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Stump barn reaches centennial milestone

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

It's unusual, it's rare – being only one of two Benton Steele barns left in Kansas – and as it turns hundred years old this year, stands as a majestic sentinel on the farm of David and Delores Stump on Highway 9 near Blue Rapids. The beautiful round barn was one of five built in Kansas by Steele, who is considered the country's leading builder, designer and promoter of round barns, according to James R. Shortridge in his paper, *The Round Barns of Kansas*. He writes that fewer than fourteen hundred round barns have ever existed in the United States and most of them were located in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin. A survey conducted in the 1980s found forty-one round barns built over the years in Kansas, with only twenty-four still standing at that time.

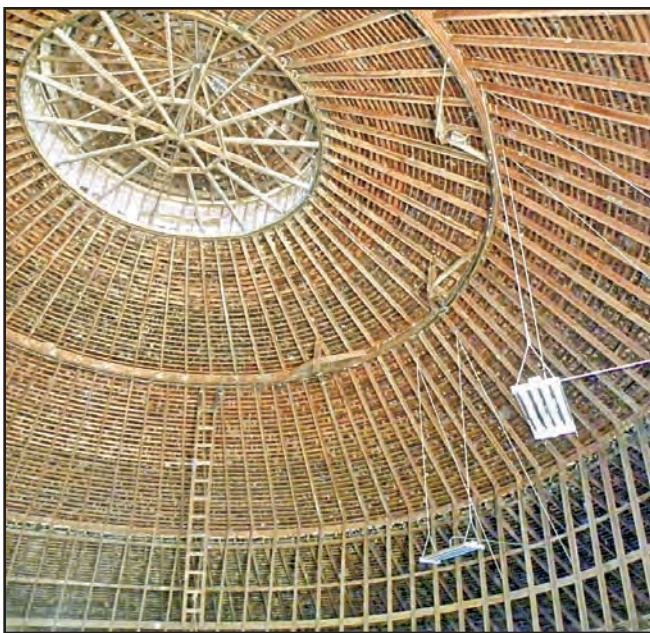
In August the Stumps held a celebration in honor of the barn's centennial. They estimate approximately 1500 people came throughout the day to look at the barn and hear its history. About fifteen to twenty relatives of Benton Steele were in attendance that day, including his grandson, Johnny, who brought with him his grandfather's old manual typewriter and other artifacts.

"The circular form of building is and always has been and always will be, the ultimate in architectural form as well as the strongest shapes ever conceived by man," Benton Steele was quoted as saying. "The creator made and fashioned every known or tangible thing after the circular form..."

Steele's words ring true when after 100 years of Kansas wind and weather, the Stump barn is still struc-



Left: The Stump barn, one of only two Benton Steele round barns still standing in Kansas, turned one hundred years old this year.



A trolley system in the barn's labyrinth of rafters was designed to distribute loose hay in the center for storage. There is a manger that can feed 100 cattle at a time around the perimeter. The haymow could hold 230 tons of loose hay.

turally sound and has needed few repairs. "Just the roof and a few gates the cows tore up," said David. They've painted the barn three times themselves and hired it done two or three more.

Steele built the barn for the John Drennan family, who immigrated from Ireland in 1870. Ninety-two feet in diameter and forty feet from the bottom to the cupola on top, the barn cost roughly \$3,000 to build. The Stump family purchased the farm, along with the barn, in 1961. David was ten when they moved there, and remembers stacking hay in it. "It's hard to stack square bales in a round barn," he laughed. "You just keep going around and around."

Unique and historic though it may be, the barn

has always been utilized in the daily operations of the farm, home of Springhill Herefords.

"Dad uses it every day," said his daughter, Angie Denton who, along with helping at the farm is also the director of communications for the American Hereford Association. "We wean the calves in it in the fall and the first-calf heifers calve there in the winter." They added a working chute about five years ago. "The barn is the center of all our pastures," she continued. "It's very useful."

While the Kansas weather hasn't phased the barn, it did have a close call with another element in 2003 – fire.

A couple of months after the Stump's daughter, Kim, had used the barn for her



Below: Trailers took guests at the celebration for tours of the pastures on the Stump farm.



The Stump family gathered to celebrate the barn's centennial. Pictured are, back row: David and Delores Stump. Front row: Dakota, Jarrod, Kinsley and Jami Gillig, London, Ont., Canada; Angie, Dustin, Wesley and John Denton, Blue Rapids; Kim, Callie and Dan Schmidt, Blue Rapids.

wedding, David put about twenty round bales inside it on the Fourth of July. "Towards the end of August I looked out the window and I had a glow in the barn," he recalled. "We had hay on fire."

He called 911, put a hose on the fire and firefighters arrived in good time. Smoke billowed from the top of the barn. David says the hay melted right down and the barn suffered no damage. "It wasn't even scorched," he said in amazement.

Kim's husband Dan helps manage the daily operations

of Springhill Herefords while Angie and Kim help with marketing and other duties in the evenings and on weekends. They run about 150 cows and calve in the spring and fall. They artificially inseminate fifty cows per year plus all their heifers and David has been a Gold TPR breeder since the beginning of the program. Using newer genetics, they are very performance-oriented and pay attention to EPDs and phenotype. "We're not trying to focus on any one trait, we're trying to look at the whole animal." David said.

All three of the Stump daughters grew up showing cattle and now their children are beginning to enter the show ring. Angie's son Wesley was named the reserve champion peewee showman at the Junior National Hereford Expo this past year.

Having grown up on the farm, the barn is a big part of Angie's memories. "For me it was always the place to work," she said. "The older I get the more I appreciate it and don't want anything to happen to it. I want to make sure it's part of our family forever."



As a young child in agriculture, I joined the local 4-H club and was very heavily involved until the age of nineteen.

Additionally, throughout high school I became engrossed in FFA and would study for several hours to prepare for the

monthly competitions. Quite obviously, youth agriculture programs were an integral part of my upbringing and provided me with basic agricultural skills in classrooms on and off the farm. These experiences played a large role in preparing me for an education, and eventually, a

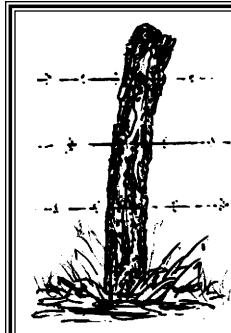
career in agriculture.

As you surely know, my story is not unique. Hundreds of thousands of American youths, through programs like 4-H and FFA, develop a love for agriculture and start preparing early on for an agricultural lifestyle and career. But very rarely do we ever stop to realize how blessed we are to have such programs.

Australia does not have 4-H or FFA, although some high schools do have livestock show teams that provide interested students the opportunity to fit and show cattle as a team experience. However, most children whose families aren't involved in farming or ranching get their agriculture exposure through biology courses or by attending a petting zoo at an event such as a country fair. As such, many students don't pursue an agricultural degree in college. Not surprisingly, due to the lack of students enrolled in agriculture degree programs, there is an ever-growing need for capable agriculture graduates to fill an increasingly larger agriculture workforce. According to a 2009 study by the Australian Council of Deans of Agriculture, Australia's universities are graduating a mere 800 agriculture students per year for a job market that demands 6,000 graduates. This is in large part due to the low agriculture enrollment at universities but also partially due to low starting salaries. The average salary for a 2009 Australian agriculture graduate was \$45,000. Compare that to the starting salary of \$57,000 for a geologist, and you can easily see why there is a shortage of agriculture graduates.

On the bright side, there are some Australian students who have no agriculture experience upon entering college but are exposed to it during a laboratory class or field trip. This in turn sparks interest in further agriculture education and some students end up pursuing

PhD's after graduation. Many of the graduate students that I work with share the common thread of being raised in urban surroundings with no previous farming or ranching experience but are pursuing advanced agriculture degrees. In these cases, it's exciting to see young people



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Which source is best?

Each morning soon after I first get up, I look out the window to the southwest and count how many of the 32 big wind turbines are not turning. This morning I counted only one, but often it ranges from one to four that are not turning. They are like cars in that they need frequent maintenance since they are running continuously day and night. Transmission lines carry their electrons to the Joplin area in Missouri, where thousands of homes are provided electricity.

What is electricity, a power which one cannot see, smell, hear, or taste but can feel when not protected by some kind of insulation such as rubber? It can be described as flowing or moving electrons within a conductor such as a copper wire. When the switch is off, the electrons are still — not moving. When the switch is turned on, the electrons move or flow. In a light bulb they flow through the filament, heating it up since it is a resistant metal such as tungsten instead of a conductor such as aluminum or copper, causing it to give off a bright light. These electrons flow at an extremely fast pace, so fast that a bulb a mile from the electron source will brighten up as quickly as one located just a few feet from the source. I like to use the following analogy in describing the flow of electrons: Consider a water tower with a huge tank of water at the top. Let the tank of water represent the source of electricity. The pipe that takes the water from the tank to its destination is like the conductor or wiring, and the water flowing through it represents the electrons.

Electrons are generated by means of mechanical energy being changed into electrical energy. This process is accomplished by a generator consisting of a U-shaped magnet with its north and south poles. A magnetic field is formed between the two poles, where lines of force pass from one pole to the other. When these lines of force are cut by a wire, electricity is induced or generated. So the two main parts of a generator of electricity are the magnetic field structure and the armature, which is the many wires that spin inside the north and south magnetic field, creating electricity or electrons that are contained and controlled by copper wire conductors called wiring (or transmission lines when large).

The armature with its many wires (it may contain up to 30 miles of coiled copper wire) that cut the lines of force passing between the two magnets has to be spun very rapidly by mechanical means to generate the flow of electrons or electricity. This can be accomplished by several different means:

1. It can be done by jets of steam that hit the fins of the armature,

causing it to spin and cut the lines of force. The steam is produced by heating water to its boiling point by coal, natural gas, or nuclear energy. The steam produced is cooled by large radiators and then reused to conserve water.

2. The armature can be caused to spin by falling water or hydroelectric power such as is done at the Hoover Dam. The Columbia River between Washington state and Oregon has many dams. I have seen ten or twelve huge generators below the dams, their armatures being spun by huge amounts of falling water. It is a less costly way to generate electricity, but many rivers are not steep enough to make it affordable.

3. Another means of spinning the armature is by huge wind turbines with slow-turning blades powered by wind, with gears increasing the speed to where the armature is spinning very rapidly in the magnetic field to cut the line of force, producing electricity. Last week I spent two hours with the Wind Energy Technology Advisory Council at CCCC. I learned that eighty students are enrolled in the two-year course being taught by five instructors. All graduates have jobs waiting for them, starting at \$18 per hour with good benefits, including tools, uniforms, and four weeks vacation time.

4. Diesel engines are sometimes used as another way to spin the armature mechanically. Some small towns, hospitals, and individual homes have these fuel-driven engines as a backup to generate electricity when needed but they are rather costly to operate.

5. Solar (sun) energy is also a source of electrical power. Solar farms may cover several acres of land, where there are banks of solar panels of cells which, like leaves on a tree, catch energy from the sun. It is then transformed into usable electric power. However, they function only when the sun is shining. To become efficiently useful, this method of producing electrical energy needs more research.

Green energy is in great demand. I was told today that six new wind farms will be built in Kansas next year. Companies who build receive tax breaks. The college receives generous grant money for its program. The design of the wind blades has been improved to make them about 15 percent more efficient. Probably the most common means of generating electricity is by heating water to steam, but this can cause more air and nuclear pollution.

Yes, we can produce great amounts of electricity at a cost, but we would not have to produce so much if all of us would "turn off the switch" when we are not using it. That is called conservation.

Prairie Ponderings

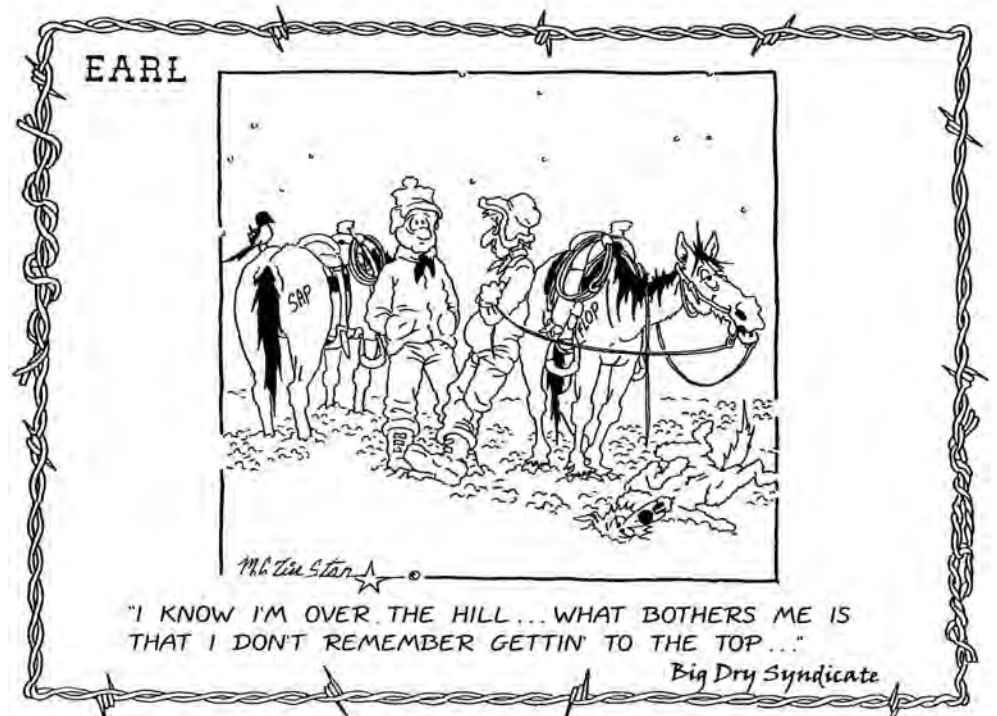
By Donna Sullivan

I have a faithful reader who I hear from every couple of months. I always like seeing his name come up on the caller ID, because I know he will engage me in some thought-provoking conversation. Sometimes he calls to tell me he liked something I wrote and sometimes he calls because he doesn't really agree with my position on a particular topic. I like that. Because when he disagrees with me, his sentence usually starts out with, "Have you thought about..." He'll generally end the conversation with "I just wanted to give you something to think about." He tells me his point of view and politely listens while I tell him mine. He almost always causes me to consider a different angle. Again, I like that. He's had a few more trips around the sun than I have, and his farming experience far outweighs mine, so whether we agree on every subject pales in comparison to what can be gained by such dialogue. Disagreeing does not make us enemies.

We've officially entered another election season — although it could be argued that we never really left one — and we will spend the next twelve months in a barrage of heated exchanges, mud-slinging, character attacks and ideological warfare. While I fully understand the importance of the process, I just wish it didn't have to be so ugly. I wish we could debate without degrading, truly listen to each other even when we don't see eye to eye and use genuine ideas to persuade others rather than fear-mongering and spin.

On Friday we will observe Veteran's Day. Those veterans who once served our country, and those brave men and women that continue to do so, deserve not only our gratitude, but our genuine attempts to be good stewards of the liberties for which they fought, and in some cases, gave their lives. Don't we owe it to them to work together to protect the future of this great nation, for which they have sacrificed so much? Don't they deserve our best efforts to find solutions to the problems facing our country rather than letting politics trump the greater good?

I believe they do, and I'm willing to bet it's something that most of us could agree on.



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getting involved in agriculture without the encouragement from their parents who would otherwise wish to see them return to the farm.

It's crucial to the agriculture industry, both in Australia and the United States, to actively engage youths in programs that spark their interest in agricultural produc-

tion. As the world's population continues to increase exponentially, so will our need for a larger, more easily distributable food supply. Early education and training is a valuable tool to achieving the goal of feeding an estimated nine billion hungry mouths by 2050. Additionally, had I not been

exposed at an early age to the wide variety of opportunities in agriculture, I might never have decided to pursue a career in animal science. In turn, I probably would not have met my husband and consequently, would not be writing this column. So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you 4-H and FFA!

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- 2 cups butter
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 6 onions, sliced thin
- 10.75-ounce can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup milk
- 1 loaf French bread

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large skillet heat butter and add onions. Cook 10 to 15 minutes until soft. Remove onions from pan (leave butter in pan) and place onions in baking dish. Combine soup and milk and pour over onions. Sprinkle with cheese. Slice bread about 1 inch thick and dip both sides in butter left in pan. Arrange on top of cheese. Bake for 30 minutes or until bread is golden brown and toasty.

HINT: Drain onions very well. You may also use croutons (large) instead of French bread; easier to serve.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy Hill, Eskridge: JALAPENO BREAD & BUTTER PICKLES 4 pounds cucumbers, sliced Small onion, sliced 4 jalapeno peppers, seeded 1/2 cup canning salt 5 cups sugar Crushed ice 4 cups white vinegar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 tablespoons mustard seed 2 teaspoons celery seed 1 1/2 teaspoons ground turmeric 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves <p>In a large container combine the cucumbers, onions, jalapenos and salt. Cover with crushed ice and mix well. Let stand for 3 hours.</p> |
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Drain, rinse and drain again. In a Dutch oven combine the sugar, vinegar and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Add cucumber mixture and return to a boil. Remove from the heat. Carefully ladle hot mixture into hot pint jars, leaving 1/2-inch head space. Remove air bubbles, wipe rims and adjust lids. Process for 15 minutes in a boiling water canner. yield: 7 pints.

Debbie Ervin, Eureka:
PECAN FRENCH TOAST
Combine:

- Thick-sliced bread
 - 4 eggs
 - 3/4 cups heavy whipping cream
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- Mix eggs, heavy whipping cream, vanilla, brown sugar and cinnamon. Break 4-6 slices of any thick-sliced bread in pieces. Soak the bread in the egg mixture overnight. Before baking, mix:
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
 - 1/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup melted butter
 - 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- Pour over bread and bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 min-

utes. Remove from oven and dust with powdered sugar. An 8-by-8-inch square pan works well. Serves 4.

Mildred Goehring, Manhattan: "A tasty main meal."

POOR MAN'S LASAGNA
1 pound hamburger
8-ounce can tomato sauce
1/2 cup cottage cheese
4 ounces cream cheese
1/4 cup sour cream
6 ounces wide egg noodles

Brown meat and drain. Add tomato sauce. Combine all other ingredients except noodles, and add to meat. Cook noodles and combine with all ingredients. Spray casserole and add mixture. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Beth Scripter, Abilene: "So good, easy, and moist!"

EASY PUMPKIN MUFFINS
1 can of pumpkin
1 box of spice cake mix (I added about 1/2 cup of water)
Stir well and put in greased muffin tin and bake at 350 degrees for about 15 minutes.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "I have not tried this recipe but tasted the cookies

made by my cousin in Arkansas. They were good."

MIRACLE COOKIES
1 cup smooth peanut butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
2 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine peanut butter and sugar. Mix well. Stir in beaten egg, water and vanilla. Roll into 3/4-inch balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with a floured fork. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Cool before removing from cookie sheet.

NOTE: NO FLOUR REQUIRED!

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:

LEMONY POPPY SEED BREAD
18 1/4-ounce lemon cake mix
3.4-ounce package instant lemon pudding mix
4 eggs
1 cup water
1/2 cup oil
1 to 2 teaspoons poppy seeds
Blend first 5 ingredients together, mixing well. Stir in

poppy seeds. Pour into two 8-by-4-inch lightly greased and floured loaf pans, bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
SUGARED PECANS

- 3 eggs whites
- 2 tablespoons water
- 8 cups pecan halves
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon orange zest
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Lightly spray a jelly roll pan. In bowl, whisk 3 egg whites and 2 tablespoons water. Place pecans in egg white mixture tossing well to coat. In another bowl, combine sugar, zest, salt and pie spice. Add sugar mixture to pecans, tossing well to coat. Spread pecans in an even layer on prepared pan. Bake, stirring occasionally for 45 minutes or until almost dry. Cool completely about 2 hours.



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Lois Lahodny, Belleville: "We raised a lot of squash this year so I decided to try this and send the recipe. We thought it was very good."

SQUASH CRUMBLE

Filling:

- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- Pinch salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 butternut squash (about 2 pounds), peeled, seeded & cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 baking apples (such as Granny Smith), peeled, cored & cut into small chunks

Topping:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- Pinch salt
- 5 tablespoons butter, cold
- 1/2 cup pecans

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. To make the filling, in a small bowl mix together brown sugar, cornstarch, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Set aside. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add squash and cook for 5 to 6 minutes or until just tender. Drain thoroughly. In a large bowl mix squash and apples. Add brown sugar mixture, toss well, then transfer everything to prepared baking dish. To make topping, in a

food processor combine flour, sugar, cinnamon and salt. Add butter and pulse just until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add pecans and pulse to chop and combine. Sprinkle topping evenly over apples and squash. Bake for 45 minutes, or until the squash and apples are tender. Makes 8 servings.

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Garnish, bacon, cheese, green onions. Place potatoes, soup and water into a slow cooker, heat on high setting until potatoes are tender, about 2-3 hours. Add milk and instant mashed potatoes to reach desired consistency, stirring constantly. Heat 2-3 hours longer, spoon into bowls to serve. Top with garnishes.



No model remodeling; One thing leads to another

By Lou Ann Thomas

It all started with a new storm door. Since moving back to the family farm two years ago I've been trying catch up on needed maintenance and updating on the house. There is much to do, since it has been many years since anyone kept up on such things.

This house is special to me. My father built it and we moved in when I was four, but I didn't know until my mother's funeral three years ago that she had de-

signed the house. That makes it mean even more to me.

Replacing the front storm door was high on my list since it was a very dated, flimsy aluminum one that offered little resistance to cold weather. I popped for a nice, heavy-duty, insulated replacement that matched the house well. But once it had been installed it somehow made the living room, which you entered into through it, look a bit outdated. That was

nothing that a fresh coat of paint couldn't fix.

But then I noticed that the carpet looked terribly drab in comparison to my bright and colorful walls. Ripping that out and having the hardwood floors underneath refinished took a little effort, but the payback was stunning. My living and dining rooms were beautiful! I could not be more pleased.

However, now the kitchen was so obsolete I felt like Ma in "Little House on the Prairie" as I fixed my meals. "Some new appliances are all it needs," I thought. I thought wrong. Once I picked out new appliances the rest of the kitchen looked disjointed and rather tacky.

So, new flooring and new countertops and I

would have this house updated and cozy ready for a long winter's rest. Well, at least I'm now ready for a long rest! Replacing that storm door has led to an ever-growing snowball of home improvements. I now have a much better understanding of why, toward the end of my parents' lives they were so resistant to doing any updating of the house. Not only is it a hassle, a mess and a test of anyone's good temperament, but it's also an unending journey. As soon as one thing is fixed, by comparison, the rest of the house looks worse than before.

I'm still working my way through the house, and hope that when finished it won't be time to replace that storm door again.

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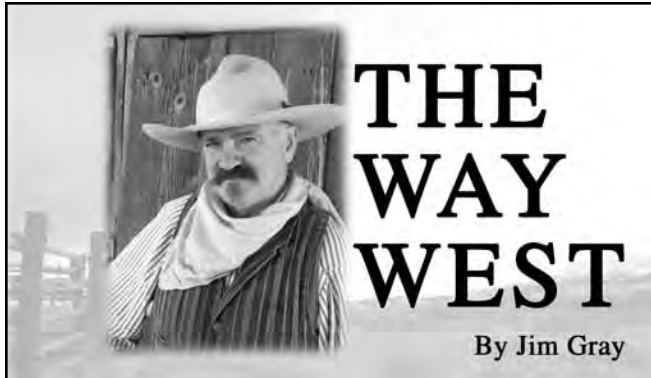
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Wild Bill's Little Indian Woman

Through the early hours of a cool November morning a heartrending remnant of the wild frontier feebly clung to life. Ailing and destitute, Anna Wilson had seen the deadliest of days with her companion, Wild Bill Hickok. She apparently came to Kansas with Hickok

in 1866, after he accepted a position at Fort Riley as a government detective. Hickok was fresh from Springfield, Missouri, where in a famous duel "Wild Bill" killed Dave Tutt with one well placed shot. At Fort Riley Hickok proved his reputation when he re-

turned from a "hunt" for stolen property with nine government mules. He carried out his mission alone, bringing in two desperate men with the stolen mules. When asked if he was afraid to partake in such hazardous duty, Wild Bill confidently replied that in the event of trouble he could outdraw and shoot both men before they could ever fire a shot. When not actively engaged by the military, Hickok reportedly operated a Junction City saloon whiling away the time at the gambling tables. Anna is not mentioned but can be assumed to be living in Junction City with her man. She was known to be at his side during a mid-winter hunt. The Leavenworth Daily Bulletin noted their visit to the city in mid-February, 1867, saying that Wild Bill had

"recently arrived from the Far West with trains loaded with furs, peltries and buffalo robes. Wild Bill brings his wife along..." Hickok's activities moved further west during the summer of 1867. The military kept him busy carrying messages between Fort Hays and Fort Harker. Anna's movements are not known but she is believed to have moved to Ellsworth, a new town established near Fort Harker during the spring of 1867. Hickok found time to run for Ellsworth County Sheriff in August. Never one to do things in

the usual way, Hickok attempted to garner votes based upon his horsemanship. Dressed in buckskins and looking every bit the part of a frontier hero Wild Bill saddled up and raced a train from Fort Harker to Ellsworth. He outran the train, "... in a feat of horsemanship that aroused the admiration of all." Even so, E. W. Kingsbury, a former cavalry officer and hero of the Civil War, was elected county sheriff. Hickok moved west to Hays City where Anna is found in the 1870 census

records. Hickok must have been far away from any census taker, for he has not been found in any enumeration in the state. While at Hays City he killed three men in three separate wild saloon shootouts. He was wounded in the last gunfight, and forced to hide out from angry citizens. Several rumors put him in different locations. On one of his return trips to Ellsworth he was traveling with his "Indian" wife. Anna was of Cherokee heritage and was often referred



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COMBINES
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to as Indian Annie. Sometime in the later part of 1870, Anna gave birth to a son affectionately called Willie. Abilene's need for a tough lawman brought Hickok back into the light early in 1871. Throughout all of his moves Anna Wilson followed Hickok as his quiet companion. At Abilene Marshal Hickok "grew tired" of Anna. He had faced many dangerous men in his lifetime but he couldn't face Anna without help. Charles Goss recorded that Hickok asked him to go along to their little shack where he paid her some money and sent her away. She moved to her former home in Ellsworth where she made a meager living cleaning rooms at the Grand

Central Hotel. She was known to supplement her income by reading fortunes.

There was never any doubt that Willie was Hickok's son. The Leavenworth Daily Times, October 21, 1877, reported "Young Wild Bill, now a lad of nine or ten years of age, is exactly like his father... Mrs. Wilson, or Mrs. Wild Bill, or Mrs. Hickok, or whichever-name-you-choose-to-call-her, is an Indian of low stature, not bad looking."

Willie contracted a childhood disease and died in the early 1880s. He was buried in the new cemetery at the Ellsworth County Poor Farm. Anna contracted consumption (tuberculosis), leading to her death in the early morning hours of

November 10, 1885. She was buried next to Willie. The Ellsworth Democrat reported, "Mrs. Wilson, well known to our citizens as the 'little Indian woman', and wife of Wild Bill, died last Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock." Indian Annie's memoirs were never recorded. Her adventures, known only to her, lie in eternal silence under the prairie sod on The Way West.

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Poor pastures give cattle producers opportunity to review their winter feeding options

Feeding hay came sooner than normal for some cattle farmers this fall.

The hot, dry conditions across much of cattle country this summer left cattle with thin pastures and not much to chew this fall.

While not opportune, these conditions give farmers a chance to look at their cattle herds with a critical eye and evaluate their feeding options.

"It's an excellent time to take inventory of your feed supply and think about culling your herd," said Rob Kallenbach, University of Missouri Extension forage specialist.

Culling makes sense

when faced with feed supply issues. Cows with a history of calving problems, poor teeth or those that remain open can be sold to save hay and money.

Culled cattle can garner a pretty penny now at the sale barn thanks to prices holding steady.

"Often when we have to sell out of a drought we're also looking at depressed animal prices, but cull cow prices are really good right now despite all the hard-

ships," Kallenbach said. "For better culled cows, prices are 70 cents per pound. That's a pretty good price for a 1,300-pound animal."

Once a herd is streamlined, cattle producers should evaluate whether they have enough hay to make it through the winter.

If hay reserves run low, farmers can supplement it with other feed sources

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Top: 13-year-old Jared Wagner husked his way to champion status in the 14 and under division of the 2011 National Cornhusking Championship held recently in Missouri. He is shown here with his proud grandfather, Charles Wagner of Atchison. Charles also competed in the contest, which brings back memories of when he did it as a child. Keeping the history alive is important to him and he sees the contests as a good way to pass the heritage to the next generation.



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November 9 — Jewell County real estate at Mankato for Ruth Clegg Estate, Donna King, owner. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 9 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery & hay E. of Cottonwood Falls for Cottonwood Ranch, Chris Burton. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

November 10 — Old cars, horse trailer, paint equip. & supplies, chainsaws, jewelry, antiques, tools at McPherson for KDOR Tax Asset Seizure. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.

November 10 — Jewell County real estate at Jewell for Rod & Rita Rose. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 10 — Pasture & cropland at Miltonvale for Heirs of Mabel Comfort Trickle. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

November 10 — Shawnee County land at Topeka. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company, Inc.

November 10 — Dickinson County farmland & grassland at Abilene for Harold L. & Edna M. Emig Trust. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

November 11 — Guns,

ammo, tractors, vintage auto & tractor parts, tools, appliances, farm equipment, antique & collectible furniture, trucks, pickups, tools & shop items, cars & misc. at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

November 11 — Real estate & personal property at Wamego for Gary L. Dewese Estate. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 12 — Real estate, automobile, household & tools at Maple Hill for Frances Flanary. Auctioneers: Bill Raine Auction Service.

November 12 — Farm machinery consignments at Effingham. Auctioneers: Hoffman Auction Service.

November 12 — Tractors, truck, machinery & misc. near Sabetha for Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Edelman. Auctioneers: Aeschliman Auction Service.

November 12 — Coins, truck, motorcycle, lawn mowers, toys, collectibles, jewelry, furniture & misc. at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Ed Dewey.

November 12 — Household, woodworking tools, tools & misc. at Marysville for Jason Scarberry & others. Auctioneers: Don Prell & Dave Bures.

November 12 — Tractor, farm machinery, tack, livestock equip. & hay, antique pickup, tools & misc. at Diller, Neb. for Larry & Mary Lou Curry. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc. Real Estate & Auction Service.

November 12 — Trailer, furniture, antiques & collectibles at Newton for John D. & Phyllis Schrock. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

November 12 — Antiques, collectibles, train sets,

railroad items, coins & jewelry at Herington for Olsen & Bisby. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

November 12 — Real estate, automobile, household at Hanover for Mary Poell. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

November 12 — 20th bull sale featuring Simmental, SimAngus, Angus & Red Angus at Moser Ranch.

November 12 — Antique household at Abilene for George Thompson Estate. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auction Co.

November 12 — Home, appliances, furniture, household at Manhattan for Bud & Betty Shawgo.

Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

November 12 — Nemaha County real estate at Centralia for Robert L. Ward Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 12 — Furniture, household, R/C airplanes, pocket watches, guns, tools & misc. at Lawrence for Paul S. Kuszewski Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Paxton Auction Service.

November 12 — Trucks, pickup, tractors, farm equipment, livestock equipment, trailers, automobile, fuel tanks, tools, shop equip., boat & camping equip. at Americus for Larry & Cindy Ed-

miston & neighbors. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

November 12 — Tractors, trucks, trailers, combine, machinery, equipment, misc. outdoor, shop items, grain bin at Hillsboro for Victor & Myrna Jost. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

November 12 — Furniture, collectibles, glassware & misc. at Abilene for George Thompson Trust. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auction.

November 12 — Farm machinery & related items consignment at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

November 13 — Tractors, combines, trucks, machinery, misc. near Seneca for Leonard Ronnebaum. Auctioneers: Wilhelm Auction Service.

November 13 — Tools, electric motors, outdoor equipment, cookbooks, antiques at Washington for Don & Phyllis Roberts. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

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Goeckel grew up on a swine farm. In high school, he worked for two large swine production operations and his experiences helped him as a student at Kansas State University land a position with the university's Swine Research Unit.

"I've been working at the Swine Research Unit since I was a freshman and have had many responsibilities, including record-keeping, feeding, vaccinating, artificial insemination and disinfecting the facility," he said. "I've been trusted with the training of all new student workers and am the person left in charge of managing weekend operations and part-time employees."

Today, as he continues pursuit of a bachelor's degree in feed science, he is serving an internship at Suther Feeds as a sales agent.

The American FFA Degree recognition programs are co-sponsored by Case IH of Racine, Wis.; Farm Credit Systems of Washington, D.C.; Pioneer Hi-Bred of Des Moines, Iowa; DTN - The Progressive Farmer of Omaha, Neb.; and Syngenta of Greensboro, N.C., as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Goeckel is the son of Douglas and Teryl Goeckel. He is studying grain science at Kansas State University. His FFA advisor is John Kern.

While working with his father on his commercial cow and crop production operation, Alex Goeckel of Washington became interested in the livestock industry. This interest continued to grow and now has won him top honors.

Goeckel, 21, a graduate of Washington High School in Washington and a member of the Washington FFA Chapter, competed against three other finalists to be named the Star of Agricultural Placement competition at the 84th National FFA Convention Oct. 19-22 in Indianapolis.

Each year at convention, 16 national finalists vie for the organization's top awards - the American Star Farmer, American Star in Agribusiness, American Star in Agricultural Placement and American Star in Agriscience. Four finalists compete in each category. The Star awards honor students who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies, demonstrated high management skills, earned an American FFA Degree - the organization's highest level of accomplishment and met a host of other agricultural education, scholastic and leadership requirements.

November 13 — Appliances, furniture, household, toy trains, trucks, vehicles, boat & trailer, mowers, tools & more at Louisville for Lawrence "Red" Marten Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

November 13 — Guns, ammo, knives, antique furniture, collectibles, pictures & prints at Topeka. Auctioneers: Olde Mill Auction.

November 13 — Furniture, appliances, riding lawn mower, tools & misc. at Junction City for Dorothy I. Schartau Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

November 14 — Tractors, machinery, livestock equipment, mowers, shop equipment & household at Newton for Ed & Connie Riffel. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

November 14 — Tractors, combine, pickup, machinery, shop equipment & misc. at Hays for local owners. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

November 14 — Smith County real estate at Smith County for Wayne Roush Trust, seller; The People's Bank, trustee. Auctioneers: Frieling Realty & Auction.

November 14 — Restaurant equipment, car, household, antiques & misc. at Jamestown for Jude's Restaurant. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

November 14 — John Deere machinery, farm related items & misc. S. of Waterville for Jim & Rhonda Tilley. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

November 17 — 3 absolute properties at Wellington & Winfield. Auctioneers: Weigand Auctions.

November 17 — Lyon County land at Olpe for Donna A. Williams Living Trust. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

November 17 — Real estate, choice Kansas river bottom farm land at Lawrence for Pine Family Farm. Auctioneers: Webb Realty, Dave Webb.

November 18 — Fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

November 19 — Tractors, combines, trucks, pickups, trailers, hay & tillage equip., planters & drills, livestock equip., augers, guns, ATV, wood stove, collectibles at Americus for Bill & Sherry Duncan & neighbors. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

November 19 — Vehicles, machinery, livestock equip., tools, mower, household, antiques, anvil & toys at Hope for Virginia Rock Estate.

Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

November 19 — Tractors, combine, headers, machinery, gravity wagons, truck, van, salvage machinery, collectibles & misc. at Beatrice, Neb. for Dennis Holsing Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

November 19 — Washington County farmland at Hanover for the Albert F. Boyer Trust. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

November 19 — Construction materials at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Totally Auction.

November 19 — Tractors, machinery, hay & livestock equip., household at Alma for Elly & the late Harold Neff. Auctioneers: Steve Murray Auctions.

November 19 — Chase County real estate at Strong City for Agnes Hensler Estate, Seller; James Pickert, Trustee. Auctioneers: John Flott.

November 19 — Acreage, rural home, tractors, farm machinery, shop items, antiques, household at Lincolnville. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

November 19 — Riley County real estate at Manhattan for Bernard & Betty Sue Wells Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

November 19 — Recreational/farm land at Randolph for Ann Nemechek. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

November 19 — Car, China painting, furniture, collectibles & misc. at Overbrook for Dortha Tucker Living Trust. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions, Mark Elston & Jason Flory.

November 19 — Pickups, trucks, farm equipment & household items N. of Hope for the Virginia Rock Estate. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

November 19 — Farm items, farm machinery & livestock equipment at Talmage for George Thompson Estate. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auction Co.

November 19 — Antique guns at Marysville for Roy Lewis Collection. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

November 19 — Real estate & personal property at Manhattan for Bernard & Betty Sue Wells Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

November 19 — Annual Angus bull sale at Eureka for Dalebanks Angus.

November 19 — Dozer, truck, tractors, combine, car, motorcycles, planting & tillage, livestock & haying equip., machin-

ery, tools & misc. at Pawnee City, NE for Boyd de Koning Estate. Auctioneers: Speckmann Realty & Auction Service, Inc.

November 20 — Country estate at Valley Falls. Auctioneers: Bill Fair & Company Auctions.

November 20 — Personal property & consignments at Manhattan for Riley County Police Department Seized Assets. Auctioneers: Totally Auctions.

November 20 — Furniture, guns, collectibles, primitives & tools at Council Grove for Pat Lapham. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

November 20 — Production sale at Enterprise for Hedgewood Prairie.

November 21 — Farm retirement auction at Topeka for Neil Warner. Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

November 21 — McPherson County land at Windom for Henry E. Willems. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction & Realty.

November 21 — Farm machinery, trucks, W. of Clifton for Douglas & Eleanor Kieffer. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

November 22 — Marion County real estate at Burns for Eugene & Amy Pearson. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

November 23 — Real estate at Emporia for Ruth M. Lewis, Briant Lewis, Charlene McIlvain, Beverly Curry. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

November 26 — Firearms, ammunition, forklift, bayonets, reloading equipment & misc. at Abilene. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

November 26 — Motorcycle, tools, furniture & primitives at Council Grove for Dick Montgomery & others. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

November 26 — Shawnee & Jackson County native pasture & farmland at Hoyt for The Heirs of Ruth Helen Young. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 26 — Cars, trucks, boats, campers, motor homes, motorcycles, ATVs, tractors, farm equipment, backhoes, mowers, tools, forklifts, guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

November 28 — Real estate in Trego & Gove counties at Wakeeney for Lucy A. Brull Revocable Living Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

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The Ft. Worth Stock Show is a mecca for a lot of purebred breeders. Many, many thousands have made the trip over the years, often overcoming daunting obstacles. But Galen's journey from Illinois takes the cake!

He and his cow-partner Dave loaded their prize Hereford bull in Galen's gooseneck stock trailer (G1), being pulled with Dave's new Dodge V-10 diesel (D1). They had to rewire G1 to make the lights work. They were to be accompanied by Dave's brother Mort. Mort was driving Dave's old truck (D2) and trailer (D3) with a load of straw.

Swinging by the tire store in Quincy to fix the spare on D3, they noticed a bolt sticking in the right front tire on D2. Thank

goodness they caught it before they left! In the meantime Dave maneuvered to gas up D1, ran over a curb and sliced the sidewall on G1! It cost them almost \$600 to get out of town!

Somewhere in the Ozarks, D2 started knock-in'. A check showed a dry dipstick! Taking a precaution, they bought a case of oil, for good luck, and hit the road. At the gas stop they had noticed D1's dually had a flat on the inside. They gave it a blind eye and drove on. All went well till twilight when Dave turned on the headlights and the brakes locked up! It took two hours at the next truck stop rewiring G1. Completed, they headed into the dark.

At 2 a.m. they took a pit stop alongside the road.

D2 was heating up. Dave took D1 and went on ahead. He picked up another case of oil and returned. They replenished the oil but D2 refused to start. The gauges looked good but they ran the battery down trying to jump it until Mort saw a toggle switch, flipped it and the dang thing started! It had two gas tanks!

Dave was pushing D1, runnin' 85 mph. Galen was Mort's co-pilot in D2. They were tryin' hard to keep up till there was a big explosion under the hood which filled the cab with smoke! It was a miracle Mort stayed on the road. They limped into the next pullout, parked D2 and climbed in D1 with Dave

and finally made Ft. Worth. The boys were pretty shaky but they managed to unload the bull at the tie-outs, and headed for the motel.

Next morning things looked better in the light of day. "Yessir," said the optimistic Dave, "We had a few setbacks but I've got a feelin' our luck is gonna change! You two go and feed our blue-ribbon bull and I'll go check us in."

The positive attitude was contagious, "Let's go get our star," said Galen, patting Mort on the back. Twenty minutes later Dave returned. He had lost his jaunty demeanor. Unfortunately, he had forgotten to make their entries! ©2011

Poor pastures

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such as distillers grain and corn gluten feed. Some will dip into lower-quality hay to meet their needs. Kallenbach said ammonification of lower-quality forages gets more use when farmers are trying to stretch hay supplies for cows in good body condition.

"You can take some pretty poor fescue hay or other feedstuffs, cover the stack in plastic and add 60 pounds of anhydrous ammonia per ton to bump up the nonprotein nitrogen in the feed and make it more digestible or usable by the animal," he said.

Other strategies to stretch that hay crop a little further include limiting the

amount of time that cows have access to hay racks.

"Most producers give their cows 24-hour access to hay, but they can limit that to an eight-hour access period," Kallenbach said. "The herd will eat 90 percent of what they'd eat otherwise, but you stretch out the hay supply 10 percent. While that might not sound like a lot, it can get you a little further through the winter."

Kallenbach said it remains important to test your forage for quality.

Hay baled during drought-like conditions can contain high nitrate levels that can poison cattle. Knowing the nutrient levels cattle will get from your hay crop helps you make the right feeding decisions.

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