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The Christmas spirit takes root at Kasl's Tree Farm

By Amy G. Hadachek

The magical aura of the Christmas season is not only in the air, but also on the ground in a north central Kansas field. It already looks, smells and feels a lot like Christmas in a picturesque five-acre Belleville plot. Expert Christmas tree grower Mike Kasl of Belleville was already energetically working it this past spring, when he planted five hundred Scotch Pine Christmas tree seedlings, one hundred tall Blue Spruce trees, as well as fifty oak seedlings, readying for each highly-anticipated Christmas season.

Kasl, along with his grandson Tyler Kasl and assistant John White, actually work years ahead of each Christmas. The trees they planted in May 2011 will produce by Christmas 2018. Kasl's trees are yearly recognized across the nation as festive beauties, and he's excited about the Christmas trees for this season.

Whether striving to keep fingers circulating during winter's icy chill, or diligently checking the trees' growth during summer's blazing sun and high humidity, Mike's goal is firmly planted... in his heart.

"Seeing the smile on people's faces when the customers come and get their trees. That's what you're selling... the experience for a family," beamed the 68-year-old Kasl, his blue eyes twinkling.

Kasl is a twice past-president of the Kansas Christmas Tree Growers Association, and has been on the Board of Trustees for nearly a decade. Not even the challenging bouts of dry weather or knee replacement surgery can keep the Republic County Christmas tree farmer from passionately cultivating his prize trees.

Although the 2000-2001 drought scrooged one season of trees Kasl planted, and knee surgery demanded a short break, Kasl's inner spark and high energy make for a motivating role model for his teenage grandson.

"We're hoping Tyler takes over the business one day," Kasl wistfully relayed, keeping a sharp eye on his tree planting process as he shared his story.

It's a story about hard work and values that have translated into a lifetime of dedication. And it modestly includes Kasl's impressive marketing skills, which have propelled his Christmas tree business across the United States. He created the idea of using his overgrown Christmas trees to make holiday wreaths.

"One of the best fundraisers kids do is sell Christmas wreaths. I'm hoping our Christmas wreaths reach our 1,600 goal this year, which will be two hundred more than last year." Mike calculated schoolchildren in Kansas and Nebraska last year made \$5.00 for each wreath they sold. This is Mike's seventh year working with Belleville schools selling wreaths.

"I'm also enjoying working wreaths with seventh graders in Hebron, Neb. this season, as well as two Boy Scout Troops in Washington and a troop in Friend, Neb. Interestingly, a schoolteacher 200 miles away in Eureka ordered 30 wreaths, and has held a wreath decorating party for faculty members the past three years," he shared.

His giving spirit is interwoven with a zest to train future Christmas tree growers.

"We have a mentoring program for people who want to get in the business," Kasl relayed. "Christmas tree growers are more than willing to share knowledge and are really good people to work with," he added. Kasl notes the fifty-member Kansas Christmas Tree Growers Association used to boast 120 members and hold two meetings a year. "However, the association is on a downhill slide statewide because the number of growers is declining. People are getting older and retiring," he added.

The Kasl farm typically plants 300 to 500 trees. He planted a bountiful 4,500 trees in 1986.

Kasl's 650 trees planted this past spring are already 12" tall, and should reach the seven-foot range by 2012. He calls them "two-two's" since they spend two years in a nursery, and then another two years in a transplant bed



Mike Kasl describes the challenges of producing a crop of Christmas trees each year. Kasl owns and operates Kasl Tree Farm near Belleville.

Photos by Amy Hadachek

before they're trucked into his farm for planting. The wait for the trees depends on weather and the nursery. If the ground is frozen, then tender Christmas trees stay in their beds until a thaw.

Meanwhile, the hot summer was a bit of a challenge, but the ample rains helped. Kasl will replace any heat-weary seedlings with new seedlings. Kasl, who also has twenty head of cows, delved into the Christmas tree business, planting his first trees with his dad in 1980 after his father attended an arborist meeting in Manhattan.

"My father heard about them, and came home and said we're planting fun," Kasl exclaimed, with a wink. "That first year, together we planted 2,500 Christmas trees." They sold 30 in 1986, but that number went from 30 to 300 a year later.

Like a child in a toy store before Christmas, Kasl admits to getting overly excited. "Well, the first four years they're in the ground, you wonder if they'll ever grow," revealed Kasl. "Then, they take off," he grinned.

He's quick to credit his wife Carolyn and son Scott and wife Laurie and their children Tyler and Courtney, his daughter Annette, another grandson Taylor and Kasl's mom, who all help hand-tie the bows and share in the fun. The process sprouts into high gear each November 1st, when Mike hires a few folks to help cut greenery.

To preserve the wreaths, Mike uses 8'x15' coolers he made from a 6' restaurant-



Tyler Kasl, Mike's grandson, helped plant 650 seedlings last spring that are now 12" tall and will be approximately 7' tall by the 2012 Christmas season.

style pie case with glass doors. The tree farm also uses a 25' refrigerated truck box from a restaurant that closed. A controlled temperature of 40 degrees enables the wreath-making process to begin weeks earlier, and is used to transport them for a big yearly trip to Kansas City.

Kasl also enjoys giving the gift of a few free wreaths to a local radio station promotion contest.

As his eyes light up like a Christmas tree, Kasl ponders... whether it's more of a gift for the giver or the receiver. He does know he's planting fun.





Protect The Prairie

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Like the grass, wind, tumbleweeds, tornadoes and drought, prairie dogs have long been a part of the northwestern Kansas landscape. At the same time, farmers and stockmen have lived and thrived in this short-grass environment for more than a century.

In the early 1900s, the first landowners and settlers broke out some of the native, short-grass prairie to grow crops. Many introduced livestock into this region to eat the nutrient-rich grass and provide the world's finest beef.

During this same period farmer and stockmen who lived in Logan County controlled the prairie dogs on their land so the cattle

could remain productive. Left unchecked, prairie dogs breed, overpopulate and soon destroy the native buffalo grass. It is replaced by weeds or other plant species livestock find less palatable than the grasses that were replaced.

When the prairie dogs continue to thrive and reproduce the ground sometimes remains bare and the precious topsoil blows away in the wind. There are accounts of numerous days that are reminiscent of the Dust Bowl days of the '30s on some of this barren land.

Located in Logan County, the region of grassland runs from the western edge of the county to the eastern border – approximately 40 miles long. It stretches

nearly eight miles wide along this band – more than 280 square miles of grass. Buffalo, blue gamma, side oats and little blue-stem grasses thrive here on the High Plains – all favorites in prairie dog town.

Like many of his ranching neighbors, Logan County stockman Lynn Kirkham knows prairie dogs are vagabonds and cross roads, under fences and into new territory. He understands they continually move thus exacerbating the problem.

"Prairie dogs come in and establish their colonies, dig holes and eat the vegetation," Kirkham says. "When the prairie dogs come in here and establish themselves it almost looks like a moonscape."

In Logan County, an average cow/calf pair requires 10 acres of grassland. In a pasture with prairie dogs, this number can increase to 15 acres to feed each cattle pair.

"With prairie dogs on your land, you can't run as many cattle because there

isn't as much grass," Kirkham explains.

Another western Kansas stockman, Cameron Edwards, Logan County is a fourth generation farmer/stockman. Like so many early inhabitants of this part of Kansas, Edwards' great-grandfather purchased their land to serve as a ranch and to raise cattle.

"We've tried to do everything we can to keep the prairie dogs out," Edwards explains. "They eat the grass that our cattle should be eating. Prairie dogs are

to grassland like weeds are to cropland."

Not only do they compete for the grassland but they damage the environment and surrounding beauty of this unique High Plains landscape. So it comes down to those who do not want prairie dogs and ferrets versus those who want to use them in this region of Kansas.

What is the solution?

The key is to have a good control method for the prairie dog, and to keep the native grasses in place that also allow for live-

stock production.

"We've had prairie dog out here as long as I can remember and we've been able to keep them at a manageable population until now," Kirkham says. "If everyone out here would control their prairie dogs, we wouldn't have a problem."

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.



By Meghan Mueseler

Over the last month my Facebook account has been splashed with comments from my friends and family about what they were thankful for each day or like many of us several at one time after catching up from missed days.

I began to feel a little guilty last night that I hadn't joined in on this Facebook Thanksgiving, so although this is not 'Facebook Official' I would like to share with you a few things that I am thankful for this holiday season.

I am blessed beyond words to be part of an industry that is truly the foundation of America. Both of my late grandfathers had a love of agriculture and the rural life that they instilled in me in their own separate ways. My grandfather Karl loved the farm so much he entrusted it to my sister and me. Then there was my grandpa Hollis who was well into his 80s and still going out each day helping a neighbor feed her cattle. To both of my grandpas I say, "Thank you!"

Tying in with my first blessing, I am ever so grateful for my network of friends. Just recently I had the opportunity to celebrate my birthday at the Kansas Farm Bureau Annual meeting in Manhattan. There is nothing like walking into a meeting room seeing a cake at your seat and balloons

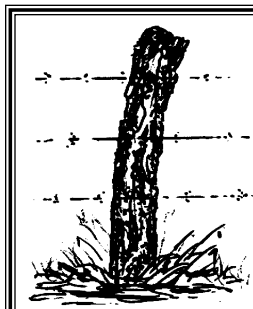
tied to your chair and then president Steve Baccus calling your name out in front of the entire delegation! I am thankful that no matter the size of my problem or my celebration I have friends to reach out to and walk/celebrate right beside me!

I am so thankful, too, to have been given many passions in my life. Trust me when I say this, my life is never dull! I love to learn and I have been blessed

with lots of things to learn! My newest 'adventure' is learning to sew and finally putting to use that sewing machine that has been sitting in my basement for the last three years and counting.

Lastly, I am truly thankful for the opportunity to share a few of my words each month with you, the readers! It is great also to know that a few of my friends are loyal followers—I hope that I don't disappoint you with this month's article.

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you,' that would suffice." —Meister Eckhart



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator
Coyotes By The Pack

"Listen to those coyotes, there must be a pack of them yapping at the moon." I see them almost every day at the bale piles. They are looking for mice and field rats among the bales. For sure, we have too many of these varmints.

For several years the rabbits have enjoyed the windbreak north of our house. Almost every time we walked or drove down our driveway we could see six or seven of them at various spots along the way. Lately, we see none at all. No doubt, the coyotes have come into our windbreak and helped themselves to those overpopulated rabbits.

Our neighbor Dustin, who has hunting dogs, stopped by recently to ask if he could hunt coyotes on our ranch. We, of course, gave him permission. He told us about his dogs. One was a fast greyhound and the other a 140-pound Irish wolfhound that had killed coyotes all by himself.

Just two days later, early in the morning, the dogs left the house to investigate some kind of predator. They later returned to the house in bad shape, cut up and bleeding. Fur was torn into shreds in places. Dustin wondered if the dogs had tangled with a large animal, bigger than a bobcat. Could it have been a mountain lion? One dog required fifteen stitches. The vet said it was fortunate, for if the wound had been another quarter of an inch deeper, it would have ripped into the windpipe. He believes the injuries were caused by a pack of coyotes attacking the dogs when they tried to defend their territory. The dogs are recovering with the help of antibiotics.

When we had a cow herd, I was never too concerned when a couple of coyotes would come by in the mornings to check out the herd, hoping to find a meal of afterbirth. They knew not to get too close to the calves, where their mothers were on guard. The cows and the coyotes appeared to respect each other's territory. However, whenever a pack of five or six of them would show up and snow and ice covered the ground, I would get concerned and began keeping my rifle handy. A

pack of hungry coyotes could and would take down a good-sized calf and leave nothing but a skeleton.

Hunger drives men or beasts to do things they ordinarily would not do. Here in November with no snow on the ground and temperatures seldom below freezing, the overpopulated coyotes already are looking for an easy target or meal, even a 140-pound one that they have to gang up on. Often dead animals are left for coyotes to clean up, so they do serve a purpose as scavengers. A lone coyote may not present a problem, but a pack of them could be quite destructive for the livestock man.

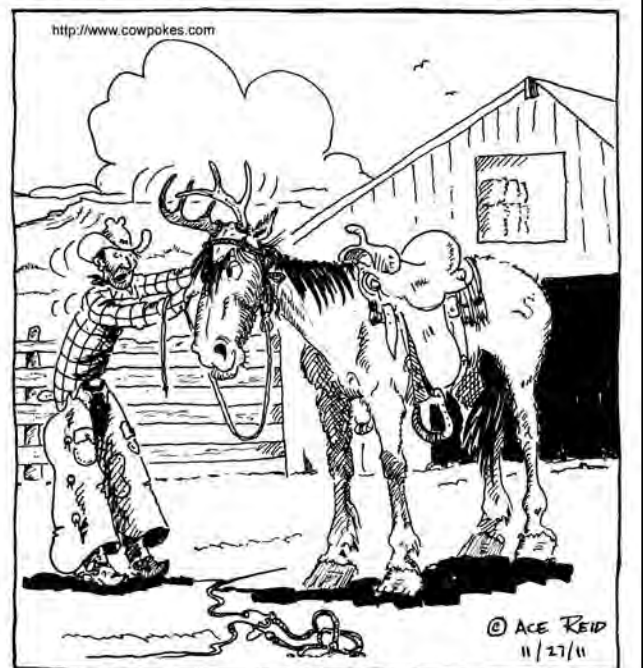
There are some people in our country, would-be conservationists, who are committed to protecting wildlife to the point that they try to convince the world that it is inhumane to wear fur garments and that fur-bearing animals should be sheltered and never killed or harvested. I have noticed some of these same people enjoy their beefsteak while fighting to protect the wildlife. Perhaps they see a difference between killing domesticated animals and wild ones.

These people do not understand the balance of nature. When a species becomes overpopulated to where it is a strain on others or too much competition for other species, Mother Nature, by natural causes such as diseases or predators, will keep their numbers in balance. I predict that coyote numbers, which are too high, will be checked by coyote hunters (not for their fur but for the sport or to eliminate a threat); or a disease such as mange will break out among them, leaving them to go into cold, wintry weather with very little fur to keep them warm and thus reducing their numbers.

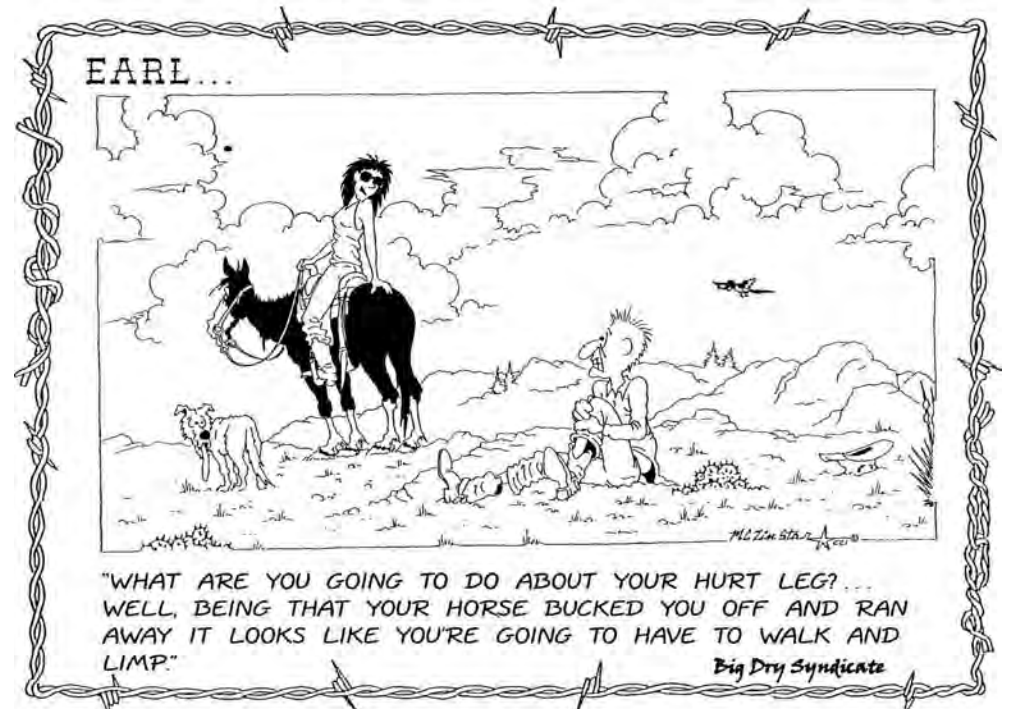
One winter I saw a mangy coyote go into a cavern in a bale pile in trying to keep warm. He was suffering from the cold with no coat to keep him warm. I peered into his warm abode to see him shivering. He looked at me with pleading eyes as if to say, "Please leave; I'm too cold to resist you." I left him to die in his misery. Nature has a wonderful way of keeping all things in balance.

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Wild game makes royal table fare

Have you ever heard someone say that deer meat isn't worth eating, that it's "gamey" or "wild-tasting"? Many people who have tried improperly cared for venison, and many who have never eaten deer, labor under this misconception. But avid deer hunters realize that these folks just don't know what they're missing. Many believe that whitetail deer is the best red meat on the planet. But ensuring that the meat they take lives up to this standard requires care, and when care is taken, the ultimate satisfaction of the hunt comes when the meat is served to family and friends.

Follow these simple rules, and your venison will be fit for a king.

The first step is a quick, clean kill through the lungs or heart, and this requires knowing one's range and equipment, combined with careful shot selection.

Next is cooling the meat. No matter the weather, cooling a deer soon after the kill is critical. When weather is mild, hunters must take special care to ensure their hard-earned deer cools quickly. As soon as the deer is recovered, it's important to field dress the animal so that the carcass can cool down.

Be careful to keep dirt, hair, and debris away from exposed meat while dressing and when moving the deer to the vehicle. Those who plan to process their own deer should hang the deer in a clean, cool building. It's often best to re-

move the hide so that meat can continue to cool, particularly if the weather is warmer than usual. Hunters who plan to have the deer processed by commercial butchers should contact them as soon as possible to arrange for delivery.

A cool, clean place is essential for butchering. Although not necessary, many hunters like to age their deer, but a cooler is

often needed for this. For those who prefer this method, venison should be aged at 35-39 degrees. Cooler than this, and the meat may freeze; warmer, and the meat may spoil.

With a little extra effort and time, successful deer hunters will enjoy months of rewarding venison meals. Remember: make a clean shot, field dress the deer quickly, cool the meat, and keep it clean.



Nate Pattillo, Cattlemen's Scholarship Administrator for GoBob Pipe and Steel, described the company's scholarship program for attendees of the Kansas Cattlemen's Association convention held November 18-19 in Hutchinson. The nationwide program was just recently started and already has forty national and state organizations registered. 1% of a participating organization's purchases for the year will be returned to them for scholarships. In addition each registered association will receive an \$850 hay feeder to auction off for scholarships. The highest earning organization will receive a \$6,000 Cowco squeeze chute, with the proceeds of its sale going to scholarships.

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SWEET POTATO PIE

2 1/4 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled, cooked & mashed
1 cup evaporated milk
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs, lightly beaten
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 teaspoon butter flavoring
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon lemon extract
1 unbaked 9-inch pie crust

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl combine mashed sweet potatoes, milk, sugar, eggs, cinnamon, vanilla, butter flavoring, nutmeg and lemon extract. Whisk until nearly smooth. Pour sweet potato filling into pie crust. To prevent overbrowning cover edge with foil. Bake 25 minutes. Remove foil. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes more or until a knife comes out clean. Serve cooled pie with whipped cream with additional nutmeg on top. Makes 12 servings.

Doris Shivers, Abilene:
**TROPICAL
COCONUT PIZZA**

8-ounce container cream cheese with pineapple, softened
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup thawed whipped topping
1/2 cup flaked coconut, toasted
15.25-ounce can tropical fruit, drained
1 cup sliced strawberries
1 kiwi fruit, peeled & sliced

Beat cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Fold in whipped topping and coconut. Line baking sheet with waxed paper. Spread cream cheese mixture into 8-inch circle on baking sheet, building up sides

slightly with back of spoon. Freeze 4 hours or until firm. Place cream cheese crust on serving plate. Garnish crust with additional toasted coconut, if desired. Arrange tropical fruit, strawberries and kiwi on crust. Serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.

Joyce Jandera, Hanover:
**CRANBERRY WALNUT
OATMEAL COOKIES**

3/4 cup butter-flavor shortening
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup brown sugar
2 large eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt

2 3/4 cups old-fashioned oatmeal
1 cup sweetened dried cranberries
1 cup chopped walnuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray baking sheets with cooking spray. Beat shortening, sugar and brown sugar in a large bowl on medium speed until blended. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, soda, cinnamon and salt in small bowl. Beat into shortening mixture until smooth. Stir in oats, cranberries and walnuts. Drop rounded tablespoonful onto baking sheets 2 inches apart. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets 2 minutes. Remove cookies to wire rack to cool completely.

Karen Saner, Burns: "I like to try new recipes and this is an unusual one!"

**CARAMEL SAUCE
FOR APPLES**

Cover a can of sweetened condensed milk with water in a slow cooker. Do not open the can. Cook on high for 4 hours. Then put the slow cooker on low and continue cooking for 5 1/2 hours. Then carefully take the can out and cool completely. DO NOT OPEN WHEN IT IS HOT, it may explode. Open the can after it is cool and you will have a wonderful tasting caramel to pour on apple slices or dip the apples! The caramel will keep in the refrigerator for weeks and will not get hard (my slow cooker is small and it

seems to not get real hot. If you have a real hot cooker you might not be able to cook it as long because the caramel can get hard and nearly burn). One recipe said to cook 2 hours on high and 5 hours on low to get a nice medium brown sauce. Have Fun!

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

QUICK CASSEROLE

1 pound hamburger
1 small diced onion
1 package macaroni & cheese dinner
1 can mushroom soup
Potato chips, crushed

Brown ground beef and onion and drain. Prepare macaroni and cheese dinner according to package directions. Put in casserole and mix with hamburger. Add mushroom soup and stir. Top with crushed potato chips. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until brown.

Jo Walsh, Belvue: "You can use fresh or frozen cherries when you make this flavorful barbecue sauce. It tastes great with beef, pork, chicken or on ribs. Cut up meat and brown in small amount of oil; set aside."

**CHERRY
BARBECUE SAUCE**

1 medium onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons butter
2 cups fresh or frozen sweet cherries, pitted & chopped
1 cup ketchup
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup cider vinegar

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons ground mustard
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon liquid smoke, optional

In a large saucepan saute onion, garlic in butter until tender. Stir in the remaining ingredients (meat included). Cook uncovered over medium-low heat for 20 minutes or until cherries and meat are tender and sauce is thickened, stirring occasionally. Yield about 4 cups.

NOTE: Is great over rice. Can be put in slow cooker.

Linda Kepka, Dorrance:
SALSA

15-ounce can can stewed tomatoes
8-ounce can tomato sauce
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
5-10 jalapeno slices (to taste)

Blend all ingredients together in blender. Serve with tortilla chips.

Lois Lahodny, Belleville: "This sounded so different for pie crust and we are having this for Thanksgiving."

**CHOCOLATE-COVERED
PRETZEL PIE**

4 ounces (3 cups) broken pretzel sticks
3/4 cup light brown sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
1/4 cup cornstarch
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa

Pinch of salt
2 1/2 cups whole milk
4 egg yolks
3 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/3 cup heavy cream
3 tablespoons confectioner's sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a food processor combine pretzels, 1/4 cup brown sugar and butter; blend until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Press mixture firmly into bottom and up sides of a 9-inch pie pan. Bake crust until fragrant and just turning golden, 10 to 15 minutes; cool. In a medium saucepan whisk together 1/2 cup brown sugar, cornstarch, cocoa, salt and milk. Place over medium heat and stir until sugar is just dissolved, about 2 minutes. Whisk in egg yolks. Cook, stirring constantly, until custard thickens and just boils, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in chocolate and vanilla. Place pan in a bowl of ice and water and stir occasionally until custard cools. Pour custard into cooled crust and press plastic wrap directly onto surface. Chill until firm, 4 hours or up to a day. Whip cream and confectioner's sugar until soft peaks form, spread over pie and garnish with extra pretzels and chocolate shavings. Serves 8.

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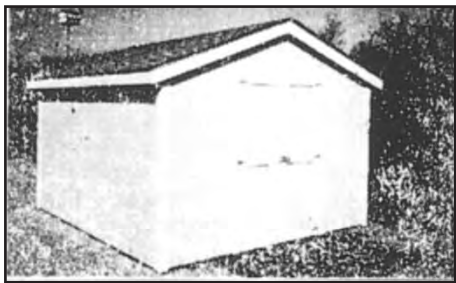
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2011 Grass & Grain Holiday Recipe Contest

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
**SNICKERDOODLE
COFFEE MIX**

1 cup sugar
1 cup powdered milk
1/2 cup vanilla flavored powdered non dairy creamer
1/2 cup baking cocoa
3 tablespoons instant coffee granules
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
Combine all ingredients and store in air-tight container. Give with instructions. Makes about 3 cups.
Instructions: Add 3 tablespoons mix to 3/4 cup boiling water, stir well.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.: "Good on biscuits or rolls."

PUMPKIN BUTTER
15-ounce can pumpkin, not pie mix
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon cloves
Pinch of salt

In a saucepan over medium low heat, stir all ingredients. Cook for 1-2 hours stirring frequently or until pumpkin butter is thick enough to coat the back of a

spoon. Let cool and store in refrigerator for up to 3 weeks or freeze.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
**SWEET POTATO
MERINGUE PIE**

Crust: Bake a 9-inch pie crust, prick sides and bottom with fork, at 425 degrees for 9 minutes and set aside. Whisk:
1 egg yolk
1 tablespoon half & half
Brush bottom and sides of crust with mixture. Bake 6-8 minutes more or until golden. Set aside to cool. Reduce heat to 350 degrees.

Filling:
1/4 cup melted butter
1 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 large eggs
3 cups lightly packed, cooked mashed sweet potatoes
1 cup half & half
1 tablespoon lemon zest
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
Prepare filling. Stir all filling ingredients together. Pour into prepared pie crust. Pie will be very full. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes. Top with your

favorite meringue and bake until meringue is brown.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
**MAPLE-APPLESAUCE
MUFFINS**

1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
3/4 cup maple syrup
2 eggs
3/4 cup applesauce
2 cups flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
Cream sugar and shortening in a bowl until light and fluffy. Add syrup, eggs and applesauce. Mix well. Mixture may appear curdled. Sift in dry ingredients, stir just until moistened. Fill greased muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
**ORANGE
MEXICAN COOKIES**

2 cups unsalted butter
2/3 cup powdered sugar
3 tablespoons orange zest
4 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
Powdered sugar

In a bowl, combine butter and sugar. Beat at medium speed with mixer until creamy about 2 minutes. Add zest beating until combined. Add flour and salt beating to combine. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Roll dough into 1-inch balls. Place 1 inch apart on sheets. Bake for 15-17 minutes until set but not browned. Let cool on pans for 5 minutes. Roll in powdered sugar. After cookies have cooled completely roll in sugar a second time.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:

**WALNUT
CRANBERRY PIE**

9-inch pie crust
3 eggs
2/3 cup sugar
3/4 cup light corn syrup
1/4 cup apple juice
1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
3/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh cranberries (you can use frozen but do not thaw,

chop them up frozen)
1/2 cup whipped cream, whipped

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Have pie crust ready but do not prick. Bake 5-7 minutes until crust begins to brown. Remove crust from oven. If crust puffs in center, flatten gently with back of wooden spoon. Reduce oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, combine eggs, sugar, corn syrup and apple juice, beat until well blended. Stir in walnuts and cranberries. Pour into partially baked crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes or until edges are puffed and center is soft set. Lightly cover edges during last 10 minutes of baking if necessary to prevent excessive browning. Cool 30 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: "Good with vanilla wafers, fruit, veggies, etc."

**PINEAPPLE
DIP**
3.4-ounce package vanilla

instant pudding
20-ounce can crushed pineapple in juice, undrained
1 cup thawed whipped topping
Add dry pudding mix to pineapple. Whisk 2 minutes. Stir in whipped topping.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
**PUMPKIN
BREAD**

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup cooked pumpkin
1/4 cup water
Sift dry ingredients together. Blend sugar, oil, eggs, pumpkin and water and add to four mixture. beat well. Pour into greased and floured 9-by-5-inch loaf pan and bake in 350-degree oven for 1 hour and 10 minutes.

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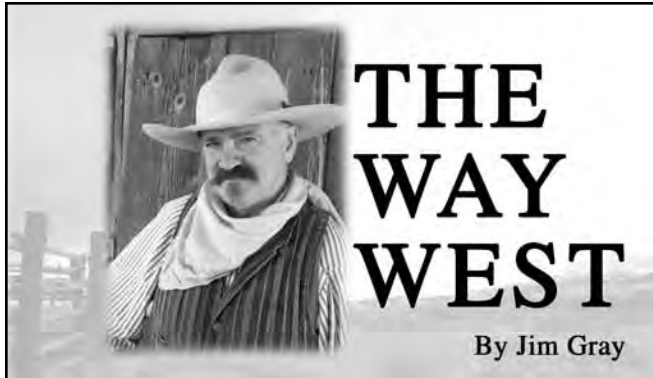
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Hang 'Em High

Violent acts in the "Wild West" often excited men's passions to the breaking point. The frontier sporting towns witnessed violence and seemed to tolerate a certain amount of mayhem. Their names are well known in the west. Towns like Dodge City, Newton, Abilene, and Ellsworth represented the "all or nothing"

attitude recognized on the edge of civilization. Violence could erupt unexpectedly and overtake normally honorable citizens. In those instances even so-called civilized towns were not immune to mob violence.

Wellington, the county seat of Sumner County in south central Kansas, had isolated itself from the

rowdy encounters that occurred in the end-of-trail cattle towns on the county's southern border. While Caldwell and Hunnewell vied for the title of wickedest town in the county, Wellington was striving to move beyond the violence. City fathers expected Wellington to become a model Kansas community.

One particular obstacle in the way of that aspiration was Frank Jones. Jones had retired from cowboy business but had certainly not given up the lifestyle. Early-day Wellington resident E. B. Roser recalled that the former cowboy "wore a broad brimmed cowboy hat, rode a dashing Indian pony and flourished a wicked Winchester rifle on the streets occasionally. In fact

he posed as a bad man from the range. He possessed a very violent temper and was always ready for a fight 'at the drop of a hat,' as the saying goes."

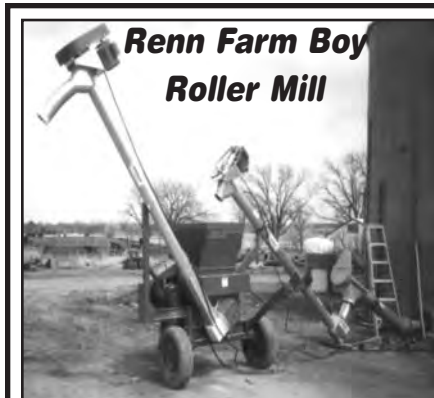
There were still big cattle outfits driving great herds from Indian Territory into the stockyards at Caldwell and Hunnewell, but the days when the cowboy ruled all that he could see from the back of a horse were fast dwindling away. In 1884 "the handwriting was on the wall" for the untamed cowboy of yesteryear. Residents looked to the future, expecting peaceful streets with pleasant surroundings. Wellington was a place where children could grow to become useful citizens, the pride of parents and neighbors as well.

Frank Jones didn't see it that way. Often cowboys who had lived the carefree life of the open range were beyond taming. Jones had lived apart from civilization for so long that he was not able to recognize the deficiency of his own nature.

One night in early September, 1884, Wellington's citizens retired for the evening, expecting a peaceful night's repose. Frank Jones had other things in mind. The unruly cowboy went on a spree, swearing

vengeance on some of Wellington's finest citizens. Jones was riding pell-mell about town, firing into homes of those who had "aroused his ire."

Jones' bullets had wounded Mayor Murphy, Assistant Marshal Billy Gainer, and "the little son of Street Commissioner McKee." Wellington City Marshal P. H. D. Cleveland led a posse that quickly tracked Jones to a barn one mile southeast of town. By the time the wild cowboy was



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induced to surrender "he was somewhat battle-scarred, having been wounded by the gun fire of officers who pursued him."

Jones continued to hurl insults and oaths of revenge upon a great number of Wellington's citizens. He was taken to the "little brick jail" near the new court house that was under construction at the time.

With Jones safely locked away the town settled into its normal activity for the next couple of days. However, murmurings were sifting through the populace that left little doubt that Frank Jones' wild cowboy ways would no longer be tolerated.

On the third night an agitated crowd gathered in the

street. One particularly vocal fellow mounted a wooden box. He began to shout that all such undesirables as Frank Jones should be exterminated from the town. The orator soon argued the crowd into a frenzy. With little fear of the marshal or his deputies they rushed toward the jail. A large pole was used to batter the jailhouse door until it eventually crashed in.

Jones begged piteously for his life as he was dragged toward the uncompleted court house. A derrick used to raise the huge stones for the building served as a vigilante gallows within the walls of the open courthouse. E. B. Roser had one last recollection

of Frank Jones. "In the dim light of early morn, long before the sun was to make an appearance in the eastern sky, the figure of a man was discovered dangling at the end of a rope."

Many a cowboy lived to a ripe old age, some died tragically on the open range, but Frank Jones' trail came to a sudden end one dark September night on The Way West.

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Governor continues suspension of motor carrier rules to aid in drought relief

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback has extended an order that temporarily suspends certain motor carrier rules and regulations in order expedite efforts to transport hay to livestock in drought-stricken areas.

Executive Order 11-47 temporarily suspends the requirements to receive over dimensional permits from the Kansas Department of Transportation, registration and fuel tax permits from the Kansas Department of Revenue and permits from the Kansas Corporation Commission. Motor carriers participating in the relief efforts also will be allowed to travel during nighttime hours if the over-dimensional load is marked with clearance lights or escort vehicles are used.

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5- 3-6 yr old Angus cows with Oct/Nov calves at side sired by Lee Angus bull. Cows vaccinated with Preguard and Dectomax injectable. **Lee Ranch**

10- 2 yr. old Angus cows of Alliance 6595, New Design, and Rito 616 bloodlines with fall calves sired by Prime Cut son. Cows vaccinated with Staybred VL5, Lepto-Vibrio, Triangle 4 + Type II BVD, and poured with Dectomax. **Cornwell Farms**

5- 4-7 yr old Angus cows of Emulation, Future Direction, and New Design bloodlines with fall calves at side by Objective son. Poured with Iverside. **Red Rock Ranch**

Bred Heifers

90 -Angus heifers AI bred to In Focus and LBW Angus bulls to start calving Feb. 4. Vaccinated with Preguard and Dectomax injectable. **Lee Ranch**

70- Angus heifers of Montana origin bred to selected LBW calving ease Angus bulls to start calving Jan. 28 for 67 days. Vaccinated with Bovishield Gold, Presponse SQ, Staybred, Vision 7, and Ivomec injectable. **Jack Schlessinger Cattle 88** -Angus heifers of South Dakota origin bred to GAR sons of Objective and Retail Product with CED of +10 or higher. Heifers exposed to bulls from Apr 14 to June 15 and ultrasound pregnancy checked safe to those dates. Vaccinated with Preguard, Blackleg, and Dectomax. **Steinart Farm**

10 -Angus heifers with Destination, Bando, On Target, and Expedition bloodlines bred to start calving in January to sons of Gardens Wave FB 61. Vaccinated with Horizon 4, Repro Star VL5, and poured with Cydectin. **DeGrande Farms**

6- PB Angus heifers sired by CC&7 and Raven bred to a son of ABS Sire Alliance I87 to start calving in March. Vaccinated with Virashield 6VL5, Blackleg C&D. **Kroeker Angus**

13- Angus bred heifers from Huck Ranch Angus bloodlines synchronized bred AI to Final Answer to calve Jan 20. Clean-up sires were In Focus sons to finish calving by Mar 15. Vaccinated with Bovishield Gold L5 and poured with Ivomec. 2011 carcass data shows 99% choice with 64% CAB on heifer mates to these selling. **Bob Huck**

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Grassroots farmer/rancher strength on display at Kansas Farm Bureau annual meeting

Farmers and rancher voting delegates from the state's leading agriculture/rural advocacy organization have adopted their policy road map for 2012 and elected their leadership.

The 93rd annual meeting of Kansas Farm Bureau adjourned with voting delegates adopting consensus positions on a wide range of public policies that impact the conscious choices Farm Bureau members have made to build their lives in rural Kansas.

The Farm Bureau delegates in Kansas adopted policy language on a host of issues impacting family farmers and ranchers that bolsters the organization's long-held principles over taxation and water rights. The voting delegates of Farm Bureau in Kansas:

- Adopted new language calling for school district patron approval of proposed increases in the 'local option budget' property tax to help finance public schools. The group reiterated existing long-standing Kansas Farm Bureau policy stating that new revenues to finance public education should come from sales and/or income taxes.

- Support a tax mix that would decrease the dependency on property tax and focus more on sales and income taxes for the support of state/local government. Reductions in Kansas personal income tax, or sales tax, should not increase further reliance on property tax as a revenue source for state or local government.

- Reached consensus on a policy providing greater farmer/rancher flexibility to manage his or her own water rights, specifically supportive of the concept of water flex accounts.

The policy resolutions adopted by voting delegates in Manhattan are now KFB's 2012 policy road map for agriculture advocacy efforts before local governments, the halls of government in Topeka and Washington, D.C. The resolutions adopt-

ed are the result of a year-long grassroots effort, involving input from county Farm Bureau members throughout Kansas.

Montgomery County farmer Richard Felts was elected to a two-year term as vice president of Kansas Farm Bureau. As vice president, Felts will chair Kansas Farm Bureau's policy-developing farmer/rancher Resolutions Committee.

Re-elected to the Kansas Farm Bureau Board of Directors were Jeff Grossenbacher, Nemaha County, Keith Miller, Barton County and Jim Sipes, Stanton County. Newly elected to the KFB Board was Cloud County farmer Stacey Forsee, who will represent KFB's 5th geographic district of northeast-central Kansas. Joe Newland, Wilson County, was elected to a two year term to represent KFB's 3rd district of southeast Kansas. Marieta Hauser, Grant County, was elected to an at-large position on the KFB Board on the capacity as chair of the Committee of Farm Bureau Women. Hauser will succeed Helen Norris, Sumner County, who is retiring after years of dedicated service to

Farm Bureau and agriculture. The delegates were visited by a number of their elected leaders, who pledged to work closely with the organization on policy


issues impacting their families and their operations.

U.S. Sens. Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran also shared a Congressional Proclamation honoring out-

going Kansas Farm Bureau vice president Edie Dahlsten, McPherson County, who is retiring from active leadership after years of dedicated service to the


farm organization and to agriculture. U.S. Reps. Lynn Jenkins, Tim Huelkamp and Mike Pompeo also made appearances before the delegate body.

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Summit to be held on the proposed revised 2011 P-Index

A Dec. 5 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Animal Manure Management team workshop will help those who work closely with livestock operations and their nutrient management plans.

The "P-Index Summit" will be at the Nielsen Community Center, 200 Anna Stalp Ave. in West Point, Neb. The program will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. central time.

Topics include: the science and history of the P-Index, discussion on proposed revisions, case studies illustrating the differences between the 2007 and 2011 versions and discussion of livestock environmental issues of interest. CCA continuing education units will be available.

For more information, contact Leslie Johnson at 402-584-3818, email ljohnson13@unl.edu. Pre-regis-

tration is requested and can be done by calling Johnson. Register to ensure an opportunity to attend. Registration is \$20 per participant if sent with your registration or \$25 at the door. The use of a computer with Microsoft Excel is necessary; please bring your laptop as there will only be a few extra computers. To save time the day of the event, old and new versions can be down-

loaded at <http://go.unl.edu/847>

These workshops are sponsored by the UNL Extension AMM team which is dedicated to helping livestock and crop producers better use the state's manure resources for agronomic and environmental benefits.

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Harveyville applicator among finalists for Operator of the Year

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Covering millions of acres throughout their combined careers, these four outstanding individuals will cover even more ground as they travel to Boca Raton, Fla., as guests of AGCO to attend the ARA 2011 Meeting and Exposition Nov. 29-Dec. 1. There, they will discover who among them will receive top honors and a brand new Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Among the finalists is Michael Spade, Harveyville Seed Co., Harveyville. Being an applicator does not start and stop at the field for Spade. His sincerity and continuous pursuit of excellence in every aspect of the job translates into new and repeat customers. He is a state-certified custom applicator who is working to achieve Certified Crop Advisor status. Spade regularly attends workshops and meetings to further his knowledge of the products and the issues and trends affecting the appli-

cation business. Spade is an active member of his church. He has served as a city council member and on the board of directors for North Lyon County Youth Association.

A panel of judges selected the four finalists from a nationwide call for entries. Judging criteria for Operator of the Year includes exceptional service, professionalism, personal character and community enrichment. All nominees will receive a certificate recognizing their nomination for this prestigious award.

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Rowland chosen 2011 Hereford Woman of Year

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Sue Rowland, Marysville, was honored as 2011 Hereford Woman of the Year during the National Hereford Women (NHW) annual meeting Oct. 29 in Kansas City.

Sue grew up on a registered Hereford operation in Kansas showing Herefords and was an active 4-H member. She and her recently deceased husband, Jim, had a common passion — Herefords and Hereford youth. The couple's G&R Polled Herefords was home to numerous champions throughout the years, but more importantly the couple touched hundreds of Hereford youth.

Sue has served as the Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Association advisor for 24 years. Through the years Sue has not missed a junior national since attending the first in 1974. She has helped Kansas host three junior nationals including serving as chairman of the 2011 Junior



National Hereford Expo in Kansas City this past summer.

"Sue has worked tirelessly to promote Herefords and support Hereford youth," says Donna Curry, NHW board member who presented the award. "There is no one more deserving of receiving this award."

A retired school teacher, Sue continues to remain active in her community.

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FSA Acres: 123.65 total base acres, 117.3 wheat, 2 oats, 1.9 milo, 2.5 soybeans
Taxes: \$1,466.92 on 156.5 taxable acres

Tract 2: The N 90 Acres of the SW 1/4 of Section 10-12-4, Ottawa Co Kansas. Just 3 mi N of Culver. Good upland tillable with 5 Ac +/- waterways. Adjoins tract 1 in the NE corner.
FSA Acres: 78 total base acres, 74 wheat, 1.3 oats, 1.2 milo, 1.5 soybeans
Taxes: \$931.98 on 87.6 taxable acres

Tract 3: The NE 1/4 of Section 19-12-3, Ottawa Co Kansas. Just 3 mi NE of Culver. Excellent upland tillable with 9 Ac +/- of waterways. Deer and upland bird habitat!
FSA Acres: 155.3 total base acres, 137.4 wheat, 17.2 milo, 0.7 soybeans
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Land Description: These properties lay North and Northeast of Culver respectively. They are very productive upland tracts. Tract 3 neared 100 bu/acre milo this fall. They carry the potential for excellent hunting of deer, turkey and upland game birds.

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Cargill completes acquisition of Provimi

Cargill has completed the acquisition of Provimi, a global animal nutrition company for an enterprise value of Euro 1.5 billion (\$2.0 billion U.S.). By building on the existing strengths of the two companies, Cargill is creating a global leader in animal nutrition with the ability to offer the broadest array of products, services and capabilities.

The merger will bring together the complementary animal nutrition expertise and operations of Cargill and Provimi. Cargill's expertise in compound feed, supply chain and risk management will come together with Provimi's wide range of nutritional expertise, technology and portfolio of

premix, additives and ingredients. This increased range of capabilities, delivered by more than 16,000 employees across a global network spanning 37 countries, will offer distinctive value to serve customers' needs worldwide.

Cargill's new animal nutrition business will be led by Ton van der Laan, previously chairman and group chief executive officer of Provimi, who joins Cargill as a corporate vice president, and Cargill's animal nutrition business leader, Joe Stone.

"Bringing together the talents and expertise of our two organizations creates a global leader in animal nutrition that will enable us to

deliver a broad range of innovative, high quality products and services for our customers. By understanding and responding to customers' needs we will be able to offer them distinctive value, which in turn will help create growth opportunities for our customers and for our business, as we increase the scale and focus of our operations."

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Backroads Discoveries

When I left work Monday afternoon light was fading into a gray featureless murk that might indicate freezing drizzle, an early dusk or both. The thermometer on the bank read 28 degrees which didn't take into account the breeze, but then I heard a few weeks ago that the whole concept of wind-chill factoring might be tossed as hopelessly outdated or nonessential. Another instance of criminal stupidity by desk-bound academics. I've stood in 20-degree-below-zero weather when the wind was blowing and when it wasn't and I'm here

to tell you that the two are different beasts altogether. I much preferred the current temperature cold though it was but at least it wasn't snowing, for which I gave silent thanks.

Giving thanks on various and sundry items has been something Facebook friends have done for about the last two weeks. As I understand it, the exercise is something of a build-up to the big finale on T-Day when, if past deeds are any measure, thanksgiving relinquishes itself to Black Friday's glutinous greed. My own inclinations run more toward the

acquisition of goods at the lowest price which means late November is prime time for shopping, preferably online in the comfort of my own home. Lest anyone fault me for failing to honor the spirit of the season, let me simply state that for every item added to my cart I am supremely grateful.

The impending twilight

caught me unawares as it always does this time of year. It would be completely dark by the time I arrived home unless I goosed it which I had no intention of doing. Instead I drove two miles east on the main highway before turning south on a narrow gravel road leading apparently to nowhere, a destination I was altogether willing to seek. Taking a backroads commute is as much a journey of exploration as a leap of faith in that one never fully knows where one is at. Intersections aren't marked, roads vanish into fields or dead-end on equally suspect paths barely the width of a pickup truck. I had a rough idea of how many miles separated the two highways and absolutely no idea how to get from start to finish. Nor did I really care.

If I had a goal other than the simple pleasure of seeing new lands it was to photograph decaying barns, abandoned houses and rusty vehicles. Several were found almost immediately including a rare specimen of windowless mobile home decked out in a gaudy shade of red. It looked like a long, narrow bloodstain.

Thereafter the road meandered, zigging and zagging to the whims of engineers and the contours of

the land, leaving me only the vaguest idea of the cardinal directions. After a while a complex of grain elevators rose above the horizon giving me at last a sense of direction and location both. Several miles of featureless closely-cropped agricultural fields gave way to the outskirts of Greenleaf where I found an ancient Studebaker flatbed moldering in a field. It was to be the best photograph of the afternoon and possi-

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 — 10:00 AM
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 — 11:00 AM
LOCATION: Holton Livestock Exchange, Inc.
1/2 mile East of Holton on Hwy 16 — HOLTON, KANSAS
 Having sold their Jackson County home and farm ground and relocated, Stan and Charlotte will be offering the following top quality machinery. This machinery has always had excellent care & servicing.
 There will be no small miscellaneous items, so please be on time at 11:00 a.m. and be prepared to buy.
TRACTORS
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COMBINE & HEADS
 1998 Case IH 2388 axial-flow, 4WD, 18.4R 42 duals, field tracker, Yield monitor, bin extension, rock trap, specialty Rotor, chopper, 1574 rotor & 2276 engine hours, 2nd owner; 2007 Case IH 1020 25 ft flex head, hyd fore and aft, wired for field tracker; Case IH 1083 8 row 30-inch corn head, all steel; Unverferth HT 25 header trailer, one owner.
PICK-UP & TRUCK
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FIELD EQUIPMENT
 2007 Kinze 3500 twin-line 8-15 row planter, no till coulters, KPIII Monitor, one owner; 2007 Bestway Field Pro IV sprayer, 1000 gal, 60 ft booms, foamer, 46-inch rubber, inductor tank and flush tank, one owner; Parker 510 grain cart, with rollover tarp, corner dump, 23.1-26 Tires, one owner; Case IH 496 27 ft double wing disk; JD RM 3pt 6 row S tine cultivator; IH 5 bottom plow.
HAY EQUIPMENT
 2005 JD 946 MoCo 13 1/2 ft hydra-swing, steel conditioner impeller, hyd leveling, 2 pt hitch, 1000 rpm, one owner; 2007 JD 568 baler, mega wide pickup, net wrap, bale kicker, big tires, one owner; Sitrex Magnum MK10-12, 12 wheel hay rake, one owner.
EQUIPMENT & MISC.
 JD 680 manure spreader with hyd gate, chain floor; GT 6"x30" auger; Mayrath 10" x 62' auger with hyd swing away auger, 540 PTO main drive; Screw in aerator; Homelite AP 220 transfer pump; chemical inductor and transfer hoses; 100 gal L-shaped pickup diesel tank with electric motor; FM radios, 1 base & 2 mobiles; 1500 gal poly tank.
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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 — 10:00 AM
 Auction will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in **AURORA, KANSAS**
 79.10 acres located on 190th road 2 miles West and 1 1/2 miles North of Aurora, Kansas in Cloud County, KS.
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FARM AUCTION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 — 10:30 AM
 I have retired and moved to Clifton, Kansas and will sell the following items at the farm located on Clay Center, Kansas 7 miles west on highway 24 to Frontier Rd. (Co. Rd. 827) then 5 miles north and 1&1/2 west to 455 23rd Rd. or from Clifton 8 miles south and 1&1/2 west.
TRACTORS, COMBINE & FARM MACHINERY - PM
 1983 John Deere 4050 tractor, 16 speed power shift, 2 SVCs, 18.4X38 rears, 540/1000 PTO shaft, this tractor was the first 4050 off the line and was taken on tour by JD then bought new by Doug Kiefer of Clifton, ser. # RW4050P 001000, Jim is the 2nd owner, VG; 1980 John Deere 4440 tractor, 8 speed power shift, 2 SVCs, 20.8X38 radials and rim mount radial duals, 540 & 1,000 shafts, 8 front wts., complete overhaul & inj. pump rebuilt at 10,000 hrs., 11,128 total hours, ser.#: 4440P 038103R, bought new by Jim, VG; 1971 John Deere 4000 diesel tractor, synchro mesh, 1 SVC, 540/1000 shaft, new 18.4X34 rears, exterior just restored, 10,000+ hours, mechanically VG & looks new; JD 148 loader w/7ft. reinforced bucket & brackets off of 4020/4050; 1936 John Deere B on spoked wheels w/good 11.2X36 tires, ser.#: B 20990; 1994 John Deere 9500 combine w/JD dual chaff spreaders, good 30.5L-32 tires, regularly maintained at CTI, PIN:HO9500X656107, 2919 eng. & 2212 sep. hrs., VG; JD 922 22ft. rigid header w/contour master shafts and stainless steel pan; CaseIH 22ft. tandem disk, good; Great Plains Solid Stand 13 grain drill, w/fertilizer, dbl. disc openers, 20" rubber, cylinder, has updates. ser.# 1313R 0131; JD 820 MoCo swather, 9'10" w/crimper; JD #707 7ft. 3pt. rotary mower, PTO drive, works good; Pincor 20,000 watt PTO generator on 2 wheel trailer, used this fall, VG; Fact 8ft 3pt blade; NH #56 9ft. 5 bar rake; "Automatic" 3pt. mist blower, poly tank, 3 nozzles, hyd. directional spout; 3pt. sprayer w/200 gal. poly tank, good shape; JD 2600 5X18 plow w/ hyd. steering, ga. wheel; Kent 24ft. field cultivator w/ ctr. walking tandems, 2R spike tooth evenner; Noble 24ft Culti-Matic rear fold springtooth w/2R evenner; Noble danish tine springtooth, JD springtooth on wheels; Ford 12ft. PTO shredder; 10ft. speed mover; 12ft. speed mover; Fact 3pt post hole digger; Hutchinson 32ft.X6" auger w/gas engine; GB 800 loader w/7ft. bucket, joystick, & JD 4020/4000 brackets; 8ft. bucket for ground hay, fits JD or GB loaders; variety of bale forks; PU bale carrier/unroller w/hand winch; heavy duty 3pt. log splitter w/cyl.; 1 sack 3pt. PTO cement mixer, VG; JD 214 WS wire tie baler for sm. sq. bales, shedded; 3pt. 10 wheel rake; JD 454 row head; old 3pt. 15 shank chisel; JD 7R ditcher w/rear duckbill openers & ga. wheels
TRUCKS & TRAILERS - PM
 1968 Chevy 2T farm truck, 5X2 speed, 427 gas engine, power steering, 16ft. all steel bed w/side gates, single cyl. hoist, homemade rollover tarp, saddle tanks, ball hitch, 10.00X20 rubber all around; 1966 Chevy 60 2 ton farm truck w/292 6cyl., 4X2 speed, 15&1/2ft. wooden bed w/steel floor, hoist; 1975 Chevy 4X4 pickup w/automatic, 350 eng., flatbed w/winch, bumper & gooseneck hitch; 1991 Trailmann 20ft. gooseneck trailer w/ swinging center door; heavy duty 3 axle BR bale trailer w/ hyd. side dump, hauls 10+ bales, VG; (2) Phoenix feed wagons w/inserts to feed BR bales, loose hay, silage or grain, one 20ft. & one 24ft. w/tandem axles; 250 bu. gravity box w/hyd. auger on Fact built gooseneck trailer w/9.00X20 duals; 60 bu. gravity combine bin on 4 wheel gear
LIVESTOCK ITEMS & MISC. - AM
 (19) 12ft. portable pipe panels on shop built 2 wheel transport; (6) BR bale feeders, 2 are Herra built; (3) 10ft. feed bunks; mineral feeder; 3pt. ball hitch to move gooseneck with tractor; front wt. bracket w/4 plates for 4020; narrow front spindle for 3010; (2) 550 gal. fuel barrels w/110V pumps, 1 gas, 1 diesel; 110V aeration fan; 10ft. alum. jon boat; 180 amp elec. welder; acetylene torch w/2 bottles & cart; heavy welding table w/vise; 3/4 inch socket set; variety of misc. shop tools; T-posts; elec. fence wire; lots of other farm related items; lg. variety misc. machinery parts; variety of primitives & antiques.
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bly the entire month.

Finding myself back on pavement was unsettling. The car might have been happier but I wasn't ready to call it a day notwithstanding the deepening dusk. I opted for another side road that took me east and dropped down in a series of terraces toward distant Highway 9, prolonging the experience as long as feasibly possible. I'd arrived at a veritable desert of abandonment scraped clean of any signs of a former civilization and passed onward till once again reaching pavement.

For a long moment I made no move to progress but sat there at the stop sign contemplating past commutes in Denver where it wasn't unusual to witness hundreds of thousands of

other luckless commuters trapped like rats in a maze. In the past 25 miles I'd seen two vehicles, both in the distance. The two extremes were polar opposites for which I considered myself blessed at having made my escape.

Without further ado I gunned the car across the road with a promise of three more miles before calling it quits. I hadn't driven a hundred yards when a small round-headed owl blew up from a field green with winter wheat, arced over the road and skylarked down like a butterfly. Short-eared owl, I thought, my pulse hammering. I'd never seen one in Kansas but was positive of the identification but not so positive that I didn't want to try for a photograph.

I ditched the car in a wide spot and walked back, the cold seeping through my clothing and nipping at my nose, accompanied by a flock of sparrows fleeing before me through roadside thickets.

The owl was gone. I paced the road peering into the edges of the woods where night had already fallen, whatever lingering traces of disappointment over the bird's disappearance giving way to an abiding thankfulness not just for backroads and unpeopled terrain but to a place so ripe with possibilities and potentialities that all it took was an owl or an old truck to take my breath away.

Dalebanks reports on results of 107th bull sale

Strong winds and falling temperatures did not deter aggressive bidding on 125 bulls sold at Dalebanks Angus Ranch on November 19. Seventy coming two-year-old bulls averaged \$4874 and fifty-five yearling bulls averaged \$4236 for an overall average of \$4593.

The Perrier family sold bulls for all budgets, with prices ranging from \$1750 to \$7500. The top-selling bull was lot 77, Dalebanks Objective 0321, selling to Hashknife Ranch, Wilmore. The Hashknife was also volume buyer, purchasing nine bulls. Second-high bull was lot 18, Dalebanks New Standard 0105, selling to Schepmann Angus, Holyrood.

Many buyers and sale staff commented on the consistent quality in this year's offering, which represented the top 55% of the Dalebanks bulls born in 2010. Buyers clearly wanted to "have their cake and eat it, too," as they bid most aggressively on low-birth, high-growth bulls with solid end-product genetics.

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TRACTORS: 1992 JD 4960D MFWD Tractor w/cab, triple hydraulics, full set front weights, 18.4xR26 front, 20.8x42R rear, 14-qt. oil filter, duals, 2329 hrs. serial #2849; 1977 JD 4430D Tractor w/cab, 3-pt., triple hydraulics, front weights, 18.4x38 rear, 11x16 front, duals, inner cooler, 40 series rear end, 5568 hrs., serial #69777R; 1963 Allis Chalmers D-17G, Series III, 18.4x28 rubber, 3-pt. (home-made).

COMBINE & HEADERS: 1998 JD 9510 Sidehill Combine, chaff spreader, straw chopper, tank topper, new tires 2010, 3925 engine hrs., 2645 separator hrs., (field ready); JD 643 6-row Corn Head, 3-row chopping rollers, 4-row ear helpers on gathering chains, serial #419261; JD 216 Grain Platform, new auger drive chain, sidehill drive, new sickle drive belt, stainless steel bottom; JD 653 6-row Head (for parts).

TRUCKS & STOCK TRAILER: 1981 GMC Topkick, 4-spd. automatic, 16' Parkhurst bed, roll-over tarp, recent valve job; 1967 Dodge D-600 Truck, 10-wheeler w/grain box, (needs work); 1990 Boss 20' 5th wheel Stock Trailer.

MACHINERY: 2 JD 7000 6-row Planters, no-til, 2 sets of boxes, 6-row bean meter, Dickey-John D-J-35-6 population counting monitors; Squadron Hitch for JD 7000 6-Row planters w/markers; JD 220 18'6" Centerfold Disk, new front notched blades and bearings; Krause 13' Plow Disk; JD 1350/1450 6x16 Steerable Plow; JD F145 5x16 Steerable Plow; 2 JD 40 6-30" Front Mount Cultivators; Kewanee 20' Field Cultivator; Kewanee 40' Elevator w/Briggs motor; JD 158 Front Loader w/bucket, 4430 brackets; Great Bend 8' Front Blade, fits 158 loader; Crust Buster 20' 3-section Drill; 14 Hole Van Brunt Drill on steel; JD 709 7' Rotary Mower, trail-type; JD 270 Disc Mower; JD 652 3-pt. Hay Rake, 5-bar, hydraulic drive; JD 3-section Harrow w/evener; Krause 14' Chisel Plow; Brent 470 Grain Cart w/roll-over tarp; Mayrath/Hutchinson 60' 10" Grain Auger;

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MISCELLANEOUS: Swift Hitch 207 Camera Hitch System; JD Camera System; 500-gal. Propane Tank; Electronic Equipment Digital Recorders; JD 316 Lawn Tractor; Transfer Pumps; (4) 500-gal. Fuel Tanks; 2 Gas Boy Fuel Pumps; Pickup Bed Trailer w/300-gal. fuel tank, GPI transfer pump; 2-Bulk Bins (1-erected, other still bundled); 2 JD Header Drive Shafts for 9510 Sidehill (never used); JD Planter Parts; Assorted JD Parts; JD Oil & Air Filters; New and Used Oil; (2) 900/20 Army Truck Tires, load range D, never used; JD 2-Way Cylinders; JD 9510 Combine Parts Manual; JD Hand Corn Sheller; Motorola Business Band Radios; 2 Calf Creep Feeders; Round Bale Rings; Pre-Mix Liquid Tank; Stock Tank Heaters; Sheep Supplies; 16' Galvanized Gate; 10 Hole Metal Chicken Nest; Cedar Treated 4" Post; T-Post; Electric Fence Post; Test-Rite 12-spd. Drill Press w/3/4-hp motor; Walker Floor Jack; 8-hp Briggs Generator; Hydraulic Jacks; Metal Band Saw; Shop Fans; Several Battery Chargers; Skil Saw; Bench Grinder; 2-Large Glass Batteries 2-volt; Old License Tags; Railroad Ties; 4-hole Stainless Steel Sink, self-standing frame, nice; Igloo Dog House; Pickup Bed Trailer w/racks; (3) 30-gal. drums of 4# Glyphosate; **Many Other Farm Related Items Too Numerous To Mention.**

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Moser Ranch Bull Sale: consistent and strong in 2011

Harry and Lisa Moser began their 20th Moser Ranch Bull Sale north of Wheaton with words of thanks for family, for the service of Veterans and for hundreds of repeat customers. Some 20-year business partners were noted, but all of the 200+ bidders in attendance on that sunny November 12 day knew they were part of something like family.

It was time to get down to business, however, when the first of 110 Simmental, Angus, SimAngus and Red Angus bulls entered via three large TV monitors and auctioneer Dan Harris began a chant that sounded much like the one he began 20 years earlier. Cattle prices

around the country were near record-high, which lent some optimism to the crowd. Competition was stiff among those in the seats and linked through DV Auctions, bidding the Lot 1 SimAngus bull up near the eventual sale average at \$3600. Soon it seemed at least half the bulls were selling for \$4,000 or more, with twin crescendos of \$5,000 for a polled black purebred Simmental son of Olie, and for a purebred Angus son of BC Lookout. The range of prices down to \$2,100 helped ensure everybody could bid, but clearly they wanted more when the gavel fell on the last bull at \$3,750, setting a Moser Ranch record av-

erage of \$3,663/lot. That was \$645/lot higher on an offering that included 17 more bulls than last year.

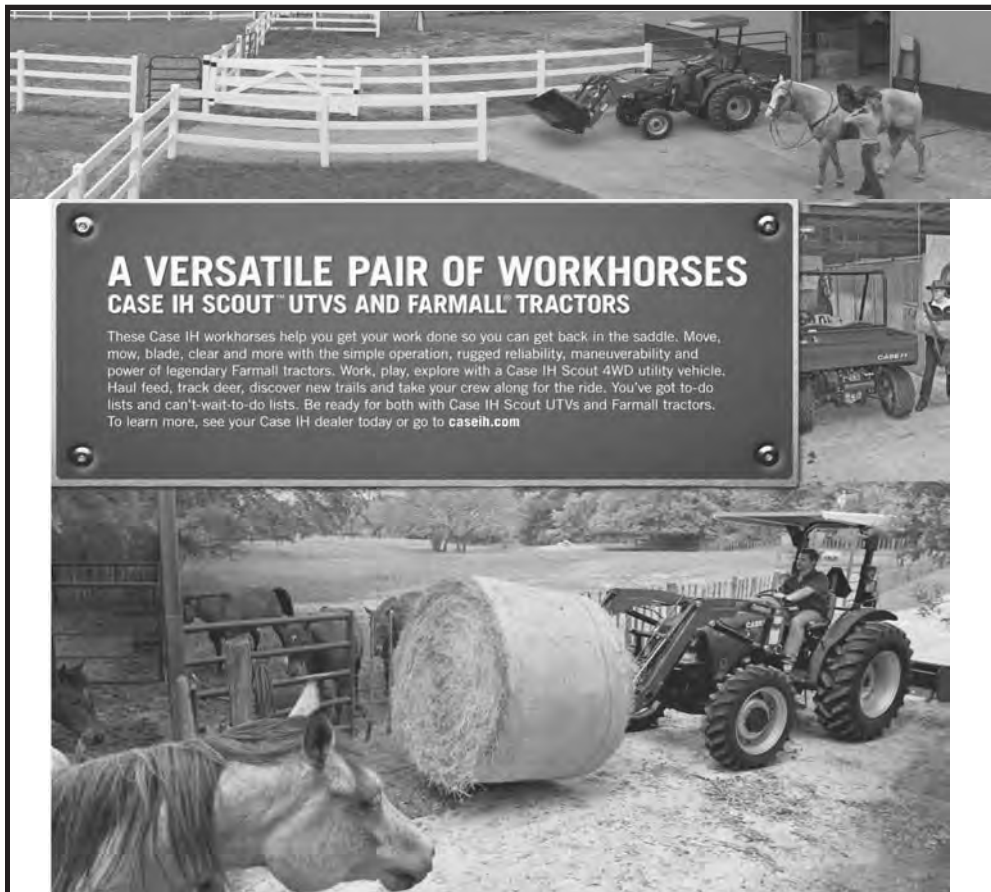
High-selling lots included: Double B Ranch-Betty Bonjour & Jessi Figge, Centralia, buyers of Moser genetics since their first sale back in 1993, paid \$5000 to claim the purebred Simmental bull, Lot 36, "MSR 0105X," sired by Olie. Repeat buyer Steve Frank, Westmoreland, purchased the two high-selling Angus lots. Frank paid \$5000 to own the Lot 48 bull, "Moser 220 of 6878 Lookout," sired by BC Lookout, and \$4800 to own Lot 53, "Moser/Cot 280 Dbrk 95P," sired by MCC Daybreak. Lot 35, a purebred Sim-

mental bull, "MSR 0108X," sired by Olie, sold to repeat customer Zach Teter/Teter Farms, Beverly, West Va. for \$4800. Likewise, \$4800 was the final bid by repeat buyer Susan Estes, Oklahoma City, Okla., to own the purebred Simmental bull, Lot 44, "MSR 0207X," sired by Beef Maker. Estes also purchased the high-selling Red Angus bull for \$4500, Lot 59, "Moser 820 of 848 Quest," sired by HXC Conquest. A SimAngus bull consigned by Owen Brothers Cattle Company was the high-

selling percentage lot of the day. Lot 93, "OBCC M03U Jupiter," sired by Jupiter U449, sold to repeat customers Mark & Cindy Grollmes, Circleville, for \$4750. The second high-selling SimAngus Bull, Lot 25, "MSR 0508X," sired by Net Present Value, sold to Don Griffiths, Salem, Neb., for \$4600.

Sale averages for the day included: 65 SimAngus Bulls-\$3650; 11 Angus Bulls-\$3936; 28 Simmental Bulls-\$3653; 6 Red Angus Bulls-\$3358. 110 total lots averaged \$3663. Bulls sold

into Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, West Virginia and North Dakota. Volume buyers of three head were David Ebel, Neb.; Keith Bramhall; Sue Eden, OK; Steve Frank, Ks.; Matt Hollis, Ks.; Bob & Barry Jones, Ks.; Marten Farms, Ks.; Perry Ranch, Ks.; Rezac Land & Livestock, Ks.; Bill Schwinn, Ks. Sixteen customers purchased two head. 85% of the bulls went to repeat customers. Owen Brothers Cattle Company, Bois D'Arc, Mo., was a guest consignor. The Moser Family managed the sale.



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Guns inc.: Stevens 322a; Remington Sportsman 12 ga model 48; Stevens model 77f shotgun; Remington nylon 22 long rifle; pellet gun; Washington Watch Co gold pocket watch; GWK gold pocket watch; silver inc. (1879-82-83-84-86-1901 Morgan dollars, 1970-73-74 proof sets, 1972-73-74 mint sets, 1964-65-66-67-68-69 uncirculated sets, mint state quarters, Farewell to Silver coin set, rolls quarters \$2 bill, 100 Indian head pennies); 5 gal Red Wing water cooler damaged; 4 gal Red Wing crock; Coors Rosebud casserole; green depression;

collector plates; Wessoloski calendar; Indian pictures; Lone Wolf, assortment other pictures; mantel clocks; cuckoo clocks; Shirley Temple pitcher; large assortment jewelry; jewelry boxes; military items; buttons; dolls inc.: (Holiday & Soda Fountain Barbie, Cabbage Patch, Bridgette, Nicole, Carrolle Babejoly); belt buckles (Black Hills Gold, Winchester, other); electric trains; collector trucks; Field Boss toy tractor; child's saddle; blacksmith hammers; forge tools; tinnners anvil; Keen Kutter hatchet; scythe; steamer trunk; Lane cedar chest; child's chair; Household trundle bed; walnut end tables; wooden tea chest; typewriter desk; Singer sewing

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Bids must be received at Thompson Law Office at 1205 Manor Drive, Chapman, KS or by mailing to PO Box 549, Chapman, KS 67431 or by fax at 785-922-6684 **by not later than noon, November 30th, 2011.** The seller reserves the right to deny any and all bids. CRP ground must remain as CRP ground until after September 30, 2014. CRP payments will be assigned to the buyer.

The real estate is available for sale in 5 individual tracts or as a total farm.

The 5 tracts are as follows:

TRACT 1 consists of **82 acres more or less** and includes 2 ponds, native grassland and beautiful wooded area. The tract is suitable for multiple building sites and has rural water available.

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TRACT 5: 265 acres more or less consisting of pasture, hunting ground or cattle grazing with tree cover.

The real estate taxes for 2010 were \$1500.

The farm or various tracts will be available for possession in December 2011. All bids on any or all tracts must be delivered to Thompson Law Office at the contact information above by not later than noon, November 30th, 2011. The Barbara Stensaas Trust reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or all bids.

GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled

November 29 — Scenic pasture ground, hunting potential, fixer-upper residence at Potter for Della K. Sass. Auctioneers: Crossroads Auctions.

November 29 — Ottawa County farmland at Salina for Stan & Jeanne Pangrac. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

November 29 — Tractors, 4-wheeler, machinery, shop tools & other S. of Abilene for Nelta Emig Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 30 — Tractors, combines, planters, tillage, hay equipment, grain carts & misc. equipment at Owatonna, Minn & online (www.gehling live.com) for AG Power. Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

November 30 — Dickinson County real estate, household & acreage at Abilene for George Thompson Estate. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Co.

November 30 — Republic County real estate at Cuba for Terry & Connie Benyshek. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

December 1 — 1/4 section of farmground in Dickinson County at Abilene for Steven & Jackie Meuli. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction.

December 1 — Tractors, combine, heads, pickup, truck, field, hay & misc. equip. at Holton for Stan & Charlotte Brock. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

December 1 — SW Jackson County real estate at Delia for Challan & Deborah Barker. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.

December 1 — Geary County real estate at Junction City for Dalrymple Farms, LLC. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

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 3 — drug store collectibles, dolls, kitchen, household at Newton for Al & Bessie Dorsett. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

December 3 — Tractors, combine, headers, trucks, stock trailer, machinery, household & misc. at Troy for Mr. & Mrs. Robert Seidl. Auctioneers: Chew Auction Service.

December 3 — Coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

December 3 — Belts buckles and farm equipment at Sabetha for Wes Johnson. Auctioneers: Hatter Auction Service.

December 3 — Furniture, glassware, collectibles at Topeka. Auctioneers: Whitmore Thunderwood Auction.

December 3 — Primitives, horse drawn equipment, antiques, signs, antique machinery, gas pumps at Chapman for DeWain Krinhop. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

December 3 — Contractor close out auction at Topeka. Auctioneers: Sinnitt Brothers.

December 3 — Farm equipment, BB guns, household, furniture at Delavan for Eugene & Ruth Kickhaefer. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.

December 4 — Furniture, coins, glassware, collectibles, toys & misc. at Junction City for Alter & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

December 5 — Lincoln County real estate at Lincoln for William A. Patton. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

December 5 — Farm sale NW of Clay Center for Jim McChesney. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

December 6 — Clay County real estate at Miltonvale. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

December 6 — Montgomery County acreage & oil production at Independence. Auctioneers: J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc.

December 6 — Real Estate at Minneapolis for the Daniel W. McCall Land. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

December 7 — Coins at El Dorado. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction, Inc.

December 7 — Sewer, water, plumbing liquidation auctions at Raytown, Mo. for Wilson Plumbing Co. Auctioneers: Graves CIF Auctioneers.

December 7 — Combines, tractors, application equipment, headers, round balers, planting/seeding, wheel rake, grain cart, mower conditioner, tillage, skid steer online only (www.purplewave.com) for Ag Dealer Inventory. Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auction.

December 8 — Real estate at Manhattan for Violet Weisenbender Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate.

December 8 — Land auction at Salina for Sharon and Lawrence Swisher. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates.

December 8 — Jewell County real estate at Mankato for Oveson Jewell Land Co. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 8 — Guns, coins, collectibles, household & tools at Jewell for Kathleen Kirgis. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 8 — Geary County flint hills ranch & hunting land at Junction City. Auctioneers: J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc.

December 9 — Cloud County real estate at Aurora for Raymond Charbonneau. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 10 — Real Estate / land at Marquette

for Richard and Joyce Eggers. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auctions.

December 10 — Chase County real estate near Emporia for Neff Farms. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

December 10 — Household at Abilene for Keith Olson Trust. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auction Co.

December 11 — Guns, antique furniture, antiques & collectibles, glassware, patio & shop items at Council Grove for Donna Hayes. Auctioneers: Macy Realty & Auction.

December 13 — Marion County commercial building, acreage at Hillsboro. Auctioneers: J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc.

December 13 — Farm machinery & equipment near Colby for Wendell Farms. Auctioneers: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc.

December 14 — Finney County land at Garden for. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.

December 15 — Atchison County land at Atchison. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

December 15 — Leavenworth County land at Bonner Springs. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

December 17 — Farm machinery, hog equipment & misc. at Wamego for Richard Weixelman Reduction. Auctioneers: Murray Auction Service.

December 17 — Antiques, advertising signs, old banks, figurines, Coca Cola new/old stock at Benton. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty Inc.

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

January 18 — Wabaunsee County farmland, grassland, 3 BD 2 BA home at Alma for Elly & the late Harold Neff. Auctioneers: Steve Murray Auctions.

March 3, 2012 — 34th annual Gelbvieh & Balancer bull sale at Pomona for Judd Ranch.

March 10, 2012 — Concordia Optimist Annual Machinery Consignment auction at Concordia.

March 10, 2012 — Bull & female sale at Maple Hill for Mill Brae Ranch.

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40 ACRES

Location of Land: From Emporia, West of Emporia, 7 miles on Highway 50 and North on YY road 5 miles.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 18 South, Range 9 East of the 6th PM, Chase County, KS.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 25 acres of East Buckeye creek bottom cropland, balance pasture, creek and wildlife habitat.

TAXES: 2011 taxes were \$250.50. Seller to pay 2011 taxes.

TERMS: \$5,000.00 as earnest money day of auction. Balance of purchase price at closing prior to December 30, 2011. Purchaser to pay 1/2 the cost of an owner's policy of title insurance.

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I offered her one but she declined, "Oh, no," she sighed, "I've got these."

She indicated a plastic baggie with enough pills and capsules, big and little, to fill a dinner plate!

I looked at her more closely, thinking she was allergic, had a contagious disease, was trying to get pregnant, or had recently been diagnosed with malaria. But no, she had clear skin, pink cheeks, bright eyes, perfectly sculpted brows and dark, shiny hair.

"Vitamins and..." she said, scrolling through a quick inventory of enough patent medicines, supplements, tablets, pallatives, pills, purges and boluses to stock a Third-World Whole Foods market! She explained how each protected, eliminated, balanced, disrupted, prevented, increased and/or cured virtually anything she might be exposed to on the planet Earth.

I was taken aback. She asked me what health supplements I took.

"Does coffee and Copenhagen count?" I asked.

"Not really," she said, "I mean something that makes you feel better. They've got a pill for everything, ya know!"

"Well, I try to eat at least

one jalapeño a day with Miracle Whip on it." I said. But then I got to thinking... Do they have a pill for forgetting your grandson's name? Or one to protect me from rudeness? Maybe a spray to protect me from animal rights lunatics. How 'bout one to give me more hours in a day?

We'd be rushing to get the calves sorted for shipment. The trucks are arriving at 9:30 a.m. We've been working since daylight and still have 275 cows and calves to sort. I could stop the crew and administer each of them a TIME-OUT pill that will give each of us another hour and a half that day. Everyone would set his watch back and relax!

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