farmer tills the soil and plants wheat seed for example. Ores become resources when metals are extracted from them.

During the past two centuries, technology has been creating resources more rapidly than humans have been consuming them. By every measure of price and availability, resources have become more abundant.

Without science and technology, today's farmers and ranchers would be unable to feed the masses outside the agricultural industry. Farmers use technology responsibly. They constantly use new farming methods and practices. Their minds are like the fertile soil they farm – always ready to embrace new ideas.

But new ideas and new farm technology is costly. It is in the best interest of farmers to use it carefully and sparingly. Misuse would add to production costs, which would result in an even lower return on investment.

Food produced in the United States is safe. More than 40 years of Food and Drug Administration testing has shown the majority of our fruits and vegetables have no detectable pesticide residues. This underscores that American farmers use pesticides properly.

Every year billions of dollars are spent to support food and agricultural safety and quality inspection, according to the General Accounting Office. The pri-

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Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

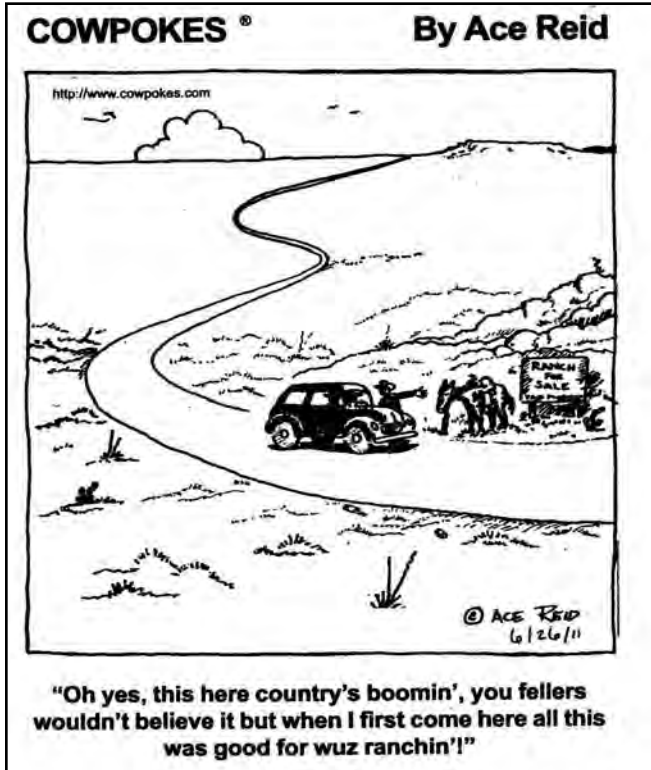
My husband and I celebrated our 30th anniversary on July 11. We traveled to Breckenridge, Colorado for his family reunion that weekend and while there, experienced a defining moment in our relationship. We aren't exactly sure what future implications it will have, but at the time it was quite unnerving. We had gone down to the parking garage of the condo to get something out of our car. When we came back up and stepped out of the elevator, he turned the wrong direction to get back to our suite.

"Hey, I said. "That's the wrong way." He gave me the look that is typical in our family when I offer directional advice. I am notorious for being navigationally challenged, so whenever I think I know which direction we should take, if we go the exact opposite we're usually fine. "No, really," I said, pointing to the sign with the room numbers on it. "Our room is this way." I was right, which caused us both to stop dead in our tracks.

What was happening? Was Breckenridge some sort of marital Twilight Zone that caused us to reverse the roles we have come to depend on all these years? If so, what next? Would I suddenly become good at math and he develop spelling skills? Would I miraculously become coordinated and he begin tripping over patterns in the carpet? Would I give up caffeine and he start leaving half-full cups of coffee all over the house?

Fortunately it proved to be an isolated incident. I got lost coming back from the restaurant, tripped over a suitcase coming in the door and left my half-drunk cup of coffee in the bedroom.

So all is well in our world. He still can't spell and I remain mathematically illiterate. He usually knows where we're going, and I'm happy to let him lead the way. Life is good in the Sullivan household, and we're looking forward to the next 30 years.



The four-wheelers are, to a large part, taking the place of the horse and, to a lesser extent, the pickup. I no longer catch and saddle up my horse, Little Joe, and actually I put in a lot more hours sitting on the four-wheeler than I do in the pickup truck. I find this small vehicle that I can quickly hop on without doors to open or close to be efficient when burning pastures, spraying thistles, and trying to locate and gather cattle. They don't harm the grass as much as pickups do.

Every four-wheeler I have examined has a hand brake on the left handlebar. These brakes are effective and are quick to slow down or stop the machine. Also, one can very easily lock the brake so that it stays on like an emergency brake. I have also noticed that some four-wheelers, when left to idle, will creep up and increase in speed if the terrain is on a downhill slope if the hand brake is not locked.

Now, with all my awareness about the four-wheeler's tendency to move when idling and the effectiveness of its brakes, I have an incident to relate. A couple of weeks ago I was spraying and plucking thistles before they blew. I needed to cross the dam on the fenced-in pond, so I stopped and opened the gate to the dam, drove through the gate and parked the four-wheeler to get off and shut it. Please note: I did not lock the hand brake because I knew it would take me just a jiffy to shut the gate. After shutting it, I turned around to get back on the four-wheeler, but it was gone; it had disappeared. I just knew it had been raptured (or taken up). However, after snooping around a bit, I located it down on the back side of

the steep dam. It had gotten tangled up in a bush, which had stopped it, but it was still idling. I thought how lucky I was that it had turned left instead of right, or its descent would have been into the pond, which is pretty full now.

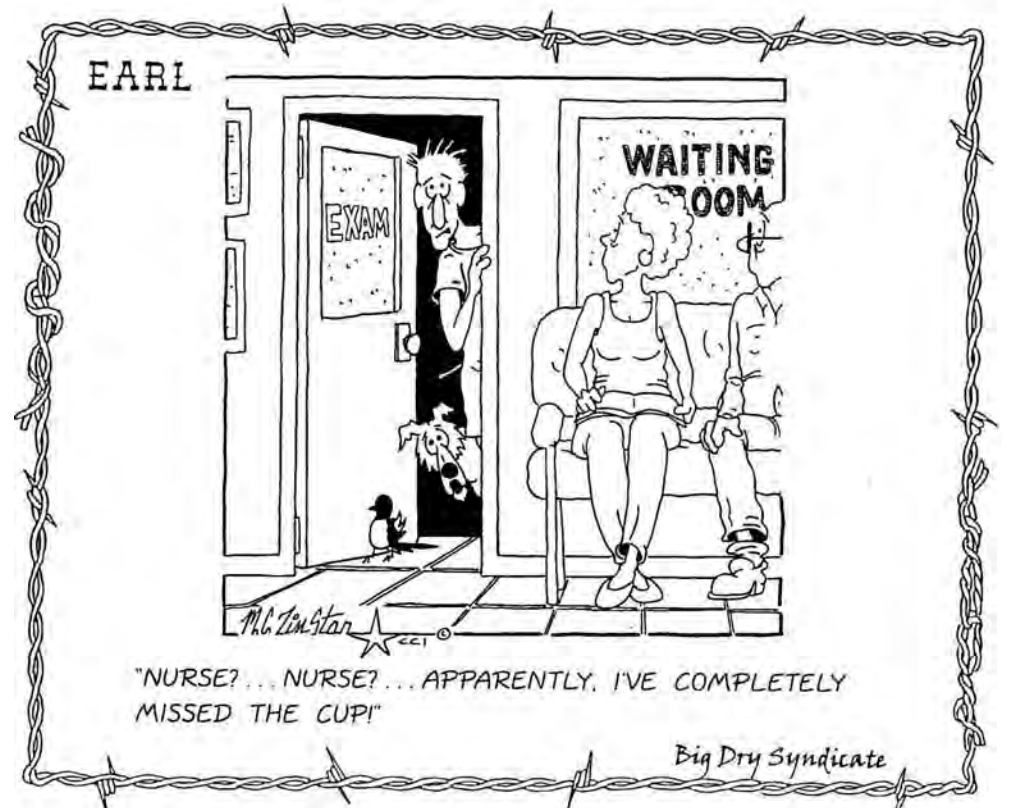
To make matters worse, I drove the contraption on over the bush, to discover the spray gun and hose were under the rear wheel, broken and bent. That ended my spraying on that cool morning. I was able to buy a replacement gun for my sprayer in town for \$20.

Actually that was a rather inexpensive lesson or reminder that I must always lock the brake in these situations. No more of this jiffy stuff. Besides, it is quick and easy to lock the brake in ON position. All one has to do to lock it is to squeeze the lever that sets the brake and then lock it by pressing down on a metal gizmo.

To be perfectly honest, I have had these runaways many times, usually with minor consequences, but one time it was rather costly. Why am I such a slow learner? Perhaps it is a matter of developing the habit of locking the brake and I haven't followed this practice enough to make it a habit. Or maybe I became so intent on what I am doing that my mind is not concentrating on safety measures.

I wonder if anyone else has this problem. If asked, my wife would probably say that I am inclined to take shortcuts in my old age. While I may analyze my behavior or make excuses, that does not bring a solution. I am determined to develop the habit of locking the brake before my four-wheeler lands in the pond. It is such a dumb, careless thing to let happen.

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Kansas Farmers Union to host tours at four Republic County niche farm operations

Kansas Farmers Union will host a tour, open to the public, July 25 of four Republic County farms and value-added businesses, operated by Warren Sutton, Dan Kuhn, Chris Janssen and Dale Strickler.

Everyone is invited to come and learn how three of the producers pick, harvest, clean, sort, warehouse and market green beans, pumpkins, zucchini, watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, salad greens and okra. It will look at their various growing methods, including a high tunnel/hoop house structure.

The tour will also look at Strickler's farm, which has a wide variety of grasses, legumes and annual forages that create a very nutritious mix for his cow/calf enterprise. Strickler is a forage specialist and is passionate about plants and grazing.

It will start at Warren Sutton's field, five miles south of Scandia on 90th on the west side of the road, with registration then the tour will start at 9:30 a.m. At 11 a.m. the tour will move to Chris

Janssen's farm in Scandia.

Lunch will be served at noon at Tags, 319 N. Cloud St in Scandia, and will be the only cost for the day.

The tour will continue at 1:30 p.m. at Dan Kuhn's farm/Depot Market at Courtland Corner on 36 Highway. The last stop will be at Dale Strickler's farm, two miles south of Courtland at 2:30 p.m.

"We always seem to focus on conventional agriculture; while that is the backbone of Kansas ag, there are certainly options here for value-added

niche growing and marketing operations," Donn Teske, Kansas Farmers Union President, said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to visit and learn from four of these in a single day pretty darn close to each other. As far as I know Warren has the only green bean picking machine in the state of Kansas; I am eager to see how that thing works myself!"

Cary Rivard, the new Kansas Horticulture Specialist will speak during lunch. David Coltrain,

River Valley Extension district horticulture agent for Clay, Cloud, Washington and Republic, will also be at the tours to answer any questions.

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ivate sector, combined with state and local governments spend an estimated \$7 billion on similar activities.

Farmers and ranchers support efforts to evaluate and enhance the current regulatory and food monitoring system. Agricultural producers are willing to work with others to maintain safe food, but this industry must avoid policy changes that are based on fear, emotion and public manipulation.

Decisions affecting the course of agricultural pro-

duction are critically important and will have far reaching implications on our quality of life. We must be careful when determining long-term policies.

Farmers and ranchers must continue to maximize their production capacity with an ever-watchful eye on food safety, quality and the environment.

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

Kansas Farmers Union invites you to Republic County Farm Tours

July 25 at 9:30 a.m.

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The tour will start at Warren Sutton's field, five miles south of Scandia on 90th on the west side of the road, with the tour starting at 9:30 a.m. Lunch at Tags in Scandia will be the only cost.



Learn how these producers pick, harvest, clean, sort, warehouse and market green beans, pumpkins, zucchini, watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, salad greens and okra. And how one producer creates a nutritious grazing mix for his cow/calf enterprise.

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- 32 ounces corn, frozen
- 8 green onions, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 orange bell pepper, chopped
- 16 ounces sour cream (or 8 ounces sour cream & 8 ounces mayonnaise for a creamier texture)
- 1 envelope Hidden Valley Ranch brand of Fiesta Ranch Dip (a packet of dry ranch dressing can be substituted if the Fiesta Ranch Dip is unavailable)
- 16 ounces Chili Cheese Fritos

Chop the green onions and bell peppers and refrigerate covered in a large bowl. Mix the sour cream and dry dip mix. Add the frozen corn to the onions and bell peppers. Toss mixture with the sour cream and dip blend. Just before serving chilled, stir in the Fritos. Reserve a handful to use as a garnish if you like.

NOTE: It is best to eat this the day it is made because the chips get soggy after a while. If you don't think it will be eaten the same day it is prepared, probably best to make one batch instead of the double batch.

TIP: Can sprinkle the salad with chili powder and mix in to add more zip.

Mary Hedberg, Clifton: "I was a Girl Scout leader for years. When we camped out we made these pouches and put them into the coals of the camp fire. Now I put them into the oven."

HOBO POUCHES

- 1 hamburger patty
- 1 peeled & sliced carrot
- 1 peeled & sliced potato
- 1 slice onion (optional)
- 1 cabbage leaf
- Salt & pepper

Put all vegetables on top of the hamburger patty. Wrap in foil and bake in a 350-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
BLUEBERRY BUTTER

- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 3 tablespoons chopped blueberries
- 1 tablespoon confectioner's sugar

With mixer beat all above on low speed until mixed. Shape mixture into a log and wrap in parchment and chill until firm. Slice the chilled butter into servings and enjoy with bread or muffins.

Debbie Snyder, Clifton:
MEATLOAF PIE
2 pounds ground beef

- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 teaspoon mustard
- 1/2 cup quick-cooking oats, uncooked
- 1 cup Italian bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 4 slices American cheese

Blend together all ingredients except cheese and place in an ungreased 9-inch deep-dish pie pan. Smooth over cracks and seams. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Cut each slice of cheese, corner to corner, to form 8 triangles. Arrange on top of pie. Return to oven for 3 to 4 minutes until cheese melts.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
"Crunchy and colorful dish."
CRUNCHY CORN MEDLEY

- 2 cups frozen peas, thawed
- 15 1/4-ounce can whole kernel corn, drained
- 15 1/4-ounce can white or shoepeg corn, drained
- 8-ounce can water chestnuts, drained & chopped
- 4-ounce jar dried pimientos, drained
- 8 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a large bowl combine the first 8 ingredients. In a small bowl combine vinegar, sugar, oil, salt and pepper; whisk until sugar is dissolved. Pour over corn mixture and mix well. Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours. Stir just before serving. Serve with a slotted spoon. Yield 10 servings.

Mary Longren, Holton:
HOMEMADE VANILLA ICE CREAM
14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
16 ounces original Egg Beaters

- 2 cups sugar
 - 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- Combine in blender and blend until the mixture is smooth. Pour into a large bowl and add the following to the mixture:
- 1 pint whipping cream
 - 1 quart half & half

Mix well and pour the mixture into a 1 1/2 gallon ice cream freezer. Add whole milk to just cover the top of the beater.

At this point, I turn it over to my husband, Paul, and he adds ice and salt and churns until it is ready. Grandchildren are a good help at this point, as well.

You can use an electric freezer if you choose.

We enjoy making this treat on Sunday afternoons. It can

be transferred to small containers and stored in the home freezer to be enjoyed all week.

Beth Scriptor, Abilene:
"Here is a cool refreshing drink."

- COOL ORANGE
12-ounce can orange juice, thawed
1/2 can water
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 banana
- Ice cubes to fill blender
BLEND well. Sometimes I freeze the drink in cups or usually it is a nice cool drink on a summer evening.

- Linda Kepka, Dorrance:
MEATLOAF
1 pound hamburger
1/2 cup oatmeal
1 egg
1 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
6 ounces tomato juice
- Mix together and form into loaf. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes at 350 degrees.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
PERSONAL PEACH PIES
21-oz. can peach pie filling
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
Pie crust dough

Mix peach pie filling and cinnamon. Divide mixture evenly among oven-proof cups or ramekins. Wipe edges of cups clean so the dough will stick to the cups. Cut dough into strips to fit across the top. Gently press 2 strips across each cup. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 400 degrees for 13 minutes or until fruit is bubbly and crust is lightly browned. Can use other fruit flavors.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
CORN DISH

- 1 teaspoon butter
- 4 cups fresh corn kernels from about 8 ears
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Heat butter in large skillet. Add corn cook 6 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in sour cream, cook and stir 3 minutes or until heated through. Remove from heat and stir in cheese.



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A Better-For-You BBQ

(NAPSA) — Fresh, seasonal vegetables don't just taste great; they're ripe for grilling.

Registered Dietitian Pamela Nisevich Bede says that it's easy to prepare a BBQ your entire family will love, especially when it includes great-tasting chicken and seasonal vegetables that are full of flavor — not additional calories.

"Grilling vegetables is not only a smarter way to prepare them, it's a simple way to add flavor and variety to your BBQ." Bede adds, "Preparing delicious veggies is effortless, especially when you use I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! Spray." With 0g fat, 0 calories and no partially hydrogenated oils, the spray adds delicious taste without additional calories per serving.*

You may care to try these seasonal favorites in an easy-to-prepare Rosemary-Orange Grilled Chicken and Veggies recipe.

- **Bell Peppers:** Choose firm, brightly colored varieties with tight skin that are heavy for their size. Avoid dull, shriveled or pitted peppers.

- **Summer Squash** (yellow or zucchini): Look for squash with a slightly prickly but shiny skin. The skin should be firm and free of cuts and bruises.

- **Eggplant:** Choose eggplants that are heavy for their size, without cracks or discolorations.

Rosemary-Orange Grilled Chicken & Veggies

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed
1 small eggplant, cut into 1-inch cubes

2 medium red, green and/or yellow bell peppers, cut into 1 1/2-inch squares
1 medium yellow squash, cubed

30 sprays I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! Spray Original, divided

1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary

1 teaspoon grated orange peel
2 tablespoons orange juice

Spray chicken and vegetables with 15 sprays of I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! Spray Original, then toss with rosemary and orange peel. Alternately thread chicken and vegetables on skewers. Grill or broil chicken and vegetables, turning once, 8 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked and vegetables are just tender.

Arrange chicken and vegetables on serving platter. Spray with remaining 15 Sprays, then drizzle with orange juice. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition Information per serving: Calories 170, Calories From Fat 15, Saturated Fat 0g, Trans Fat 0g, Total Fat 2g, Cholesterol 65mg, Sodium 100mg, Total Carbohydrate 9g, Sugars 5g, Dietary Fiber 3g, Protein 28g, Vitamin A 40%, Vitamin C 150%, Calcium 2%, Iron 8%

*If using wooden skewers, soak in water at least 30 minutes prior to use.

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Safety Tips To Help You Avoid Barbecue Blunders

(NAPSA) — Warmer weather is often the signal for backyard chefs to heat up the grill for a barbecue. Unfortunately, that's when the risk of food poisoning often heats up as well.

The good news is that grill masters can help keep their family and friends safe by following a few tips from the Home Food Safety program. The program is a collaborative effort of the American Dietetic Association and ConAgra Foods.

"Whether it's a picnic, barbecue or potluck, it's important to apply the same home food safety techniques to help keep you and your guests safe from food-borne illness," said registered dietitian and ADA Spokesperson Jim White.

- Before firing up the coals, scrub the grill, utensils and coolers with hot, soapy water. Set aside plates and utensils to handle raw foods and another set for cooked foods since cross-contamination tops the list of food safety concerns during the grilling season. Always wash utensils in warm, soapy water between uses.

- Plan ahead so you are able to wash your hands before, during and after handling foods outside. According to White, it's important to wash your hands in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds and keep a bottle of hand sanitizer or

pack of moist towelettes nearby when soap and water are not readily available.

- When preparing favorites, such as steak and chicken, remember to use different brushes to baste raw and cooked meats, and boil any leftover marinade before using it to season cooked meats. "A food thermometer is the only way to ensure food has been cooked to the proper temperature," White said. "It is not safe to rely on color or firmness or wait for the juices to run clear."

- Stock coolers with plenty of ice and a refrigerator thermometer to ensure foods are stored below 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Don't let foods stay unrefrigerated for more than two hours, or one hour in hot weather (90 degrees Fahrenheit or above).

The Home Food Safety program is dedicated to raising consumer awareness about the seriousness of food-borne illness and providing solutions for easily and safely handling food.

For a downloadable chart of safe minimum internal temperatures for all your barbecue favorites, visit www.homefoodsafety.org.

Hamburgers	160°
Hot dogs	165° or until steaming hot
Bratwurst	160°-165°
Chicken	
Breast	165°
Whole/Drumstick/Thigh/Wing	165°
Sausage	
Uncooked, Ground Beef, Lamb, Pork or Veal	160°
Uncooked, Turkey and Chicken	165°
Precooked	
Turkey (Whole, Stuffed** or Unstuffed)	
Thigh	165°
Breast	165°
Beef Roast/Prime Rib	Medium Rare: 145° Medium: 160° Well Done: 170°
Pork	
Chops	160°
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Roast	160°
Venison	160°
Fish	145° - Cook until opaque and flakes easily with fork
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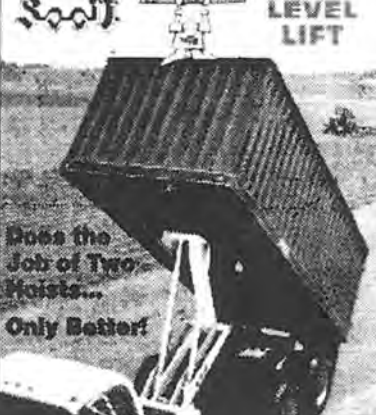
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

A Dodge City Defugalty

Defugalty is one of my favorite words. You may not find it in the dictionary but my mother used it for particularly disagreeable situations, mostly centered around an argument or a general confusion of one kind or another. That would certainly describe the circumstances that occurred on a summer's eve in old Dodge City.

Dodge City thrived from an exciting reputation described by Robert M. Wright in his book, *Dodge City, The Cowboy Capital*. "Standing out on the extreme border of civilization, like an oasis in the desert, or like a lighthouse off a rocky coast, is 'The Beautiful, Bibulous Babylon of the Frontier,'...Dodge City is far famed, not for its virtues,

but for its wickedness; the glaring phases of its vices stand pre-eminent, and attract the attention of the visitor; and these shadows of Babylon are reproduced in the gossip's corner and in the press."

Wright was quoting an 1878 editor who continued describing the virtues of his own Dodge City. "Beautiful for situation, cozily nestled on the 'beach' of the turbid Arkansas, while on the north the palisades rise above the busy little city, which in the near future will be ornamented with cozy cottages, modern mansions, and happy homes... Much has been said of the wickedness and unrighteousness of the city. If 'old Probe' should send a shower of fire and brimstone up there, we would not vouch for there being a sufficient number of righteous citi-

zens to save the city..."

Rare as they might have been, Dodge had its share of honorable men. One of those "righteous citizens" was Harry T. McCarty. He was the Ford County Surveyor and also did a thriving business in drafting and sign painting. He served on the fire department and when a special scene was needed for a performance at the Varieties Theater, McCarty could be relied upon to perform the duties of "scenic artist." Mack, as he was familiarly known, was exceptionally active in his community, well-known and well-liked. Mack had plenty

to keep him busy but when called upon, he also accepted the position of Deputy U. S. Marshal. On the other hand, Thomas O'Haran offered little in the way of community service and cared little for the future of Dodge City. O'Haran was described by the Dodge City Times as "a half-witted, rattlebrained and quarrelsome wretch..."

The evening of July 12, 1878, O'Haran had evidently become the butt of a practical joke instigated by Charlie Ronan, a gambler who had a knack for starting trouble. O'Haran was run out of town after the result-

ing ruckus, but returned to the Long Branch Saloon during the early morning hours of July 13th, just as Harry McCarty stopped in for a drink and conversation. Ronan, thinking he might get more mileage out of the joke of the day, told O'Haran that Harry McCarty had been responsible for the joke. Infuriated, O'Haran walked toward the unsuspecting McCarty and jerked McCarty's pistol from its holster. McCarty turned just as O'Haran gave the pistol "a flourish or two."

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thigh. Mack staggered and collapsed near the door without uttering a word. An unnamed bystander pulled his own pistol and fired at O'Haran. The "desperado" cried out "I am shot" as he fell to the floor. Six-guns were leveled all about him but O'Haran was believed to be already dead. McCarty was carried to Charlie Ronan's room where he gained consciousness for only a brief moment before finally breathing his last. To everyone's dismay O'Haran was only grazed in his right side and survived the shooting. The news brought an air of gloom to the normally festive streets as men gathered to talk, while others merely stood in silence, unable to indulge in conversation. The shock of the situation may have saved O'Haran's life for instead of the usual

call for swift justice the town seemed more than willing to submit to the law. A great procession of carriages coursed through the streets toward the cemetery "where all that was mortal of Harry T. McCarty was mingled with the dust." Because of his drunken state, O'Haran was charged with manslaughter in the first degree. He pled guilty and was sentenced to do time at Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing. For the next twelve years and three months Thomas O'Haran had plenty of time to ponder the course that he had taken on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier* and also publishes *Kansas Cowboy, Old West history from a Kansas perspective*. Contact *Kansas Cowboy*, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or www.droversmercantile.com



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K-State to host crop production field day August 17 in Ottawa

K-State Research and Extension will host a crop production field day on Wed., Aug. 17, at the university's East-Central Experiment Field in Ottawa. The field day begins at 9 a.m. with registration, coffee and doughnuts, and the program starting at 9:30 a.m. A complimentary lunch will be served.

As part of the program, K-State agronomist Keith Janssen will provide a historical perspective of agriculture based on his 32 years of research work supporting farmers and crop production in eastern Kansas.

Field day topics and K-State presenters include:

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Kansas Wheat Commission breaks ground on Kansas Wheat Innovation Center

By Bill Spiegle

Kansas Wheat Commission board members broke ground last Tuesday for the new Kansas Wheat Innovation Center (KWIC), a state-of-the-art wheat research/office complex being built on the north campus of Kansas State University in Manhattan.

The Kansas Wheat Commission is funding the 40,000-square-foot structure, which includes 15,000 square feet of advanced wheat breeding laboratories, a 10,000-square-foot greenhouse complex and 15,000 square feet of office space. The center will house Heartland Plant Innovations (HPI), a Kansas Wheat initiative focused on developing new technologies for Kansas wheat farmers. The staff of the Kansas Wheat Commission and Kansas Association of Wheat Growers also will be headquartered at the KWIC.

"One of the most notable tenants will be HPI's Advanced Breeding Services Unit, which has developed a doubled haploid laboratory that can reduce wheat variety development time from approximately 12 years to potentially five years. This laboratory puts new varieties in the hands of growers faster," said Justin Gilpin, CEO of Kansas Wheat.

The research facility will also house some of the operations of K-State's world-renowned Wheat Genetics and Genomics Resource Center (WGGRC).

The KWIC is being built

on three acres adjacent to the Grain Science and Industry Complex north of Kimball Avenue in Manhattan, on land being leased from Kansas State University. The Manhattan-based architect firm Bowman, Bowman and Novick, Inc., designed the facility; Coonrod and Associates, Wichita, is the project's construction manager. It is expected to be completed by summer of 2012.

The cost of the KWIC project is \$8.3 million and will be funded mostly by wheat check-off funds collected from Kansas wheat producers. Additional sources of funding include grant money from the Kansas Bioscience Authority and private fundraising.

"Farmers repeatedly voice support for investing more check-off dollars in wheat research," said Richard Randall, KWC chairman from Scott City. "This project represents the largest single research investment that wheat farmers have ever made in the U.S., and signals a bold step taken by the Kansas Wheat Commission to provide farmers access to advanced genetics and trait discovery."

David Schemm, president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers from Sharon Springs, says the KAWG fully supports the KWIC. "One of our national strategic initiatives is to increase wheat yields 20% by 2018. This Innovation Center will help us achieve that goal," Schemm says.



Kansas Wheat Commissioners breaking ground on the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center in Manhattan on July 12 included: Ron Suppes, vice chairman, Dighton; Brian Linin, Goodland; Jason Ochs, Syracuse; Mike McClellan, Palco; Rich Randall, chairman, Scott City; Doug Keesling, past chairman, Chase; Dave Vandenberg, Claflin; Scott Van Allen, Clearwater and Jay Armstrong, secretary/treasurer, Muscotah.

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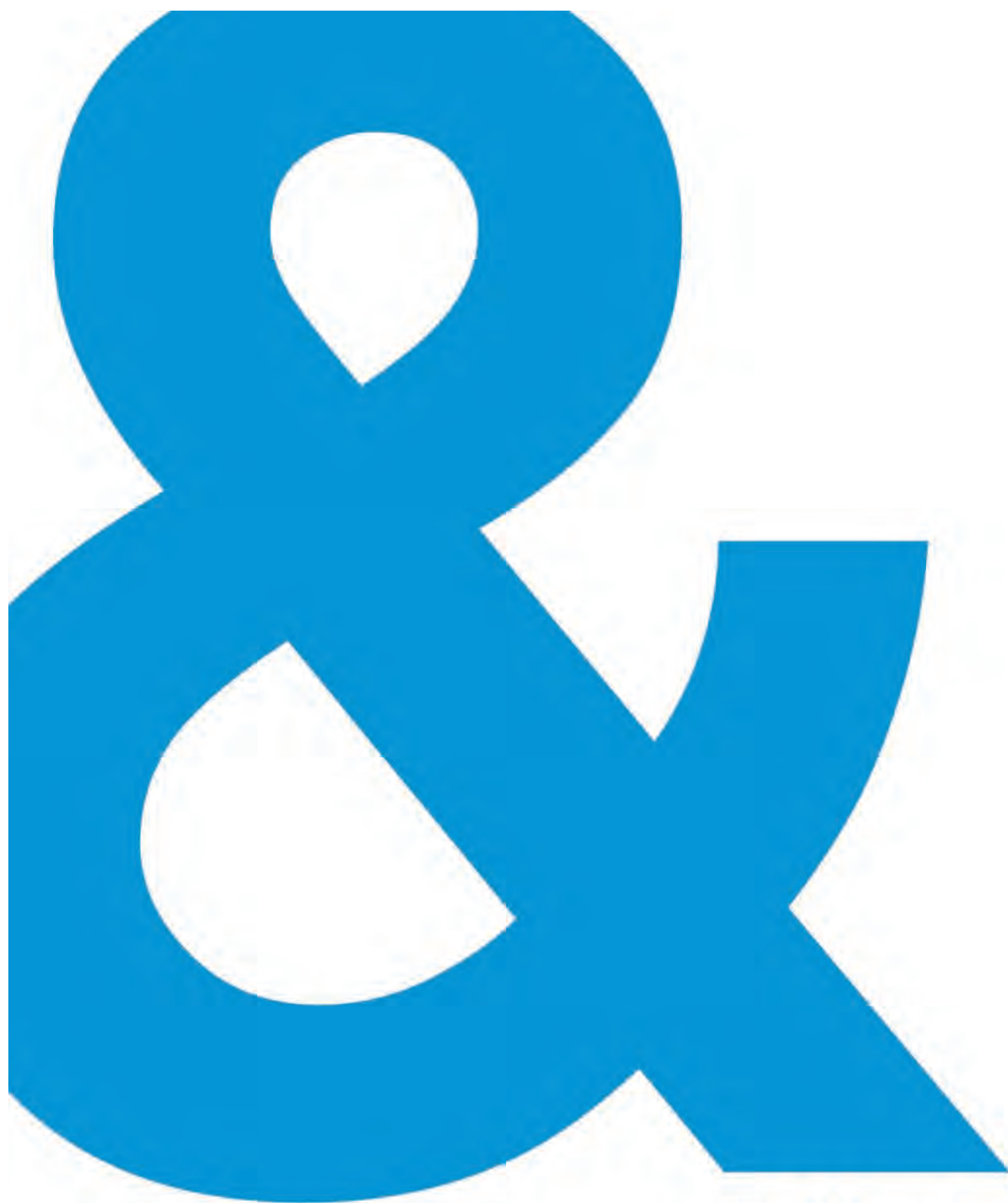
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KOHP is an interactive program where participants learn and practice new skills to manage any chronic condition. The sessions help participants of all ages learn ways to reduce their pain; to deal with difficult emotions, fatigue, frustration and isolation; become more physically active safe-

ly; make healthy food choices, set and achieve weekly action plans, identify and solve problems caused by having a chronic condition; increase their energy level; to handle stress and relax; to use medications effectively; to talk to their doctor; to make choices about their treatment.

Discussion is facilitated by trained instructors, Sheila Haley and Deanna Turner. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences and learn from each other. The workshops are sponsored by the Clay County Medical Center, K-State Research & Extension River Valley District, & Kansas Department of Health. Stanford University developed the program and participants are encouraged to attend all of the sessions. A small pre-registration fee per person will

help pay for the workbook, supplies and supper each evening. If interested pre-register along with the fee by Friday, July 29th. Call Deanna Turner at the River Valley Extension- Clay Center Office at 785-632-5335 or stop by 322 Grant Avenue in Clay Center. Or call Sheila Haley at the hospital, 785-632-2144, extension 484. Look for more information on the web at: www.rivervalley.ksu.edu or <http://www.ccmcks.org>

Sign up today! For more information, please contact your local River Valley Extension office with offices in Belleville (785-527-5084); Clay Center (785-632-5335); Concordia (785-243-8185) or Washington (785-325-2121).

CMH celebrates grand opening

More than 500 community members turned out to see their new destination for health and wellness at Community Memorial Healthcare's (CMH) new hospital ribbon-cutting and open house June 26th. Local and state officials joined Marshall County residents to celebrate completion of the brand new \$17.3 million state-of-the-art facility.

Held on the grounds of the new hospital under a large tent, the ceremony began with a welcome by chief executive officer (CEO) Curtis Hawkinson. Boy Scout Troop 180 of Marysville presented the colors and raised the U.S. and state flags as vocalist Molly Cashier sang the national anthem. Sister Eulalia Kloeker of St. Gregory's Catholic Church followed with a blessing.

Program speakers from U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran's office, USDA Rural Development, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Hospital Association, Hofer Wysocki Architects, and J.E. Dunn Construction, took the podium to offer their insights on the new facility. Hospital board of directors chair Ken Kickhaefer, Foundation board of directors chair John Howard, and chief of medical staff Dr.



Present for the CMH ceremonial ribbon cutting were, from left: Philip Neary, area director, USDA Rural Development Kansas Office; Bill Spillar, vice president, JE Dunn Construction; Tom Bell, president, Kansas Hospital Association; Curtis Hawkinson, CMH hospital administrator; and Dr. John Ryan, chief of medical staff, CMH.

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John Ryan, also shared remarks.

After conclusion of the program with a benediction by Sister Eulalia Kloeker, a ceremonial ribbon-cutting was conducted in front of the hospital. CEO Hawkinson cut the ribbon on the new facility, surrounded by Marysville Chamber ambassadors and program speakers. An open house with guided tours followed the ceremony. Refreshments were also available to those in attendance.

Despite high heat and humidity, hundreds of people waited in line for tours

of the new building. The long lines were reminiscent of the original hospital's grand opening back in March of 1958, when guests stood outside and endured the bitter cold as they waited for tours of the new facility.

"CMH is where it is today because of 53 years of influence, support, and wisdom with foresight for the future," said Hawkinson. "This facility stands as a testament that people in Marshall and surrounding counties will have the best health care possible, now and into the future," he added.

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Farmer's Lung poses serious health threat

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feedstuffs. These dusts can cause an allergic reaction within eight hours of inhalation and acute reaction symptoms often last for about 12 hours after onset.

Symptoms resulting from acute exposure include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath and lack of energy. Here are some precautions you can

take to prevent the condition from happening to you:
 1. Make sure that hay, straw and grains are properly dried before storing them. When possible, wet down dusty areas if you think dust may be harmful. Provide as much ventilation as possible when working in dusty areas. Try to handle dusty or moldy hay bales outdoors versus

inside farm buildings.

2. Always use a plastic sheet to cap open silos — don't use plant material. Hold the edges of the sheet down with heavy weights, such as tires.

3. Mechanize feeding operations if economically feasible. For example, handling large round bales with a tractor or pickup truck fork keeps the driver away from mold and dust.

4. In many cases, it may be a good idea to wear a face mask or a respirator when you know your task

will involve moving dusty or moldy livestock feed. Make sure you know proper procedures for using these health care devices. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website.

5. Be aware that health related issues arising from exposure to molds, dusts and spores can result in extremely serious and permanent consequences. Chronic Farmer's Lung may cause irreversible scarring and damage to your pulmonary system.

You can do further research on this topic at National Ag Safety Database and find more information on work-related health issues at Michigan State University Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine in the College of Human Health.

If you suspect you may have Farmer's Lung, your physician can use several tests to help diagnose the condition and may prescribe anti-inflammatory medications when warranted.

Gardening can be exercise

By David Coltrain, DEA Community Development and Horticulture, River Valley Extension District
 Some people - like me - love gardening, others think of it more like work. All of us can think of it as exercise. Gardening exercises all the major muscle groups. Gardening also increases flexibility and strengthens the joints. Activities like mowing the lawn, cultivating the garden, planting trees or trimming shrubs exert nearly the same amount of effort as heavy housecleaning or playing golf. While gardening can be wonderful exercise, we also need to be careful not to overdo. Gardening should leave you tired, not hurting. Here are some tips to remember to avoid aches and pains from gardening.

before starting your garden chores.

- Don't do too much at once, especially at the beginning of the season.

- Start with short periods of activity, and gradually increase your stamina.

- Avoid being a "Week-end Warrior".

- Work a steady pace and vary stance and motions.

- Shift activities like raking from the right to the left side to help prevent stressing a particular part of the body.

- Don't bend from the back when you rake or hoe.

- Avoid working during the hottest part of the day.

- Remember to use sunscreen.

- Do cooling down activities when you finish.

If you have an interest in any type of gardening, be sure you receive the River Valley Green Thumb Guidelines newsletter. This

monthly newsletter contains timely and educational information about all types of horticulture topics including announcements of upcoming educational meetings. Every newsletter has a monthly Garden Calendar and articles are selected to focus on topics listed in the Garden Calendar. Normally 10-12 articles are included in each newsletter. The River Valley Green Thumb Guidelines newsletter is distributed by email and printed copies are available at all four RVED Extension offices. Please call or email so you can be on the distribution list. Contact information follows.

If you have questions or concerns about Community Development and/or Horticulture, please contact David Coltrain at the Washington office (785-325-2121) or email coltrain@ksu.edu.

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A Bum Calf

Bummer is the ideal calf to have on your place. He doesn't eat or drink and just hangs out until you have work for him to do. He's the true essence of an "easy keeper."

Our present bum calf was named after an orphaned calf we raised some years back. We called that calf Bummer and the name has kinda stuck for any of our calves that lost their momma or have been rejected. The original Bummer thought he was people. We bottle-fed him until he could graze his own groceries. We had to handle him so much that he would rather be around people

than his own kind. I think he even thought he looked like people. I don't believe he could count and never realized he had four legs and we only had two. That didn't matter to him. As he grew, he became a pest. Whenever someone walked out of the house or headed for the barn, he'd come galloping up to be fed or scratched. That was okay, in fact, it was entertaining to have him follow you around like a dog when he was small.

It was okay until he kept growing bigger and bigger and started pushing you around. Bummer was getting to be a four-hundred-

pound pest. He pulled his last people act when a stranger pulled into our driveway and my wife went out to meet them. Bummer came along.

As my wife answered a few questions from the strangers, Bummer reached up and chomped down on her blouse and started tugging on it. She had to fight him off but not before he ripped a few buttons loose.

I heard her screaming and poked my head out of the barn to see what the ruckus was all about and saw Bummer hightailing it for greener pastures. My wife was holding her blouse together with one hand and shaking her fist and yelling some nasty names at the culprit. Poor Bummer, that was the end of his thinking he was people. He wasn't

welcome anywhere but in the pastures after that episode.

Our latest Bummer was named after fond memories of the blouse-pulling Bummer. This calf is less of a problem and helps us start young horses on cattle. He doesn't eat anything except a little electricity and is never pushy. He just runs back and forth when we throw the switch. When we don't need him, he minds his own business and you never know he's around. He spends all his time in the same place along the fence in the training arena.

This Bummer is a mechanical flag powered by an electric motor and a two-way switch. He's a lot better to get along with and makes our work training horses easier.

Bummer the Flag has trained a lot of horses. Every three or four years we have to change the rope that drives him back and forth after it fatigues from the rays of the sun. In over ten years, we've replaced his motor only once. When he was born, we used an old straw hat for the flag. When that wore out, we made a PVC framework and a cloth flag with grommets to tie to the frame. We change his flag every few years when it becomes tattered and torn.

The biggest trouble we had with Bummer was finding the right switch to make him change directions. An electrician told us where and what kind of switch to buy in order for Bummer to execute snappy roll-backs. With the switch in place and the PVC frame running on a

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SUNDAY, JULY 24 — 10:00 AM

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 30 — 11:00 AM

LOCATION: To be held at the farm located 1/2 mile East of GILEAD, NEBRASKA On Hwy. 136 & 3 1/2 miles South on 7100 Road. Gilead, NE is 9 miles East of Hebron, NE & 12 miles West of Fairbury, NE

TRACTORS

1968 John Deere 3020 gas, wide front, fenders, good tin & paint, good rubber, 3,000 hrs., less than 100 hrs. on overhaul, one owner; 1959 John Deere 530 gas, ROM front, 3 pt., good tin, 2,125 hrs.; 1958 John Deere 620 gas, ROM front, 3 pt., good tin, 3,460 hrs. **The above tractors have been shedded, running & in good condition. The following tractors are complete & have been shedded, are loose, but not presently running:** 1955 John Deere 60 gas, power steering, ROM front; 1950 John Deere B, ROM front; 1943 John Deere B, power lift, good tin; 1936 John Deere A, power lift, good rubber; 1936 John Deere A, good rubber; 1935 John Deere A, good tin, street bands & lugs.

CARS

1951 Chevrolet 4 door deluxe, Power Glide transmission (car is complete except for left rear bumper guard, parked in garage in 1969); 1973 Plymouth Fury 4 door (was driven & parked in garage in 2003).

MACHINERY

AC 5' pull type combine, looks complete, stored inside; Avery 36" threshing machine; JD #7 corn sheller; JD #200 2 row corn

picker w/side elevator; JD RWA 10' tandem disc; JD Model 4-01 Tumble Bug w/alum tag; JD 730 2 row lister; JD #7 mower; IH trailer w/all steel box, no hoist; Hutchinson 6"x24" grain auger; Big Butch 7' blade; Ro-Cut 5' 3 pt. shredder; IH 2 row planter; Model T trailer chassis w/double box; Ford 6 cyl. Ind. engine w/Berkeley 3x4 pump, engine needs work; small 2 wheel trailer.

JD PARTS, MANUALS & ETC.

JD B frame & remaining parts, early '50s; 3 hoods; seats; several magnetoos; engine block; starters; generators; carburetors; plow lays; wheel wrenches; exhaust pipes; 2 - 12 spline axles & lots of other parts; PAPER: John Deere's Company "A History of Deere & Company and its Times" hard cover book; Power Farming Guide; combine & implement buyers guides; 20 Series tractor buyer guide; A, B, G 50, 60 & 70 buyer's guides; operators manuals for 2 cyl. & up to 20 Series tractors; other misc. pamphlets & literature; other items not mentioned.

MISCELLANEOUS

JD LX 172 riding mower w/40" deck; Murray bicycle; porch swing; JD buggy top umbrella;

DeLaval cream separator; 2 - 300 gallon fuel tanks & stands; 4' oblong stock tank; Great Western Duplex 821A heating stove; leg vise; large bench vise; bench grinder; Craftsman drill press; Lincoln 225 amp welder; portable air compressor; green & black hyd. cylinders; adjustable wrenches to 18"; hand wrenches; misc. hand tools; 3/8" & 1/2" socket sets; 3/4" socket set w/ratchet; Craftsman tap & die set; 150 pc. tool set; electric drills; drill bit sets; 2 ton floor jack; bottle jacks to 20 ton; old hand tools; sausage stuffer; 2 bird cages; old license plates; milk cans; galv. containers; ice skates; wood boxes; nail kegs; hay knives; buzz saw blades; single trees & neck yokes; 2 man cross cut saws; misc. harness parts; long 1/4" wire cable; flat drive belts; misc. cylinders; oil barrel pumps; Model A Ford engine, don't know; steel imp. seats; steel imp. wheels; wood & steel posts; roof vents; ceiling tin; Co-op seed sign, cardboard; shovels, forks & other lang handled tools; 16' alum. ext. ladder; battery chargers; extension cords; tow cable; Homelite chain saw; Handy imp. jack; irrigation couplers, risers, siphon tubes & etc.; other items not mentioned.

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July 19 — Lincoln County land at Lincoln for Gordon Homeier. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction.

July 19 — Geary County land at Junction City for Cory J. Wiedel. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

July 21 — Real estate, furniture, appliances, household, antiques & collectibles, tools at Wamego for Breitenstein/Johnson & 2 other consignors. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 23 — Antiques & col-

lectibles at Ottawa for Dale & Twyla Weien. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.

July 23 — Tractors, fast hitch, combine, lime truck, trucks, hay & tillage equip., gravity flow wagon, sprayer, water hauling trailer, drill rig & pulling unit, other farm equip. at Mound City for Mrs. Ralph Stites. Auctioneers: Mary Read Auction Service.

July 23 — Farm machinery, woodworking tools, lumber, tractor, trailers, antiques, coins at Augusta for Hazel Holt Slyter. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

July 23 — Fishing, hunting, household, collectibles, pickup, Bronco, mower, yard equipment, shop tools & other near Glen Elder for Mick & Linda McGuire. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 23 — Home in Washington Co., tools, antiques, collectibles & household at Washington for Blaine & Pauline Wells Estate. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark

Uhlik, Greg Askren.

July 23 & 24 — (selling on the 23rd) tool boxes, tools, pickup, yard equipment, antiques & misc. at Asherville. (Selling on the 24th) Goebel Hummels, RS Prussia, cut glass, guns, precision collectible tractors at Beloit. Seller: Richard & Beth Anderson. Auctioneers: Gerald Zimmer Auction & Real Estate.

July 23 & 24 — antique & modern furniture, advertising, collectibles, primitives, toys, Jeep, jewelry, glassware, pottery & artwork at Lawrence for several combined estates. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

July 24 — Tools, outdoor

equipment & collectibles at Washington for Simon & Evelyn Fulton. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty

July 25 — Saline County Land at Salina. Auctioneers: United Country Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC.

July 27 — Tractors, combines, headers, harvest equip., trucks, vehicles, trailers, tillage, planting, farm & haying equip., ATV, loader backhoe, livestock & shop equip., forklifts online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

July 28 — Manhattan land (farmland with 2 homes or development property) at

Manhattan. Auctioneers: Mayo Auction & Realty.

July 28 — House in Morganville for Gary M. Oetinger. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

July 28 — forklifts, tractor, trailer, corvette, scooter, boat, sports item & collectibles at McPherson for KDOR Tax Asset Seizure. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.

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

July 30 — Antique furniture, glassware, yard tools

ANNUAL JULY CONSIGNMENT AUCTION SATURDAY, JULY 30 — 9:00 AM

AUCTION LOCATION: Wheeler Auctions Lot, 23101 Hwy. 24, West of PARIS, MISSOURI 65275
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TRACTORS
 2010 JD 8225R; 2008 JD 9330, 2337 hrs; 2003 JD 9520 Scrapper Special, 7566 hrs; 1998 Cat 85E, 5649hrs; 1996 JD 8400, 6300hrs; 1993 JD 4760, 8900hrs; 1979 JD 4640, 8954hrs; 1984 Ford TW-35, 4500hrs; 1980 MF 2705, 1123hrs; 2004 JD 7220 w/JD740 SL Loader, 5804hrs; 1988 JD 4250, 7700hrs; 1971 JD 4320; 1976 JD 4430, 4500hrs; 1964 JD 4020, 3000hrs; 1994 JD 6400 w/JD 640 SL Loader; 1969 AC 180, 5597hrs; 1987 JD 2555 w/520 Loader, 6232hrs; JD 2030 w/145 Loader; JD 40, WF; 1969 Massey 165 w/Loader, 6683hrs; Massey Ferguson, 65 Utility; 2008 NH TT75A, 125hrs; Ford 4000 w/Loader, 3459hrs; 1970 Ford 4000, gas; 1979 JD 4640, 7086hrs; 1983 JD 4450 w/JD 148 Loader, 8000 hrs; 1996 JD 8300, 8070 hrs; 1978 IH 1086, 6052 hrs; 1974 JD 4430, 11000 hrs, 4600 hrs on OH; 2007 JD 7420, 3329 hrs; 2002 JD 6220, 2874 hrs; 1989 JD 8760, 6300 hrs; Allis Chalmers CA w/Woods L306 Belly Mower; 1998 JD 870, 1100 hrs; JD 2840 w/148 loader.

COMBINES
 2004 JD 9660STS, 4wd; 2001 JD 9650STS, 2681/1745hrs, 4wd; 2002 JD 9750STS, 2832/1710 hrs, 4wd; 2005 JD 9760STS, 1274/962 hrs, 4wd; 2006 JD 9660, 1290/947 hrs, 4wd; 1993 JD 9500, 3452/2396 hrs; 1982 JD 6620; 1999 JD 9610, 2697/1722hrs.

SPRAYERS
 JD 550; 1995 Wilmar 745; Walsh 500gal Sprayer; 2001 JD 6700 Sprayer.

PLATFORMS, CORN HEADS & HEAD MOVERS
 (2) 2005 JD 630F Platform; 1998 JD 930F Platform; (2) 2007 JD 625F Platform; 2004 JD 630F Platform; 1979 JD 220 Platform; 1997 JD 920 Platform; 2008 Case IH 1020; 2002 JD 925 Platform; 2003 JD 930 Platform; 2004 JD 630 Platform; 2001 JD 930 Platform; 2006 JD 1293 Corn Head; 1978 JD 643 Corn Head; 1990 JD 643 Corn Head; 2006 JD 893 Corn Head; 2007 JD 893 Corn Head; 2002 JD 1293 Corn Head; 1998 JD 1293 Corn Head; 2004 JD 893 Corn Head; 1989 JD 842 Corn Head; 1998 JD 693 Corn Head; 1994 JD 693 Corn Head; 1990 JD 643 Corn Head; 1981 JD 1243 Corn Head; Mateer Corn 8-R Reel; 2 - Unverferth HT-30 Head Trailers; Unverferth HT-25 Head Trailer; Kilbros 30' Head Trailer.

PLANTERS
 2007 Great Plains Y2426, 15/30 Row; 2009 JD 1790, 15/32 row; White 6300, 12 row; 2003 JD 1790 16/32 row; JD 1790, 16/31 row; 2001 JD 1780, 12/23 row; JD 7200, 12 row, 30in; Case IH 5400 Drill; 2007 JD 1770, 16row; 2008 JD 1590 Drill; Kinze 3650, 16/31row.

TILLAGE
 2008 JD 2510 Strip Till Tool; 2007 Salford 570 RTS Extreme, 27'; 2010 Salford 570 RTS Extreme, 30'; 2003 JD 726 Mulch Finisher, 33'; 1991 JD 724 Mulch Finisher, 19'; 1995 Case IH 4900

Field Cultivator, 36'; 1990 JD 960 Field Cultivator, 38'; 1988 JD 960 Field Cultivator, 35'; 2006 Brillion X228 Ripper, 8 Shank; 1979 DMI Tigermate Field Cultivator, 28.5'; Unverferth 220 Rolling Harrow, 28'; 1997 JD 980 Field Cultivator, 42'; 2008 Frontier DH1296 Disk, 12'.

HAY EQUIPMENT
 2009 JD 568, 5246 Bales; 2005 JD 567 Baler, 5500 Bales; 2005 JD 467 Baler, 8200 Bales; 1993 JD 535 Baler; 2003 JD 567 Baler, 7200 Bales; 2004 JD 567 Baler, 7810 Bales; 2003 JD 567 Baler; 2007 JD 568 Baler; 2001 Vermeer 605XL; 2004 Agco 956A, 7700 Bales; 1979 New Holland 852, Twine; 2008 JD 946 MO-CO; 2007 JD 630 MO-CO, Impeller; 2002 JD 926 MO-CO, Impeller; 1998 New Holland 499 Mower Conditioner; 2009 JD 835 MO-CO; 2008 JD 830 MO-CO; Tonutti GT350 Tedder; JD 752 Tedder; Kuhn GA-300-GM Giro Rake, 10.5'; Kuhn GF5001T Tedder; Gehl DM162 Disc Mower; 2000 H&S Rake; 1999 Tubeliner TL5500-A; Anderson RB9000 Bale Wrapper; 1999 JD 820 MO-CO; 1995 JD 920 MO-CO Impeller; 2008 Kuhn GF7001T Tedder; 1990 Krone AM282 Disc Mower; 1971 New Holland 273 Square Baler.

ROTARY CUTTERS
 JD HX20, 20ft; 2008 JD CX20, 20ft; JD 2018, 20ft; Bush Hog 2615, 15ft; Bush Hog Squealer; Alamo Extend-A-Cut mower; JD HX15, 15ft; Sidewinder FW15, 15ft; JD 506, 6ft, 3pt; Bush Hog 2620, 20ft; Bush Hog 2620, 20ft; 2004 Bush Hog 2720, 20ft; 2007 Frontier RC1072, 6ft.

GRAIN & FEED HANDLING
 2000 Kilbros 590 Grain Cart; Knight 3130 Reel Augie Mixer Wagon; Knight 3300 Reel Augie Mixer Wagon; 2003 Jay-Lor 3650 Vertical Mixer; 2005 Jay-Lor 3575 Vertical Mixer; Grain-o-vator Auger Wagon; (2)Mayrath 10X71 Auger; Westfield MX100-71 Auger; 2007 Brent 678 Grain Cart.

LAWN & GARDEN
 2001 JD 345, 20Hp, 54"; 2002 Agco 1823 23Hp, 54"; 2002 JD 445, Hydro 62"; 2003 JD GX335, 20Hp, 54"; 2003 JD X475, 23Hp, 62"; 2007 JD X720, 26Hp, 54"; 2003 GrassHopper 618, 18Hp, 52"; 2006 JD X500, 25Hp, 48"; 2008 JD Z830, 27Hp, 60"; 2007 JD X324, 22Hp, 48"; 2009 JD X740, 26Hp, 62"; 2008 JD X740, 26Hp, 54"; JD 647 Tiller, 47"; 2007 JD X540, 25Hp, 48".

CONSTRUCTION
 AC 700G Forklift; 2006 Gehl RS634 Telehandler, 520hrs; 2003 NH LS 180 Skidsteer, 1890hrs; 2003 Bobcat T300 Skidsteer, 2500hrs; 2002 Case 40XT Skidsteer, 1900hrs; 2009 Garfield 850 Scrapper.

MISC.
 JD 450 Manure Spreader; IH 130 Manure Spreader; Big Blue 140 A Manure Spreader; 2009 JD 563 SL Loader; 2009 Rhino 950 Blade; 1995 Deglemann 5700 Dozer Blade; Kewanee 9ft 3pt Blade; 2008 Frontier GM1072, 6ft, Grooming Mower; 2008 Frontier PHD 400 Post Hole Digger; Bush Hog 2102 Post Hole Digger; 2008 Frontier A124 Auger; 2008 Frontier AL1201 Bale Spear; 2009 Frontier BP1166 Bale Processor; JD 6ft Bucket; JD 2450MM HD Buckets; JD 1350MM Bucket.

Items below are Consigned by AREA FARMERS & DEALERS

TRACTORS
 Ford 8N; 1978 JD 4440,

10,000hrs; 1997 Ford 1720, MFWD; 2004 Case IH JX95 w/Loader, 1100hrs; 2004 Case IH MXU125 w/Case IH LX156 Loader; 1991 JD 4955, 6250hrs; Case IH MX 240, MFWD, 5600hrs; JD 8560, 6000hrs; JD 6220; 1990 JD 4455, 3800hrs; Case IH 9270, 6500hrs; 1997 NH 8560, MFWD, 6000hrs; 1975 IH 1066, 5800hrs; IH 674; 1968 JD 4020; 1977 JD 4430 w/Farmhand F258 Loader; Farmall Super M; 1950 Farmall M; Massey Harris 44; 2 - JD 60; JD B; IH H; JD 2440 w/JD 146 Loader; 1979 Oliver 1755 w/Westendorf TA26 Loader; Agco LT90A, 960hrs, w/Quicke Loader; MF 180; IH 656 w/Dual 345 Loader; JD 4020 w/Bush Hog Loader; IH 1086; JD 4020 w/JD 48 Loader; 1970 JD 4020; JD B; 1976 JD 4630, 6184hrs; JD A; 1937 Farmall F-12; Case IH 2096, 3600hrs; 1956 Farmall 400; 1957 Farmall 230; 1953 Farmall Super H; IH 184 Cub w/Belly Mower; Cat 65; IH 3788, 5500hrs; Ford 8830, MFWD; JD 4430; 1979 JD 4440, 6000hrs; Farmall 1206; 1972 JD 4020, 4601hrs; 1968 IH 1256; JD 8640, 6480hrs; AC D17 Series III; 1976 Ford 9600, 5600hrs; Cases 1570, 4000hrs; White 2-135, 7000hrs; White 2-105; 1985 White 2-85; 1950 Oliver 77; 1981 IH 3588, 5900hrs; Massey 65; JD 4840; 2007 New Holland T6070, 800hrs; Case IH 5130 w/Westendorf Loader, 6000hrs; 1981 JD 4840; JD 4955, 7000hrs; IH 5088; JD 4640, 6900hrs; 1957 JD 720; Case 930 Comfort King.

SPRAYERS
 1997 JD 4700 Sprayer, 2860hrs; Hagie 8250 w/Trailer; 1992 Spr-Coupe 220, 2100hrs; Wheelmore 745; 500 Gal. Spray Tank; Pickup Bed Sprayer.

COMBINES
 2003 JD 9750STS, 1522/2100 hrs; 2004 JD 9660STS, 1705/1257 hrs; 2001 JD 9750STS, 3200/2125hrs; JD 9610, 3000/2000hrs, 4wd; 1996 JD 9400 3400/ 2680 hrs; 1997 JD 9600 2350 / 1700 hrs; 1997 JD 9500 3341/2512hrs; 1994 JD 9500, 3440/2370hrs, 4wd; 1986 Case IH 1660, 4000hrs, 4wd; IH 1460, 2830hrs; 1985 New Holland TR-85, 4wd; JD 8820; JD 9400.

HEADS, PLATFORMS & HEAD MOVERS
 JD 630F, 30' Platform; IH 820, 20' Platform; JD 630F, 30' Platform; NH 973 20' Flex Platform; Case IH 1020 Platform; Case IH 1020 Platform; 1990 Gleaner R322 Flex Head; JD 220 Platform; JD 213 Platform; JD 215 Platform; JD 920 Platform; JD 925 Platform, LL; 1998 JD 925 Platform; 1995 JD 925 Platform; 1992 JD 920 Platform; 2008 JD 608 Corn Head; IH 1083 Corn Head; JD 893 Corn Head; JD 1293 Corn Head; NH 972 6row Corn Head; IH 863 Corn Head; JD 643 Corn Head; JD 653 Row Crop Head; J&M Header Wagon; Kilbros Header Wagon Model 872; UFT 30' Head Trailer; 2009 J Mar 36' Head Trailer; Farmhand 25' Head Trailer; Unverferth 30' Head Trailer.

TILLAGE
 Case IH 4600 Field Cultivator; Case IH 496 Disk; Krause 1904 Disk; IH 14 V-ripper; C-IH 496 Disk, 20'; JD 750 15ft NT Drill; JD 11' Chisel Plow; JD 400 Rotary Hoe, 15'; JD 825 Cultivator; IH 710 Plow 5 Bottom; Krause 4100 Field Cultivator; JD 7ft Disk; Sunflower 16' Offset Disk; Phoenix H-14 Harrow, 41'; AC 4X14 Plow; Kewanee 20'

Mulcher; JD 12' Disk; Salford 450 Cultivator, 21'; JD RM 12 Row Cultivator; IH Disk 24'; Krause 30' Disk; JD 2600 Plow, 5 bottom; IH 500 Plow Disk, 14'; Case IH 5500 Min Till, 30'; McFarlane Reel Till, 35'; McFarlane 2003 Mulch Master, 30'; McFarlane 4030 Mulchmaster, 30'; Hutch Master 12' Offset Disk; MF 13' Chisel Plow; Kewanee Disk, 20'; IH 710 Plow, 5 Bottom; Kewanee Field Cultivator, 21'; Landoll Tillall, 21'.

PLANTERS & DRILLS
 JD 7000 4 Row, 36"; Crustbuster 3400 Drill; (2) Grass Seeders; JD 494A, 4 Row; 1985 Kinze 2600, 8row; JD 7000 Planter, 6row; Case IH 955, 8/15row.

ROTARY CUTTERS
 2003 JD CX 20, 20ft; Bush Hog 2615 Legend, 15ft; JD 1508, 15ft; King Cutter, 7ft; Bush Hog 109, 9ft; Side Winder EZ60, 5ft, 3pt; JD 6ft Pull Type; BMB 6ft Pull Type; Rhino SE15-4A, 15ft; Woods 10ft Pull Type; Bush Hog SQ8HT, 8ft; Bush Hog RZ60, 5ft.

HAY & FORAGE
 2008 JD 568 Baler, 600 Bales; JD 925 MOCO; JD Silage Chopper; NH 27 Silage Blower; NH 256 Rake; NH 276 Sq Baler; 2002 JD 466 Baler; 2007 Case IH WRX301, 12 Wheel Rake; JD 600 Silage Blower; JD 336 Sq Baler; 2005 Case IH 562 Baler; 2009 Kuhn SR600, 14 wheel; JD 660 Rake; Accumulate 8 bale Accumulator; Accumulate AC8006G Grapple; Claas 330s Rake/Tedder; Ogden 8 Wheel Rake; Massey 2756 Round Baler; JD Bale Fork; Case IH WRX201, 10 wheel rake; New Holland 5 bar Rake; Gehl 1875 Baler; 1994 Vicon 247 Disc Mower; Bale Spear; Vermeer WR20 Rake; Vermeer 605F Baler; JD 467 Baler, 1000 bales.

MATERIAL & GRAIN HANDLING
 NH 512 Manure Spreader; 6ft Blade; Knight 3030 Reel Augie Feed Wagon; Westfield Hyd Seed Auger, NEW; 10ft Knapshiede Dump Bed on Gear; Kilbros 390 Gravity Wagon; M&W 375 Bushel Gravity Wagon; 1330 Flexi-Coil Plus Air Cart; Kilbros Gravity wagon; New Holland 353 Grinder Mixer; IH Manure Spreader; Unverferth 500 Bu. Grain Cart; Grain O Vator Auger Wagon; Westfield 10X61 Auger; Brandt 10X71 Auger; Westfield 13X81 Auger.

TRUCKS
 2005 Ford F250, Crew Cab, 4X4; 2005 Chevy 2500HD Silverado 4X4; 2003 Ford F250, 4X4; 2001 GMC 7500 Top Kick; 20ft Parkhurst Bed, Hoist; 1995 GMC Top Kick, Parkhurst 16ft Bed; 1996 Chevy 2500, 4X4; 1994 Volvo WIA, Knapshiede 500 bu Bed; 1974 Ford F-600, 16ft Knapshiede Bed, Hoist; 1983 Chevy, Flatbed, 1 ton; 1987 Mercedes-Benz Truck 45,000 Miles; 1997 Dodge ¾ Ton; 1979 IH 1924 Grain Truck, 18ft Bed; 1991 Ford F250, DL, 4X4; 1986 Chevy Kodiak C70,

15ft Dump Bed; 2000 GMC Duallly Truck; 1992 Ford F350, 4X4, Duallly; 1968 Chevrolet, 16ft bed; 1966 Ford, 13ft bed; 1996 Ford F-series Service Truck; 1995 GMC Topkick Service Truck; 1971 Ford F600, 16ft bed; 1987 Ford LTL 9000, tag; 1984 IH 1700 Flatbed; 1987 Chevy Dump Truck; 1975 Ford Grain Truck, 16ft; 1986 Chevy C-60, Grain Truck; 1983 Ford Dump truck; 1998 Chevy Utility Truck.

TRAILERS
 40ft Nurse Trailer 2-2000 Gallon Tanks; 2007 Coose 7X32 Gooseneck; 1999 Wilson Hopper Bottom, 34ft; 2004 Timple Super Hopper 33ft, 6in; 1992 Timple Hopper Bottom 41ft; 1979 Landoll Implement Trailer, 32ft; 1982 Donahue Stock Trailer 16ft; 1990 Coose Stock Trailer 20ft; 1988 Crysteel Grain Pup 16ft; 1981 East 30ft Dump Trailer; 1995 Wheeler Grain Pup, 14ft; 1996 Starlight 16ft; 1981 Schien Aluminum End Dump, 30ft; 1983 Schien Aluminum End Dump, 30ft; KZ Kargo Construction Trailer, 20'; 1980 WW Stock Trailer, 6X24; 1985 CMC End Dump, 35ft; JD Implement trailer 28ft.

CONSTRUCTION
 Miller Bobcat 225NT Welder; 12yd Ejection Scraper; 3yd Pull Type Dirt Scoop; 2008 Case 450 Skidsteer, 925hrs; 1996 Caterpillar D6H, 18,000hrs; JD 260 Skidsteer, 1648hrs; Worksite RT73 Tiller; Case 1150B High Lift; UNO 40ft Snorkel Lift; Bobcat 753, 2300hrs; Skidsteer Pallet Forks; Cat D6 Dozer, 9ft; Ashland Dirt Scoop, 4.5 yd; (2) Amco 3pt Ditcher.

LAWN & GARDEN
 2008 Tomberlin Electric Golf Cart; 2007 JD 850D Gator, 83hrs; Husqvarna Rear Tine Tiller; King Kutter Tiller 6ft; FM 72 Finish Mower; Douglas 3000-72 Finish Mower; JD Z850A Lawn Mower, 21hp, 61"; Dixie Chopper LT2700 Lawn Mower, 250hrs, 60".

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT
MISC.
 Nellie Latchford Shelbina, MO 2001 JD 566 Baler, Net, 4300 Bales; 2008 Vicon Disk Mower, 9ft, 3pt; 2008 Kuhn 10 Wheel Rake; Bale Rings; QLF Lick Tank.

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July 30 — Tractors, cars, machinery, JD parts, manual & etc., misc. near Fairbury, NE for Henry H. Heller. Auctioneers: Schultis and Son, Inc.

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

July 30 — Ford Ranger, lawn tractor, trailer, tools, guns, grand piano, furniture, marbles, household & more W. of Dover for Bernita Hannigan. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 30 — Polaris Ranger, farm machinery, misc. at Green for Evan Ade. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

July 30 — Trucks, cars & parts, mowers, collectibles, household & other near Glen Elder for Harold Winkel Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

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 & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rot-

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August 6 — Farm toy collection at Sabetha from one collector. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

August 6 — Consignment auctions: cars, trucks, boats, campers, motor homes, motorcycles, ATVs, tractors, farm equipment, back hoes, mowers, guns, tools, forklifts at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

August 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

August 9 — Wabaunsee County land NE of Eskridge. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company, Chris Sankey.

August 11 — Lyon County land, bluestem grass with home, outbuildings & pens at Olpe for Arthur Rathke Jr., living trust. Auctioneers: John Flott.

August 11 — Real estate of Jackson Farmers Coop at Whiting and real estate at Jackson Farmers at Denison. Auctioneers: UC-Pagel Realty & Auction, Wayne Pagel, Branam's RE, Dan Harris.

August 11 — Ottawa County farm & grass land at Minneapolis for Estate of John Weidler & living estate of Roma Kibler Drevets Martin. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb Realty.

August 15 — Ness County land at Vermont for Deea K. Pfaff & Kip E. Rider. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

August 20 — Furniture, tools, misc. W. of Clay Center for Roy Harris. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

August 20 — Real estate, Antiques, Collectibles, jewelry, coins, furniture, household, shop & misc. at Barnes for Velma (Zeller) Richter Estate. Auctioneers: Jim Vathauer, Gary

Case Realty & Stuart Hedrick.

August 20 — Farm equipment, vehicles, tools, antiques, guns & misc. NE of Chapman for Clifford Gfeller. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

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 6 — Parcels of land in Riley County. Auctioneer: Jeff Ruckert.

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

September 10 — Household, antiques & tools at Belleville for Bohman & Mary Kunc Trust. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

September 10 — Antiques & misc. at Wakefield for Stoddard items, Dennis & Linda Olson, sellers. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

September 12 — Farm sale NW of Concordia for Tom Trost Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

September 15 — Marion

County farm & grassland at Herington for Martha R. Melcher Trust. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction. Co.

September 17 — Household, antiques & tools at Belleville for Bohman & Mary Kunc Trust. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

September 17 — Tools, an-

tiques, juke box, misc. at Clay Center for Dorothy (Mrs. Ervin) Fowles. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

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 Hambricht, sale manager.

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



The Southwestern Heights FFA chapter was recognized as the 12th Place Finalist of the Triple Crown Award at the Kansas State FFA Convention, ranking 12th out of 165 FFA chapters in the state of Kansas for their activities to develop students, their FFA chapter and the community. FFA members are pictured holding the following plaques for chapter and individual achievement, from left: Cassandra Sponsel — Student Development Silver Division, Makaila Furman — Chapter Development Gold Division 12th Place, Breanna Butler — Community Development Gold Division 7th Place and a recipient of the Kansas State FFA Degree, Lane Paris — Triple Crown Award 12th Place Finalist, Devin Walker — 2011 Kansas Farm Bureau \$500 Chapter Grant, Tucker Thorp — Kansas Farm Bureau 4th Place Safety Award, Jace Paris — Kansas Cooperative Association Award Winner and a recipient of a \$1000 scholarship sponsored by the Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough Scholarship Program, Local Sponsor DeLissa Ford, Inc. in Meade.

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The Hedgehog Tale

It came as a surprise to me that there is a brisk hedgehog business in the country. It shouldn't have. Earlier entrepreneurial promoters had done well with Chia Pets, Pet Rocks, Longhorn cattle, Ostrich and Humvees. Hedgehogs (HH) are about the size of an orange with a pointy nose and spiny back. They bring to mind a cross between a pocket porcupine and a scorpion fish.

My good-hearted and animal-loving friend Kimmy was made aware of HH mania when a Lady-Whose-House- Had-Been-Cleaning's HH sow (or maybe it's HOW or HILT) pigged (or HIGGED or HARROWED or even HAMBED). The nasty HH mom attacked her newborn HIGLETS! They were the size of a walnut and covered with prickly, but still soft spines.

Kimmy rescued the two little varmints and decided to take them home till the homeowner returned. It was cold and snowy outside so she filled a baggie with warm water, placed them in her pocket and braved the storm. On her way home she visited with her veterinarian, who was not a member of the American Association of HH Practitioners, but prescribed powdered dog milk - which I, being a large animal vet, had never heard of.

But it did put me to wondering how one would milk a dog; have a rhesus monkey do it for Pekingese donor milk if the Higtlet wanted Chinese take-out? Roll Fido on her back and

use a straw? Train an anteater to suckle and regurgitate like a pelican?

A stalwart Kimmy went home and began feeding the Fido Milk every two hours using an eyedropper. Her understanding family pitched in and they made it through the first night. As time passed the Higtlets seemed to fill up like balloons full of water. Then Kimmy noticed the absence of Higtlet excre-

ta...Hig pies, Hig torpedoes or simply Hoop!

Kimmy called an authority, her neighbor, who had an aquarium. Her neighbor compared the Higtlets to little kittens and described how the mother cat was constantly licking her babies to stimulate evacuation. Kimmy hung up! After a brief scare of the thought of herself performing the act, she began rubbing their pudgy bellies with a Q-tip. The Higtlets responded! Jubilation ensued!

That night the proud Kimmy tucked in the Higtlet twins on a heating pad. The room was cold so she adjusted the pad's temperature and retired confident that she had done all she could. She slept through the next feeding.

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