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Elk hunts provide agritourism opportunity on southeast Kansas farm

By **Lucas Shivers**

Rather than hunting elk out west, Greg Stukey from Great Bend found an eastern opportunity with Wehmeyer Elk Hunting near Coffeyville.

"Last year, I went hunting in Colorado and saw only one herd in four days, and I never saw a shootable bull to match my tag," Stukey said. "It was so expensive to hunt in Colorado."

Capitalizing on a local option at the Wehmeyer hunting preserve the previous year in October 2009, Stukey hunted in Kansas and found many benefits.

"You're by yourself, and you don't have to worry about others hunting on top of you," he said. "The lodging and meals are exceptional. The cost is not at all outrageous compared to the risks of being in the wild."

Using a high-powered rifle, Stukey, who has hunted since he was eight years old, said the elk hunt was one of his best.

"I didn't see anything on the first two days. But on the third day, I pushed into heavy timber to get the animal out and took my shot," he said. "It was a clean kill in the first shot."

Instead of dragging the animal out of the mountains, Stukey rolled the elk into a front-end loader bucket to drive it to a shed made to accommodate the elk's massive size and fully equipped to dress it out.

"The next day I came home with the meat iced down in my truck bed," Stukey said. "My butcher said it was the cleanest animal he'd ever seen without any dirt or bruised meat."

Joined by friends with health concerns unable to brave mountainous terrain, Stukey said he will be returning to Wehmeyer's again this year.



Gerald and Carol Wehmeyer, pictured with their 40 head of elk resting in the timber, operate Wehmeyer Elk Hunting near Coffeyville.

"We have a buddy with diabetes who can't walk far, so he can come with us on a four-wheeler," Stukey said. "For someone wanting to go elk hunting without a lot of equipment or time, Coffeyville is a very nice place to go. You can't be ashamed for the guarantee. We'll be harvesting at least three elk this year."

Establishing Wehmeyer Elk Hunting in 2003, Gerald and Carol Wehmeyer, ranchers and producers, found a creative, alternative way to use their rural southeastern Kansas land.

"The land we have is not all cropland so we wanted to find a way to make a good use of it," Wehmeyer said. "We researched it out and looked at different elk breeders in Kansas. It's a form of agritourism."

Creating the niche market for their herd of 40 elk, Wehmeyer said they make connections with hunters from across the state and country to arrange for hunts.

"A lot of hunters had nowhere to go," Wehmeyer said. "It was too far for most hunters to travel out west to other states with higher gas

prices and permit costs. We help them to stay closer to home to find exactly what they want."

Wehmeyers advertise their hunts on their www.trophybulls.com website, by word of mouth and with print advertising.

"We have individuals, couples, corporate groups and families with multiple generations. Everybody's been great with many repeat customers. One son got a high school graduation hunt."

For hunters, no license is required. Sportsmen can use

weapons of their choice from bows to black powder to rifles, Wehmeyer said.

"We have some people who have hunted out west who are not successful on their trips," Wehmeyer said. "They don't want to climb mountains any more. They just want the trophy."

The Wehmeyers host elk hunts from October to February.

"Out in the open, hunters may or may not see an elk, and even then they have to be a pretty good shot. That's nature," Wehmeyer said.

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Greg Stukey, hunter from Great Bend shows off his elk trophy.

Milo harvest of days gone by



Shawn Stewart, a member of the Clay County Antique Power Association, drives a 1937 Farmall Model F-20 tractor during a milo harvesting demonstration at the recent Clay County Pioneer Festival. He's pulling a circa 1937 IH McCormick Deering binder owned by Duane Heimerich.

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By Ace Reid



"No, I'll jist stay on welfare. With a job, I'd hafta pay income tax and the government would jist give it to some other feller!"

Insight

KANSAS FARM BUREAU
The Voice of Agriculture

Fly Your Fanny Flag High

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Kansas farmers have access to a safety tool that should always be used. The slow-moving vehicle (SMV) emblem can save lives and machinery.

A slow-moving vehicle emblem (fanny flag) is designed for one reason — to notify the public that the vehicle motorists are approaching is not traveling more than 25 miles per hour, says Holly Higgins, Kansas Farm Bureau safety director. That in turn allows them to slow down and proceed with caution because the vehicle ahead is moving slowly.

"Once an approaching motorist sees the flashing lights and SMV sign, the

driver can react in a defensive way that will keep both operators safe," Higgins says. "We find that when you mix these two vehicles together without the proper warning devices in place a number of things can happen."

One such example is a motorist who pops up over a hill traveling 65 miles per hour and finds a tractor moving at 20 miles per hour. The driver of the auto or truck may be forced to run into the ditch, the back of the tractor or into the other lane of oncoming traffic.

"Hazard lights and SMVs are there to prevent these types of accidents," Higgins says.

Anyone operating a slow-moving vehicle (SMV) be advised, the fluorescent orange emblem must be properly mounted on the back of your vehicle. Every farm tractor manufactured or assembled after Jan. 1, 1975, shall be equipped with hazard warning lights that are visible from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet to the front and rear in normal sunlight, which are to be displayed whenever such a vehicle is operated upon a highway.

One alarming trend that has occurred in Kansas is the misuse of these signs. The emblems have been found nailed to fence posts, in front of driveways, as markers for washed out areas in the road and in one instance on cattle pens in a feedlot.

Use of slow moving emblems in such a manner gives the motoring public a mistaken impression of what is on the road in front of them. They drive up slowly on a slow moving vehicle sign and as-

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Reflections
from
Young Farmers & Ranchers

By Meghan Muesler, Wichita

The leaves are changing and the first freeze of the fall is on the forecast as I write this. Also, thousands of the infamous blue and gold corduroy jackets have invaded Indianapolis, Ind. for the 84th Annual FFA Convention, a true sign that fall is upon us!

Unfortunately because of a recent foot surgery I wasn't able to attend the convention this year, but with the advent of social media and the widespread use of other media it feels like I was almost there. Think about the first time I was able to attend National Convention as a freshman in high school. I may be dating myself a bit, but for many of us Indy was not the home of convention but Kansas City was our destination. So for me the trip was a short one from the farm in Powhattan but nevertheless impactful. I still remember it like it was yesterday. I was a giddy freshman soaking up the career showcase, workshops, meeting fellow FFA members from across the country, and reconnecting with friends I had met through my livestock showing career. In particular, I remember at one of the general sessions I ran into a friend who was part of the 'Courtesy Core' and he invited me to sit on the floor of the arena close to the stage. You would have thought I just got upgraded to a front row seat at a George Strait concert! I was in Blue and Gold Heaven. It got even better for this awe-inspired freshman; I was able to even meet one of the national FFA officers. I thought I had just skyrocketed to FFA stardom!

I am smiling just thinking about all those FFA members in Indy as I write this article and wonder what memories they created? Was it competing in the Meats Judging contest? Stopping by and learning about careers at the Stihl booth? Learning how the world of agriculture can and will impact their future? These are exciting times!

Do you have a favorite FFA memory? Was it flying on a plane and taking a cab for the first time with fellow FFA members? Was it learning how to identify different plants by their leaf? Or learning how to place a class of pork carcasses? Maybe it was learning how many Hardee's there really are in the state?

Why not share your own memory with the FFA organization? Currently the National FFA is running a campaign to get current members, former members, and anyone else who shares in the passion of FFA to connect. The HOW is simple, just go to ffa.org connect, register, and forward to your friends, family, or anyone else you think may have interest in connecting with the FFA. In addition to 'connecting' with the FFA, you have the opportunity to win several great prizes, including the state FFA association with the most 'connects' will receive \$1,000!! I just checked the leaderboard and Kansas was in the lead by a couple hundred 'connects!'

To close this week's article I would like to leave you with a few words from the FFA creed, "I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds — achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years."

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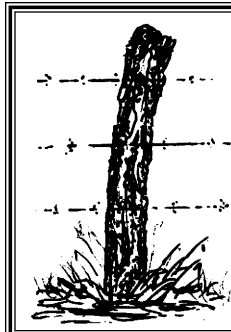
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The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
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Spellbound In Kansas

Seeing the changes in the colors of tree leaves and grasses, now that the fall season is in full swing, has reminded me of a trip I took about twenty years ago. I had heard about how gorgeous the foliage in the New England states was in the fall when the leaves were turning color, and it was a sight I wanted to see. Many of my friends who had been to the states of Vermont and New Hampshire in the fall told me that this was the place to go to enjoy the colors of the trees.

At that time I was recently retired but my wife was still teaching, so I called my sister in Seattle, and we made plans to meet in Burlington, Vermont for a fall tour together. Our flights were scheduled so that we arrived in Burlington not far from the same time. Soon we were in a rented car, ready to enjoy the beauty and wonders of nature. To be honest, I was a little disappointed with the scenery, but the locals informed us that we were a few days too early to see the trees in their prime; they were just in the beginning stage of changing colors. The Green Mountains of Vermont and the White Mountains of New Hampshire seemed rather mild when compared to the tall, rugged Rockies that I was familiar with, but they were pretty. To enjoy the scenery more, we rode a ski lift up to get a panoramic view, but it was not really stunning yet.

While driving around, we saw a sign that said, "Norman Rockwell Museum." Our car almost automatically took a sharp turn into its parking lot. For years, I had been fascinated by this artist's cover pictures on the Saturday Evening Post. After studying hundreds of his paintings that day, I selected one that was my favorite, entitled "Freedom of Speech." It is a scene at a town hall meeting, where a mechanic with grease-stained and calloused hands is standing, expressing his point of view. An immaculately dressed professional man is watching him with what I consider to be an expression of surprise or skepticism on his face while another gentleman that I

would guess to be the mayor appears to be cheering him on. That picture has hung in our home ever since I brought it back from that trip.

We then crossed over into New Hampshire and the White Mountains. Our car came to rest at Portland, Maine, where in full view of the Atlantic Ocean, we enjoyed a dinner of red lobster. On our return trip to Burlington from sightseeing, we could see a big change in the coloring of the leaves during the three or four days we had been driving. Still, they didn't hold me spellbound. It was an enjoyable trip, though, and allowed me to get better acquainted with my sister who was eight years older than I. When planning a trip there to see the foliage at its peak storage for color, it would be good to call ahead to learn just when the best week or days would be to enjoy the view. Conditions may vary a little with each fall season.

Today the sun is bright and warm. As I look south from our windows, I see the trees are surely turning in colors. Many are still green, but the cottonwoods and willows are turning to beautiful shades of yellow and changing to a deep gold which will eventually become brown, a sight that indeed has me spellbound. And I didn't have to travel 1,842 miles one way and spend hundreds of dollars in order to enjoy this view. Some of you will understand my next statement "... and the trees, the leaves, and the colors are ours."

The point I want to make in this article is that while the New England foliage is beautiful in the fall, we Kansans don't have to leave our state to become spellbound with the beauty outdoors. It's all right here at our back door. October has never been more beautiful than it is this year, and I see that the price of gasoline is down a little (even under \$3.10 a gallon in Abilene).

I'll meet you at the crossroads and together we'll see Kansas at its very best. I'm ready to be truly spellbound.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: "Great for Halloween."

CRISPY RICE CUPCAKES
6 tablespoons butter
(2) 10.5-ounce packages miniature marshmallows
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
2 teaspoons vanilla
12-ounce box crispy rice cereal

(3) 2-ounce bottles sprinkles, divided
16-ounce package candy coating, melted

Spray 18 muffin cups. In a large saucepan melt butter over medium-low heat. Add marshmallows and cook until melted and smooth. Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter and vanilla. Add cereal and 2 bottles sprinkles stirring until combined. Using greased hands press mixture evenly into prepared muffin cups mounding mixture into a cupcake shape. Cool for at least 1 hour. Remove cupcakes from pans. Dip tops of cupcakes in melted candy coating immediately top with remaining sprinkles.

1 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 cups plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, cream together eggs, oil, butter, sugars, and vanilla. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Cover and refrigerate dough one hour. Using a cookie scoop, drop balls of dough onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Smear a dab of butter all over the bottom of a glass, then dip the glass in granulated sugar. Use the glass to flatten each ball of dough, dipping again into the sugar each time. Repeat until all are flattened. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes, until cookies are just barely turning brown. Don't overbrow! Allow to cool before eating. Cookies are ultra crumbly!

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: **CHEESY ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE**

2 pounds zucchini, sliced
1 cup prepared rice
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup mushroom soup
Salt & pepper to taste
1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Place zucchini in a sauce-

pan, cover with water and boil until tender; drain and mash. Mix together rice, eggs and soup; add zucchini, salt and pepper. Layer rice mixture and cheese in a greased 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Serves 6.

Another one from Sandy Hill, Eskridge:

SQUASH & APPLES
1 butternut squash, peeled & sliced
5 apples, cored, peeled & sliced
1/2 cup butter

1 cup brown sugar, packed
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Arrange squash and apples in a greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan and dot with butter. Sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to one hour or until tender. Serves 4 to 6.

Fred Engler, El Dorado, sent these in response to the recent recipe request:

SOURDOUGH STARTER #2
1 package active dry yeast
2 cups warm water

3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon sugar or honey

In a large non-metal bowl dissolve yeast in 2 cups warm water (105-115 degrees); let stand 5 minutes. Add 3 1/2 cups flour and 1 tablespoon sugar and blend well. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and cloth towel. Let stand in warm place (80-85 degrees) for 5 days, stirring at least once per day. When starter is ready for use, it is bubbly and may have a yellow liquid layer on top. Stir well before using; if starter will not be used immediately, cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Return to room temperature before using.

If desired, starter can be replenished for future use. After removing 1 cup starter, add to remaining starter, 1 cup flour, 2/3 cup warm water (105-115 degrees) and 1 teaspoon sugar or honey; blend well. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and cloth towel. Let stand in warm place (80-85 degrees) for 10 to 12 hours or overnight. Starter will bubble and rise. Stir, cover and store in re-

frigerator. If used once a week will remain active. If not used, stir in it sugar or honey weekly.

SILVER DOLLAR PANCAKES

1 cup sourdough starter
2 cups unsifted flour
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 eggs
3 tablespoons melted shortening
2 tablespoons sugar

About 12 hours before mealtime, mix sourdough starter, flour, milk and salt; let stand in bowl covered with cheesecloth in a warm place. Just before baking, remove 1 cup batter to replenish starter in jar. To the remaining batter in bowl, add baking soda, eggs, shortening and sugar; mix well. Bake cakes the size of silver dollars on lightly greased hot griddle. For thinner hot cakes, add more milk to batter. Makes about 30 cakes (can make larger cakes!).

SOURDOUGH BISCUITS

1 1/2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda (1/2 teaspoon if starter is quite sour)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sourdough starter
Melted butter

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cut in 1/4 cup butter with pastry blender until crumbly. Add sourdough starter and mix. Turn dough out on lightly floured board. Knead lightly until satiny. Roll out dough 1/2-inch thick. Cut with floured 2 1/2-inch cutter. Place biscuits in well-greased 9-inch square pan. Brush with melted butter. Let rise about 1 hour in a warm place (Replenish starter by stirring in 2 cups warm water and 2 cups flour. Cover tightly and store in refrigerator). Bake in 425-degree oven for 20 minutes. Makes 12 biscuits.

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American AgCredit to host "Tailgate Talk" at Wichita Farm and Ranch Show

American AgCredit's "Tailgate Talk" will feature speakers discussing current events in agriculture and sports. Segments at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, will allow for casual discussion and question/answer sessions with our presenters. Stop by the American AgCredit C5-9 booth on Tuesday to hear from Larry Steckline, Wednesday to visit with Mitch Holthus, and swing by the stage area, in the northwest corner on Thursday, to gain knowledge from Trent Loos. Look forward to the dynamic discussion that will take place!

Tuesday, November 8th
 • Larry Steckline at 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. at American AgCredit C5-9 booth.

Wednesday, November 9th
 • Mitch Holthus at 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. at American AgCredit C5-9 booth.
Thursday, November 10th
 • Trent Loos at 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

• Trent will present in the NW corner-Seminar Area-of the Sam Fulco Pavilion.
 • Trent will be broadcasting his five daily radio shows from C5-9 booth.



American Ag Credit's vintage pickup will be the setting for thought-provoking conversations with a variety of speakers at the Wichita Farm and Ranch Show.

Wichita Farm & Ranch Show set for Nov. 8-10

Wichita Farm and Ranch Show organizers hope you reserve November 8th, 9th, and 10th to attend the 17th annual Farm Show. The show is again located at the Sam Fulco Pavilion at the Kansas Pavilions. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. daily with Tuesday night's close at 5:00 p.m.,

Wednesday night's close at 8:00 p.m. and Thursday's wrap-up at 4:00 p.m. Admission and Parking at the Wichita Farm and Ranch Show are free. "We try to add some new events every year, to keep the show fresh and give the producers a reason to keep coming back each year,"

said Steve Guenther, show manager. American AgCredit along with the Wichita Farm & Ranch Show will present "Tailgate Talk" each day of the show. Chat Tuesday with Larry Steckline, Wednesday with Mitch Holthus and Thursday with Trent Loos. Stop by the American

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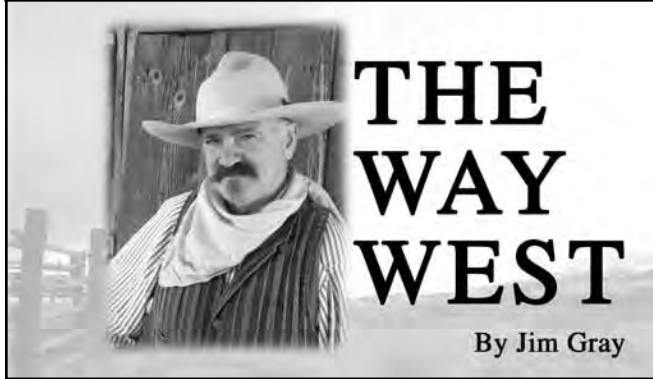
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By Jim Gray

Shootout At The Lone Star

The Lone Star Dance Hall was one of Dodge City's most popular resorts. Bat Masterson and Ben Springer were the owners of the Lone Star, which sported a long mahogany bar and a full complement of gambling tables. Charley Lawson's orchestra provided music from a small stage that overlooked the dance floor in the rear of the room. The stage also provided the opportunity to produce variety shows on occasion. Charlie Siringo, one of the first cowboys to write about his cattle trailing days, visited the Lone

Star on a particularly festive night. He described the place as "jammed full of free and easy girls, long-haired buffalo-hunters, wild and woolly cowboys." Siringo and a "cowboy chum" by the name of Wess Adams got into a brawl. Adams was stabbed and the two of them were forced to swing into the saddle and ride hard for camp with pistols blazing and shouts of defiance.

Bat Masterson announced his candidacy for Ford County Sheriff in October and in so doing, relinquished his interest in the

Lone Star. The day before elections, Monday, November 5, 1877, a standoff occurred in the dance hall that the Dodge City Times referred to as "Frontier Fun."

Bob Shaw accused "Texas Dick" Moore of stealing forty dollars from him and the disagreement quickly erupted into a heated verbal bout. One of the bystanders immediately left in search of an officer and finding Assistant Marshal Ed Masterson, returned to the Lone Star with the officer just as the argument was about to boil over. When Masterson entered the door the dispute had ripened beyond mere words. Shaw was by the bar, "...with a huge pistol in his hand and a hogshead of blood in his eye, ready to relieve Texas Dick of his existence in this world and send him to those shades where troubles come not and six shooters are not known."

Masterson commanded Shaw to give up his six-shooter but Shaw shouted for Masterson to stay out of

it. As the gun-wielding cowboy Bob Shaw turned back toward Texas Dick, Masterson reacted without hesitation. With a crashing blow Masterson brought the butt of his pistol down on Shaw's head. But to the young officer's surprise Shaw didn't even stumble. Instead, blue smoke erupted from Shaw's pistol as the cowboy quickly turned and opened fire. Hot lead split the smoke-filled room. Ed Masterson completely through his right breast. Barely noticing his desperate position, Masterson reacted instinctively by exchanging his pistol from his paralyzed right hand to his left hand as he fell to the floor. All the while Shaw was wildly emptying his pistol. Texas

Dick dropped with a bullet in his groin. Frank Buskirk stepped into the open door to watch the fight just as a bullet ripped into his left arm. From the dance hall floor Masterson returned fire, finally putting an end to Shaw's shooting performance, with bullets in Shaw's left arm and his left leg. Bob Wright, owner of Wright & Beverley's general merchandise store, heard someone run by his door, crying out, "Our marshal is being murdered in the dancehall." As Wright burst in the hall, "The house was so dense with smoke from the pistols a person could hardly see." Through the smoke Wright made out the form of Ed Masterson with his six-shooter in his left hand.

The lawman had several men corralled in the corner of the dance hall, holding them until assistance could reach him. Amazingly no one was killed. Ed Masterson was commended as, "...a guardian who shirks no responsibility and who hesitates not to place himself in danger when duty requires."

The very next day, November 6, 1877, was Election Day. Ed's brother Bat Masterson was elected Ford County Sheriff. Ed took leave of his job to recuperate at his family home in Sedgwick, but two weeks later he was back on the job. Unimpressed with Larry Deger's performance as Dodge City Marshal, the city council replaced Deger with their new hero, Ed

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"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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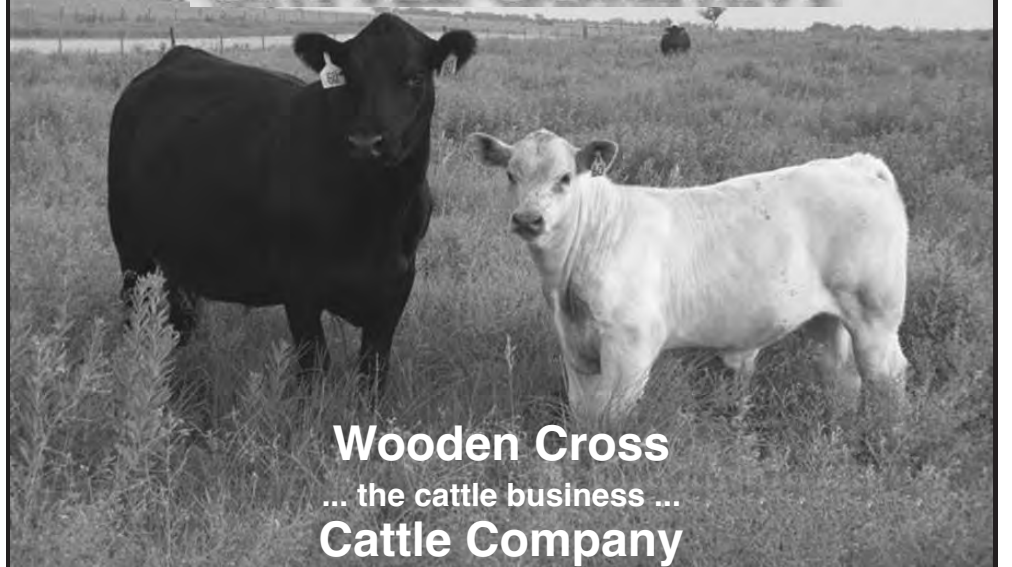
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I'd traded for a young horse and took him out for his first gather. He had been raised in corrals and was bamfoozled by the rough terrain. We'd ridden about two miles with him snorting and stopping and sliding, whinnying for other horses to save him. We slid off a slope and hit a small arroyo at the bottom. He stood shaking. I was eggin' him on, but to no avail. He wouldn't move. Completely overwhelmed, he laid down in the sand like a cow!

I sat still in the saddle with my stirrups on the ground. We had a short conversation, about a minute,

then he took a deep breath and rose to the occasion.

The South Dakota badlands can overpower a horse, as well. Shorty took a green grulla gelding of his out to check cows on a Pine Ridge Reservation lease. That, too, is rough country, mostly rocky and uneven. He trailered across the prairie and unloaded on a little flat at the edge of the pasture. They weren't far from a big badland creek called Redstone, that drains a lot of that area.

Laying off the side, he spotted a middle-sized Hereford bull. Shorty decided to push the bull on down the creek where he'd seen some cows grazing. It took a little prodding but they soon got the bull on a trail goin' down the creek. The trail had a lot of bends and vertical cut badland walls.

The bull started down on to a steep trail into the

creek bed but then turned back the wrong way, right along the wall! Shorty loped back up the creek bank, hee-hawin', hollerin' and waving his arms to shush the bull. But, all of the hoorah spooked the young horse who, in a moment of "Now or Never" jumped the bank and landed a-straddle of the bull!

The bull lit out down the creek, the horse rolled off the bull, and Shorty rolled off the horse! The frightened horse, in a panic, climbed the bank and took off. Whilst crawling up the steep slide, Shorty had a vision of his best Hamley saddle hanging underneath the horse's belly galloping for home. Which, of course, is what a good horse with any common sense would do. But when Shorty topped the rim, there stood the inexperienced novice grulla, eyes wide and nostrils flaring, not twenty feet away. Somewhere in his equine brain he processed his options. Bull? Rock? Trailer? Mother and home? Not having any experience in his young life to compare this to, he actually walked up to Shorty, who touched the side of his face, and sighed. I guess he just needed a hug.

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Field days to explore potential of winter canola in north central Kansas

Winter canola is becoming popular in southern Kansas as a profitable cool-season rotation crop, but there are some questions about the adaptability of winter canola to north central Kansas, said Mike Stamm, K-State Research and Extension canola breeder.

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The second field day will begin at 11 a.m. at the Dean Elvin farm near Marquette. To get to this site from Marquette, go one mile west on K-4 Highway, turn south and take 4th Avenue one mile. Turn west on Smoky Valley Road. Drive one mile then turn north on 3rd Avenue. Drive 1/4 mile and the plot will be located on the east side of the road. At this

field day, producers can see 24 commercial winter canola cultivars, including conventional and Round-up Ready varieties and hybrids. The winter canola seeded around the plot was drilled into burned wheat stubble.

At both field days, Stamm will explain many aspects of canola production. Those attending will:

- Observe the appropriate growth stage for entering winter dormancy.
- Learn what an acceptable fall stand is and what plant changes to expect entering winter dormancy.
- Gain an understanding about winter canola production practices.
- Learn more about the features and appropriate

use of existing and emerging risk management tools.

• Find out if winter canola is a viable option in north central Kansas.

These field days are free and open to the public. This is part of a joint program between K-State Research and Extension and USDA-RMA titled "Promoting and Disseminating Good Farming Practices and Risk Management Education for Winter Canola to Farmers and Ranchers in the Topeka, Kansas RMA Region." Financial support is provided by the USDA-RMA.

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Auctions

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December 1 — 1/4 section of farmground in Dickinson

County at Abilene for Steven & Jackie Meuli. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction. December 1 — Chase County acreage & 1891 Limestone

ranch home at Cottonwood Falls for Property of James Donahue & the late Joan Donahue. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

December 1 — Farm machinery at Holton for Stan & Charlotte Brock. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service. December 10 — Household






at Abilene for Keith Olson Trust. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auction Co. December 31 — Harley Gerdes 27th annual New

Year's Consignment auction at Lyndon. March 10, 2012 — Concordia Optimist Annual Machinery Consignment auction at Concordia.

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