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Coalition helps veterans defend that “thin green line”

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

American servicemen and women are no strangers to standing on the front line to protect the nation's security; and retired Army General Wesley Clark called agriculture the “thin green line standing between prosperity and disaster.” With thousands of troops returning home to a shaky economy and struggling job market, the qualities they bring to the table – their work ethic, training and skills – make many of them the perfect candidates to become some of the 100,000 new farmers that Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has asked be a goal of the 2012 farm bill.

Making that transition from military life to agriculture production can be challenging, but there is an organization that is dedicated to helping the veterans navigate the process. The Farmer Veteran Coalition, founded in 2008 by Michael O’Gorman, is a non-profit organization that seeks to create mentoring opportunities and other connections between experienced farmers and rancher and military veterans.

O’Gorman’s forty-year career working in farm management for west coast vegetable companies gives him plenty of experience to draw from on the production side of the equation. “Vegetable production on the scale I worked at was fast-paced and year-round,” he said. “When I retired, I thought I’d look at something slightly different to do.” His initial plan was to possibly start a consulting company for beginning farmers. “Then I started helping a couple of young men who had served in Iraq and obviously I wasn’t going to charge them. I became very inspired by the power of that transition, from their experi-



Michael O’Gorman, left, welcomed the veterans to the workshop aimed at connecting them with ag producers. Veterans attending included James Davis, Topeka, Army; Cory Nutsch, Fairbury, Neb., Army Reserves; Andy Roberts, Chanute, Air Force; Steve Marquart, Herington, Army; James Guild, Omaha, Army; Verona Jackson, Milford, Army; Bruce Hay, Lane, Army; Wes Bartlett, Paxico, Army; Joshua Anderson, Hale, Mo., Army. Nick Levendofsky, Special Projects Coordinator for Kansas Farmers Union, right, organized the event.

ence in just coming out of war, how meaningful farming was to them and how serious they were about it. I just really felt like these guys are people who, if given a chance would stay with it and really be an asset to our farming community.”

O’Gorman was in Manhattan on March 19 as part of a workshop put on by Kansas Farmers Union and the Center for Rural Affairs. It was made possible by a grant from USDA Risk Management with additional help from the Farmer Veteran Coalition and AgrAbility. The Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans heard speakers on topics ranging from financial planning and business management to high tunnels, grape production and winemaking. Jeanne Sharp and Steve Hoover of Kansas AgrAbility told of services available to make farming and ranching operations more accessible to operators with disabilities.

Bruce Hay of Lane was one of the attendees at the workshop. He served nineteen years and ten months as a mechanic and truck driver in the Army and did one tour in Iraq in 2003. Now retired, he and his wife Laurie have come back to help his father on the family’s farm. “It’s really only big enough for one family income,” Bruce said. “And it’s his farm, so it’s his income.” Along with purchasing enough pasture ground to start their own cattle herd and enough hay ground to sustain it, Bruce and Laurie would like to start an educational farm. They would like for it to be more in-depth than what some educational farms are. He recalls visiting the Kan-

sas City Zoo as a child, where they had a dairy exhibit where people could watch the cows being milked. “That was pretty cool,” Bruce said. “Any more most

specialty farming and was intrigued by the grape growing presentation by Scott Kohl of Highland Community College. He also saw great value in the financial

me. It’s bad for America. We absolutely have to have farm and ranch families farming and ranching in America.”

“It’s a myth that you can’t own a farm or ranch,” he continued, “that the only way is to inherit it or marry it. He referenced a 2009 USDA study that found that in 2009, only 13% of new farmers inherited the farms, 14% bought it from a relative and 67% bought it from a non-relative with help from FSA, the Farm Credit System and others. “That’s the way we still get farms,” he emphasized. “We purchase them.”

He encourages young farmers to get to know who the non-operator owners are and make contact with them, letting them know that their desire is to farm in the community and raise a family there. “Kansas ground needs to be sold to Kansas farmers,” he said.

In terms of financing he stressed the importance of low-interest FSA money for beginning farmers. “The first loan needs to come through FSA or you’re not going to make it,” he stated. But every other loan needs to come through the banks, because if we take all of our banking out of the rural banks, they’ll go broke, too.”

Since its inception, the Farmer Veteran Coalition has had over 500 veterans contact them and be put into their system. O’Gorman says there are several hundred that they’ve helped connect with mentors and advisors, and about another 100-150 that they’ve made significant impact on their ability to launch their farms. There are approximately

thirty injured vets that they’ve given direct financial assistance to through the new Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund with grants of \$5,000-\$20,000.

“I feel extremely fortunate that I’ve found the most rewarding thing someone could do in life,” O’Gorman reflected. “It’s been a challenge. I work hard and travel long days and weeks. But that one-on-one connection with each veteran inspired me and inspired them.”

He said that in the last six months financial support for the program has skyrocketed and the number of veterans contacting them has really grown. But it’s not about the numbers for O’Gorman, it’s about the individuals.

He recalls a veteran who was raising pheasants and wrote to tell him when he sold his first ones. “I’m a farmer now!” he penned. O’Gorman was honored that he wanted to share the news with him. Currently, many of his veterans are experiencing their first calving season. He received pictures recently from a former Marine who assisted with the birth of his first calf. “This tough Marine spent three or four tours overseas and is now farming for the first time,” O’Gorman said. “The calf was born in the rain and he brought it into a building and sat up with it and bottle-fed it all night and sent me pictures in the morning.”

For many of the veterans who have seen first-hand the brutality and ravages of war, the peaceful serenity of the farm or ranch and the chance to see new life burst forth, whether in tender plants or newly born livestock, offers healing and purpose.

For O’Gorman, that’s worth every mile traveled. And for America, it puts additional, battle-tested hands on the front line of that “thin green line standing between prosperity and disaster.”



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dairies are automated and very few people know how to milk a cow any more.”

James Guild, originally of Omaha, joined the Army right out of high school in 1997. After his first tour was up, he got out and went to college, while continuing to serve in the National Guard. After the September 11 attack, he was deployed to Iraq. Upon returning home, he went back to college, then rejoined active duty as an engineer and did a tour in Afghanistan. He is now a chaplain’s assistant and looking for something to do when he retires. He’s interested in organic and

information that was presented. “Also, the value of networking is one of the greatest tools in this industry,” he said.

Weldon Sleight, dean of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, was not on the original schedule, but stepped in when another speaker canceled and stressed the importance of farm ownership.

“Often when I speak at conferences someone will say that the future farmers and ranchers of America won’t own the farms and ranches, they’ll operate them and that’s okay,” he said. “That’s not okay with





Yesterday as I hurried out for chores, I was hoping for everything to be in order so I could finish as soon as possible and get on with the rest of my day. The morning went along really well, until I got to the pen with our two mature bulls. I turned the corner around the barn expecting to see their massive bull heads; instead I saw nothing but a big, gaping hole in the fence.

Instantly my day went from okay to bad. I had an appointment in town that morning and did not have time to mess with the bulls. Finding them was not hard; the cows let me know where they were. I hurriedly went to the calving pasture and found them in the brome grass pasture next to the calving pasture. The cows were plastered along the fence looking at the bulls grazing the green grass.

I knew I would have to do something pretty quick, soon the bulls would have eaten their fill and their attention would turn to the cows across the fence. I rushed back to the house and got a bale of the best alfalfa in my bale pile. Soon I had the bale in the feeder and called the cows up to the feeding site and away from the bulls and the rickety fence.

Part one of my hastily made plan worked and the cows quickly forgot about the handsome bulls grazing the tantalizing green grass across the ever-increasingly bad fence. Now on to phase two of my plan, getting the bulls back into their pen and that was going to be a challenge. I was going to have to drive them away from the green grass, across the creek and around the barn and other pens to their home. To make matters worse, my calling the cows to the alfalfa bale had drawn the bull's attention. They were now standing at the fence looking longingly at either the cows, the alfalfa or, more likely, both.

I rushed down to start my version of a cattle drive. Did I call for help? No, Jennifer and the kids had gone to Grandma and Grandpa's for a couple of days and I couldn't call Dad. Why? Well, a couple of weeks earlier he had told me I needed to put an electric fence around the inside of the bull pen to deter leaning on the fence. Last week he had even sent the fencing supplies home with me. I was going to do it tomorrow (that of course was seven tomorrows ago).

The two bulls are very different in terms of their temperament. 76 is more excitable and much quicker moving, while 77X is one of the slowest-moving, slowest-reacting bulls I have ever been around. I started driving them down the fence and things were going good. That was until we got to the creek crossing and the place where the trail branched. 76 was well ahead of 77X and me and when he got to the fork in the trail, he took the left branch that led back to the brome field. 77X, on the other hand, stopped and wouldn't budge. Both of them got words of encouragement and were renamed.

I left 77X and went after 76. After many branches in the face and after scrambling up the creek bank

in the mud, I got him stopped and turned. We went back down the same trail and you guessed it, I got the same results. Meanwhile, 77X still had not moved and would not move no matter how much of a motivational speech I gave him. We made one more lap before my spirit was broken and I called Dad.

Dad listened to my now breathless explanation of what had happened and asked me if I wanted his help. Of course the answer was yes. He then asked me if I had tried coaxing them in with a bucket of grain. In my state of panic, the idea of using bribery had not crossed my mind. With the cavalry on the way I hustled back to the barnyard for a bucket of grain.

Soon I was back to the bulls with my bucket of negotiation. I called to them and shook the bucket and rapidly their attention turned from the cows, alfalfa and green grass to the grain in my bucket. In a matter of minutes we made far more progress than I had in the previous hour. This all worked pretty good until we got almost back to the barnyard. Suddenly it occurred to 76 what I was doing (77X still was focused on the grain) and he balked. However, much to my relief, Dad arrived. With him behind and me in front we got the bulls penned. We then set upon getting the electric fence up and in a matter of 45 minutes the excitement was over. Soon I was off to town in time to make my appointment.

The 30-minute drive to town gave me some time to reflect on this little adventure and I think there are a couple of lessons for all of us in it. First, negotiation and finding a solution that will mutually benefit both parties generally works better than one party imparting their will on the other. Of course, I was a little arrogant to think I could impart my will on a couple of 2000-pound bulls with green grass, alfalfa and romance on their mind. Instead we found a mutually agreeable solution that included them in their pen with a couple pounds of corn apiece.

The second revelation I came to was much time could be saved if we would only ask for help. If I had not called Dad, I would still be out in the pasture doing laps with 76. I also would not have come up with the bucket solution in my addled, agitated state. I am also not sure if 76 would have given up and come in without Dad being there to convince him that following me and the grain would be a good idea.

It further occurred to me that my experience and the revelations it provided me might be of use and interest to those in Topeka and D.C. Especially the idea of not standing pat and trying to impose your will on another party who may not have any motivation to see things your way. Often I think the idea of compromising and finding a mutually agreeable solution is a lost concept. That would be were my second revelation of asking for help from a more intelligent source comes into play. So with that thought, if you are a legislator, my phone line is always open.

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

"If you ever engage in yellow journalism, I'll come back to haunt you," Mrs. Deweese promised each journalism class that sat under her tutelage. Well, she's not dead, so haunting isn't an option, but I swear I can still feel her standing over my shoulder when I write news pieces to be sure I'm being unbiased and presenting all the facts. And for that, I am profoundly grateful.

In recent weeks "Pink Slime" has been all over the news, as reporters have cashed in on the attention-grabbing headlines the story has produced. The Lean Finely Textured Beef in question has been tried in the court of public hysteria – where sound science falls victim to public perception – and the verdict is we shouldn't eat it, we can't trust the USDA and we should use our dol-

lars to convince retailers and restaurant chains they shouldn't include it in their offerings to us. One television personality went so far as to pour household ammonia into a bowl of ground beef and tell consumers that's what they're eating. Wow.

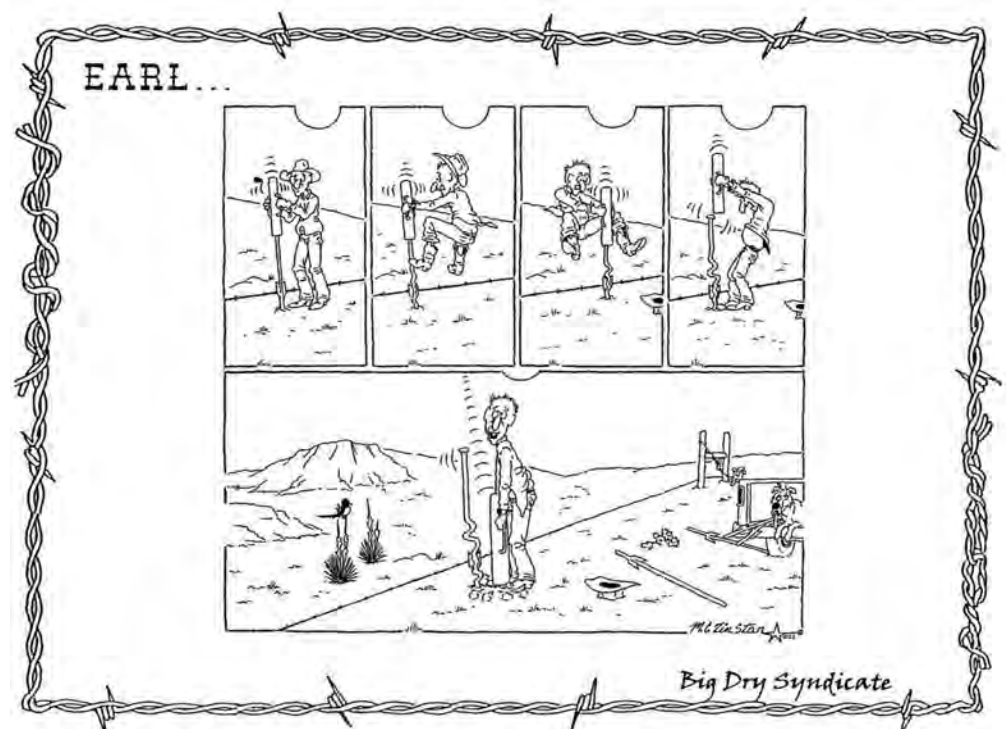
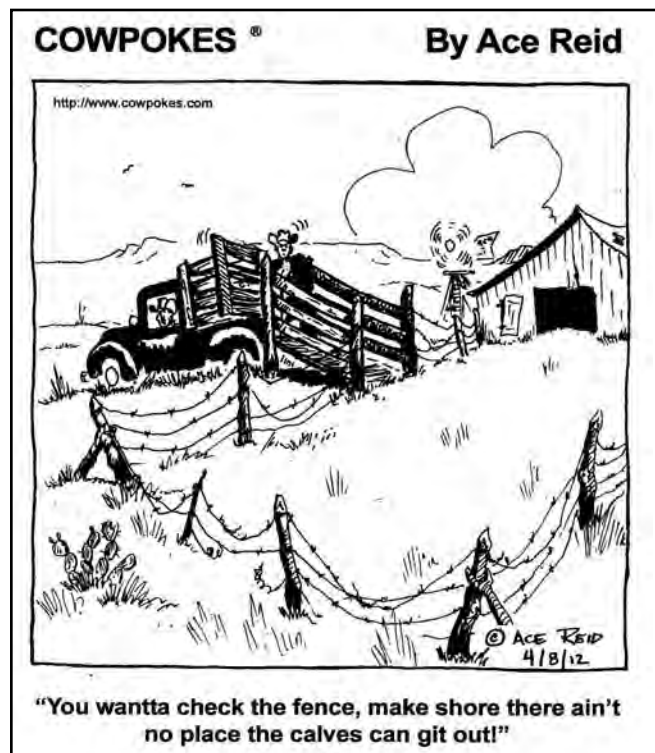
In reality, the beef trimmings in question are heated and placed in a centrifuge to separate the lean meat from the fat. The lean meat is treated with a puff of ammonium hydroxide, a gas that raises the pH level and kills such pathogens as *E. coli*. It does not compromise the integrity of the meat itself, which is then added to ground beef. Ammonium hydroxide is used in baked goods, cheeses, produce, chocolate and a host of other foods. It is a product referred to as "Generally Recognized as Safe" (GRAS) by the Food and

Drug Administration.

Now, I realize that isn't very headline-grabbing, but it is the truth. Unfortunately, it may not make any difference. Fast food chains, grocery stores and even the USDA are caving to pressure from the public over this. When it was learned that USDA had purchased 7 million pounds of beef containing Lean Finely Textured Beef for use in school lunches, the public outcry was immediate. They have now said schools can opt out of purchasing that beef.

Now, I'm not arrogant enough to maintain that I'm always right, nor do I believe that any industry, agriculture included, has it all figured out and never makes mistakes. There is always room for improvement no matter what the field, and it's important that everyone's feet be held to the fire when it comes to food safety. But for journalists to throw the facts to the wind and engage in such blatant hyperbole is a disservice to the public they serve.

We do need to be very careful about what we consume – and not just in the area of food. We should be as vigilant about the media that feeds our minds and fuels our beliefs as we are the tasty fare that nourishes our bodies. If you want to be on your guard for something, I would suggest avoiding Yellow Slime – journalists that have forgotten that their primary duty is to present facts to the public and foster an informed population, and who have sadly sacrificed their credibility on the precariously teetering altar of sensationalism.



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Global Water for Food Conference opens May 30

The fourth global Water for Food Conference, May 30-June 1, will bring together international experts to explore how advances in science, technology and policy can help rainfed and irrigated agriculture feed the world.

"Blue Water, Green Water and the Future of Agriculture" is the theme of this year's conference, hosted by the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute at the University of Nebraska and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Neb.

The conference fosters international dialogue on key issues related to the use of water for agriculture and provides opportunities to learn from speakers with ex-

tensive experience and perspectives from diverse cultures. Last year's conference drew more than 450 participants from 24 nations, including representatives from universities, agriculture, industry, government and non-governmental organizations worldwide

Registration is \$250, which includes all conference events, materials and meals. Online registration and more information are available at the conference website: waterforfood.nebraska.edu/wff2012.

The conference theme focuses on "blue water" drawn from aquifers, rivers and lakes to fuel irrigated agriculture, and "green water" that falls as precipitation and is stored in fields to sustain rainfed crops. To meet the

growing global food demand, agriculture will need to find ways to use less water and boost both rainfed and irrigated crop yields.

"Finding ways to increase water productivity through improved technologies and crops and innovative management practices and policies is one of the greatest challenges facing agriculture," said Roberto Lenton, founding executive director of the Daugherty Water for Food Institute. "This confer-

ence draws people from around the world who are working to find solutions to one of the world's most vexing challenges: how to feed more people with limited water."

Plenary speakers will include Jeff Raikes, CEO, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Malin Falkenmark, senior scientific adviser, Stockholm International Water Institute; Colin Chartres, director general, International

Water Management Institute; Ruth Meinzen-Dick, senior research fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute; Lenton; and others.

Speakers, panels and case studies will offer diverse approaches to water and food issues. Sessions include a "Women, Water and Food," roundtable discussion; an industry leaders panel offering their perspectives on water for food challenges; a panel of agricultural producers

from several countries; and case studies on integrated water management in Nebraska and in Brazil's Piracicaba River basin. This year's technical sessions are "Assessing Groundwater Resources in Water-Stressed Regions" and "Emerging Crop Technologies for Improving Performance in Tough Environments." Graduate students from around the globe are invited to enter a poster competition.

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- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup purchased pomegranate syrup
- 2 tablespoons pomegranate juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 medium USA Bartlett or Anjou Pears, cored & halved
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (12 ounces)
- (4) 7-inch round pocket breads
- 4 ounces soft goat cheese
- 2 cups mixed greens
- Pomegranate seeds for garnish

Combine oil, pomegranate syrup, pomegranate juice, salt and pepper. Reserve 1/4 cup for drizzling on sandwiches.

Preheat grill to medium heat. Brush cut side of pears with pomegranate vinaigrette. Grill cut side down until lightly grill-marked, about 5 minutes. Cool. Slice thin.

Place chicken in a dish with remaining vinaigrette. Turn to coat. Remove from vinaigrette and grill on medium heat, 6-7 minutes, until lightly grill-marked. Turn. Brush with remaining vinaigrette in dish. Cook 6 minutes or until internal temperature is 170 degrees. Cool. Slice thin.

Cut pocket breads in half. Fill halves with sliced chicken, pears, cheese and greens. Drizzle with reserved vinaigrette and garnish with pomegranate seeds.

Yield: Makes 4 servings
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Return to gardening

By Lou Ann Thomas

I'm planting a garden this spring for the first time in years. Growing up on this farm we always had a big garden and the first few times I tried planting one on my own I overdid it and planted enough to feed half the county. Of course, since I quickly became completely overwhelmed by the amount of weeding, hoeing, watering and general tending the large plot required I usually ended up mowing it all off by mid-July.

That's why this time I created a small, raised bed that I feel confident I can tend and maintain through harvest. Even though it's small I'm excited about my new garden plot. I can almost taste the fresh vegeta-

bles and the warm sun on my shoulders as I tend and pick my bounty.

It is also bringing back memories of what being a farm kid was all about. We were expected to contribute, to help when and where needed, and in many ways filled the role of "hired hand," only without the salary part of being hired. I didn't always appreciate these expectations, especially during the summer when I was hanging on to the steering wheel of an old Farmall M while my friends were hanging out at the swimming pool. Oh, I sported an equally good tan, but mine only went up to mid-thigh and arm.

One of the few days I

was able to join my friends at the pool, upon seeing me in my swimming suit, one of my best friends squealed, "Look at your tan! You look like you're wearing a white t-shirt and shorts under your suit!" I now wonder what kind of criteria I used to determine who my friends were, but at the time my self-confidence was shattered.

For the next couple of weeks I tried wearing my swimsuit while I worked in the garden and the fields, but not only was it impractical — there were no pockets in which to carry needed tools — but the old metal tractor seat with the holes for ventilation left my backside resembling a Belgian waffle.

Looking back on my childhood on this farm I'm glad I was expected to help. It taught me a lot about responsibility, working together toward a common goal, feeling joy in a job well done and, of course, the importance of having friends who won't laugh at my tan lines.

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Fancy Ladies of the Old West

You see them in the movies. You read about them in western novels. But try to find written histories of the “Fancy Ladies” that frequented the resorts and dance halls of the Old West and you will discover very little information. History barely takes note of them, as though they were merely window dressing in the story of the Old West. However, the sporting women of the west did as much to mold the image of the frontier town as the wild Texas cowboy, the brave city marshal, or kindly old “Doc” who patched everyone up after a wild night on the town. The frontier town is often shown with everyone intermingled, mixing it up in a saloon. But most towns actually platted separate brothel

districts outside of the main city limits. In Abilene the area was known as The Village. Nauchville was platted on the outskirts of Ellsworth. Newton's red-light district was known as Hide Park. At Wichita the Arkansas River came between the city and the sporting community of Delano.

Lizzy Palmer ran a popular dance hall known as The Nauch outside of Ellsworth. Lizzy was a Kansas City girl who found her “calling” amongst the cowboys at the end of the trail. When her husband George retired to a quieter life on the farm, Lizzy took refuge in Ellsworth's thriving community of Cyprians. But she missed her “daddy” George and wrote a sweet letter to him begging him to take her back.

George hurried to her bedside at the Nauch but Taylor DuBoise, one of Lizzy's suitors, boiled with jealousy. He barged into the room, knocked George down and put three bullets in his forehead.

The “Fancy Ladies” had curious names such as Rowdy Kate, Curly, Sweet Annie, Black Pearl, Wicked Alice, the Galloping Cow, Big Nose Kate, and Squirrel Tooth Alice. Rowdy Kate acquired her nickname at an early age. Rowdy Joe Lowe was a teamster, gambler, and saloon keeper who found his way to Ellsworth during its early end-of-track railroad days. Joe was nineteen. Kate was seventeen. One might describe them as frontier vultures waiting to pick the meat off of any unsuspecting victim. Kate was continually being hauled into court for prostitution. She dutifully paid her fine of ten dollars and returned to the dens of iniquity, seemingly without remorse for her actions. Joe was caught robbing one of the customers of his saloon. Ellsworth citizens suggested that he move away for his own health. He and Kate took them up on their offer and moved

to Newton's Hide Park. At Newton Joe killed a man who gave Kate more attention than Joe appreciated. Joe and Kate moved again. West of Wichita they established a dance hall in Delano. The place was known as the fastest house on the Chisholm Trail. Joe killed a saloon keeper in Delano and the next time anyone heard from them Rowdy Joe and Rowdy Kate were in Texas.

Alice Chambers can be traced through several cattle towns. She was in Abilene in 1871. Some say that she was the special courtesan of Texas Phil Coe. Coe was a dashing veteran of the Confederate cavalry who lived nearly every day of his life challenging the devil to come and get him. He and famed gambler Ben Thompson ran the Bulls Head Saloon. Coe made the mistake of crossing paths with Wild Bill Hickok during a night of celebration at the end of the cattle season in Abilene. One false move led to gunplay and in the blink of an eye Phil Coe lay dying in the street. Old-timers recalled that Alice Chambers followed her lover's body on its last ride back to Texas.

Gunplay seemed to follow Alice. In Ellsworth she witnessed the murder of former lawman Ed Crawford. At Dodge City she became famous for the pet squirrel that accompanied her wherever she went and soon she was only known as Squirrel Tooth Alice. Alice took up with a gambler by the name of Charlie Ronan who killed her in a jealous rage. Alice Chambers was buried on Boot Hill May 5, 1878. She was the only woman to be buried in the famous burial ground and also the very last person to be laid to rest there.

“Fancy Ladies” were often tragic figures of the western experience. Much of their lives have been lost to time but their contribution was no less important to the continuing story that is told on The Way West.

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



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FMC hosts youth national anthem singing contest for \$25,000 in scholarships

FMC Corporation announces its "Stand and Be Heard Anthem Singing Contest," an opportunity for students in agriculture to showcase their patriotic singing skills for a chance to win scholarship prizes. Any member of a national agricultural student organization is invited to submit an audition video singing the National Anthem. Participants will have until June 15, 2012 to submit their entry online at www.FMCcrop.com/contest.

"FMC has a stake in farming's future, and we are invested in providing opportunities that foster and grow our next generation of agricultural leaders," said Bob Trogele, FMC North America area director. "We encourage youth to become advocates of our industry and to continue to make agriculture a part of their daily lives."

Entrants of the "Stand and Be Heard Anthem Singing Contest" must be a mem-

ber of a national ag-related student organization, such as FFA, 4-H or a student NAMA chapter, with plans to pursue a career in agriculture or agribusiness. Entries received between March 15 and June 15 will be posted to the contest webpage and a public online voting phase to determine the finalists begins on July 2. Anyone will be able to go online to www.FMCcrop.com/contest to vote to determine the top four finalists. Finalists will be announced on August 22.

Videotaped interviews and performances of the four finalists will then be aired on national agricultural TV with online voting to determine the grand prize winner. Voting for finalists will take place between September 24 and October 19. Three of the finalists will each receive a \$5,000 college scholarship. The grand prize winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Winners will

be announced on October 24.

"We're looking forward to viewing the submissions from these talented students," Trogele said. "It will be a great experience for our finalists to share their agricultural story and sing the National Anthem on national television. We hope these scholarships provide the opportunity to further our finalists' educational endeavors."

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"The mobile dairy classroom provides a great overview of the dairy industry as a whole," Hildebrand said. "We believe it will be a great educational addition to our fun-filled day on the farm."

Tours will be available every half-hour starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m. Tour availability is limited to 25 people per tour and is first come, first serve.

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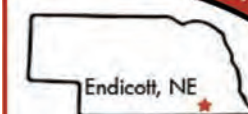
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BW	Adj. WW	YW	Final Wt.	Adj. SC	ADG	ADG Ratio	WDA	WDA Ratio
86	708	1319	1224	36.41	5.5	3.5	103	116

Lot 352: Bar N Midnite in Dubai 167Y

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Sire: GCC ECC Dubai 56S

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85	673	1219	1126	36.47	5.0	3.4	101	112

Lot 354: JDOC Kit Builder 809Y

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Index: 102 • DOB: 3-23-2011 • Reg. #419037 • Polled BLACK
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ACTUAL PERFORMANCE

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Bad Habits

It doesn't take a lot of effort to make the wrong move or cue a horse the wrong way causing them to do something you don't want them to do. On the other hand, it takes a conscious effort to always give the right command for a horse to do exactly what you want. It's easy to do the wrong thing and if you do it fairly often, you'll be creating bad habits in your horse that will be hard to correct. They are creatures of habit and we have to make sure to create good habits instead of foster bad ones. You may be unconsciously pecking away at removing trained responses in your horse that took a trainer a lot of work and time to develop. Whoever started the horse (and that could very well be you), spent many hours in a breaking pen teaching the horse to react certain ways when he received specific commands or cues. The simple command of "Whoa" takes time for the horse to learn to stop when you utter the word. You may accompany the "Whoa" by sitting down deeper in the saddle or maybe even slumping your shoulders to place more weight on his hindquarters to reinforce the verbal command.

Over time, the rider may start neglecting to properly give the command or allow

the horse to not respect the word or body movements when you want him to stop. You may start to use different cues, body movements or words to ask him to stop. He will become confused and not be quite sure what you are asking. Over time, he'll learn not to pay attention to "Whoa" or the way he was taught to stop. A bad habit is beginning to develop.

Most times, the loose use of "Whoa" by using the word too much for a myriad of other orders for the horse will completely lose its meaning to stop. An example is using the word to stop the horse from snatching a mouthful of grass as you ride along. A tug on the reins or bit is a more effective way to stop that bad habit. Saying "Whoa" every time the horse does something you don't like will wear the word out. Only in special instances should you use "Whoa" for anything other than commanding the horse to stop travelling. "Whoa" should command so much importance to a horse that he immediately recognizes it to mean stop. Some horses, if they are bucking, will even quit bucking when you say "Whoa" with emphasis. I said some horses will stop bucking, not all. A good way to take the importance off the word is to let the

horse ignore the command or to take his time performing the stop. And then, when he does stop, he doesn't come to a complete stop and stand still until you cue him to move again.

If you say "Whoa" and the horse simply slows down and keeps walking and you don't immediately correct him and make him stand still, you are creating a bad habit and it will take time to break that habit and have him stop when you say stop and stay stopped. Don't even let him take one step after stopping. Enforce "Whoa" and you will be happy you did. Then, you'll only have to say "Whoa" once.

There are other traps we can fall into and soon have a well-trained horse turn a little sour and take the fine edge off his training like letting a sharp knife gradually become a dull blade. Neck reining is one of the higher levels of a horse with a good handle. A horse with a good neck rein is always easier to ride. You can ride him with one hand and have the other hand to do other things like roping or waving. We can lose that asset and let the horse become dull and somewhat unresponsive when you lay a rein on his neck if we allow him to ignore that light touch. If your horse starts to become stiff-necked and doesn't immediately turn when you lay a rein on his neck, you have to take action to insist he

turn when he feels that rein. If you let him get away with not responding, he'll only get worse and pretty soon you will have to use more force to turn him. These things happen over time and you may not realize he is losing that light feel until he just doesn't turn when you neck-rein him. When that happens, make him turn by tipping his nose the way you want him to turn and then spank him with a jab of spur or heel in his girth area as a warning that he better turn or he'll feel something unpleasant. You only have to do it a few times and then when he feels that light touch of the rein, he'll know he'd better turn now or else a spur will be waking him up and the bad habit of a stiff neck will soon go away. Breaking bad habits can be hard if you ignore them for too long. If you give your horse a tune-up every once in a while or when you feel they're not as sharp as they used to be, it will be easier to get them back on the right track. Then your job will be a lot easier and more enjoyable if you're working cattle, trail riding or just riding around for fun. Don't let those bad habits get a start but if they do, correct them before they turn into major problems.

Contact Ralph Galeano at horseman@horsemanspress.com or www.horsemanspress.com

American AgCredit reports record financial results for 2011

American AgCredit, the nation's sixth largest Farm Credit Association announced this week financial results for 2011. Full-year earnings and net interest income reached record highs, and loan quality remained stable throughout the year. The Association's overall levels of capital and liquidity remained strong.

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Auction Location: Citizen's Potawatomi Nation Building,

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Selection of SEWING ITEMS & lots of FABRIC including Pendleton, Quilting, Laces, etc.; 4 oak high back chairs; Lane cedar chest; glass top wicker dining table w/6 chairs; 2 chicken crate shelves; antique movie projector; wrought iron end & coffee tables; wrought iron patio table & chairs; 2 modern electric train sets; several pieces of patio wicker furniture; assortment of wine glasses, glassware, dishes, etc.

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mounted chisel; JD 3x16 pull type plow; IH 37 disk, 12'; Lundell 250 bushel gravity flow wagon w/Lundell gear; Brady 12' mounted field cultivator w/harrow; JD LLA 24-hole drill; JD Van Brundt 14-hole drill w/seeder; 8' 3-pt blade; JD 207 pull type shredder; Metal flare box wagon; 3-pt homemade boom; JD 4-row monitor.

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mower; Gehl 99 high throw blower; Henke stationary feed mixer; Mayrath 8"x52' PTO auger; 6"x30' PTO auger; Jamesway ensilage unloader; 100' belt feeder; 2 pickup flatbeds with fifth wheel plates, buzz saw rig & belt; Winpower PTO generator; 12V drill fill auger; Excel Hustler mower, 5' deck, needs eng. work; AC B-1 garden tractor, mower & tiller; L shape fuel tank & pump; 3 fuel tanks & stands; Century 295 amp welder; floor mo. drill press; 3/4" impact wrench; sockets; Masport 5 hp vac pump; 2 milk buckets; 2 surge buckets; 4 milking units & pipe line; stainless steel vats; Al tank; 50 no. chains; calf pulper; free stalls; T-posts; elec. fence supplies; 3 round bale feeders; Continental shop press; oil barrels & pumps; equipment parts; baler twine; chicken feeders; sq. cage fan; old radiators; old metal pedal car; tires & wheels; JD weights; cream cans; post drill; sweeps; shanks; Craftsman 5 hp 16 gal. shop vac; log chains; boomers; 425 gal. poly tank; creep feeder; limestone rock; Ashley wood stove; hedge posts; cabinets; table saw; Craftsman roll away toolbox; Homelite trans. pump; shovels; forks; bale moisture tester; grain tester; hdwre.; hand tools & more.

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Funding available to plant shelterbelts/windbreaks

The Kansas Forest Service (KFS) is ready to help rural landowners qualify for funding to plant windbreaks (shelterbelts) around their farmstead/headquarters that would reduce energy consumption. The buildings must be heated to qualify.

Funding would be provided to eligible producers through the On-Farm Energy Initiative, which is funded through Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The application periods for fiscal year 2012 funds end March 30 and June 1. The program is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

To apply, landowners must schedule an appointment with the NRCS office at their local USDA Service Center. To qualify, applicants also must prepare a tree planting plan and must document the energy savings their farmstead/headquarters will realize from the proposed windbreak/ shelterbelt.

A KFS district forester can be scheduled to help develop the plan. "That's where one of our district foresters can help," said Bob Atchison, KFS rural forestry coordinator. "Our foresters are willing to visit a farmstead, talk to the owners about the windbreak, and then prepare a design that should optimize the long-term energy savings."

Research and experience show many details can affect a windbreak's usefulness—shape, distance from buildings, plant selections, moisture supply—according to Atchison. The On-Farm Energy Initiative provides financial assistance to cover the majority of cost to purchase and plant trees and shrub seedlings. Payment rates may vary from \$1.49 per bare-root seedling to \$2.57 per container-grown seedling and up to \$5.57 for balled seedlings greater than 18 inches. The initiative does not cover other costs typically associated with establishing windbreaks such as weed or grass control.

In Kansas, socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers will receive a higher payment rate for conservation practices related to the On-Farm Energy Initiative.

"If an interested land-owner happens to miss the 2012 deadlines, that is okay," Atchison said. "NRCS accepts the On-Farm Energy Initiative applications year-round. If NRCS receives an application after this year's On-Farm Energy Initiative cut-off dates, it will simply be available for next year's funds."

Local NRCS contact information is available by accessing the Web at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov or <http://ofices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=KS> or by calling the Kansas NRCS State Office at 785-823-4500. Contact information for Kansas' district foresters is available at the KFS State Office at 785-532-3300 or <http://www.kansasforests.org/staff/rural/index.shtml>. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Livestock producer meetings in Linn and Marysville April 2

Livestock producers in the Milford and Tuttle Creek Watersheds are invited to attend one of two meetings that will focus on Best Management Practices (BMPs) for livestock operations.

Both will be held April 2, 2012. The first will be at the Linn American Legion, 100 5th St, Linn, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and the second will be at the Marysville City Building, 209 N 8th Street, Marysville, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Lunch or supper are free and will be served at the meetings. RSVP's are required by noon Friday.

Confined winter livestock feeding operations often contribute to high levels of bacterial contamination in streams from November to May when livestock are brought closer to home for feeding. Unfortunately, significant storm events wash the manure and churned topsoil into local streams — contaminating the water and washing away topsoil and valuable nutrients.

With a few changes in herd management and feeding procedure, the manure and sediment that relocates from feeding sites to streams will be greatly reduced.

The workshop presentations will offer alternative winter-feeding options that improve health and decrease the harmful impacts on farm and ranch water sources. Speakers include:

- Dale Strickler on "The ABC's of Extending the Grazing Season and Amazing Benefits of Cover Crops";

- Dr. Joel DeRouche, KSU, "Water Still Runs Downhill —Taking Topsoil, Sediment, Nutrients, and Bacteria";

- Will Boyer, KSU Watershed Specialist, "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of Winter Feeding - Site Relocation and Options";

- Josh Roe, KSU, and Barbara Donovan, Tuttle Creek WRAPS Coordinator, "Watershed Opportunities" currently available to producers in the watershed.

Registration is requested

by noon on Friday March 30 for meals (and handouts) by calling:

Washington County Extension 785-325-2121; Marshall County Extension 785-562-3531; or Mary Howell at marshallcofair@gmail.com, or 785-562-8726.

The meetings, which are free and open to the public, are sponsored by the Milford and the Tuttle Creek WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy) watersheds. The workshop is funded in part by EPA 319 funds administered through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the WRAPS watersheds.

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Study reinforces that fallow aids wheat, but continuous cropping increases moisture available for crop

Farmers in semiarid western Kansas have known since the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s that incorporating a fallow period into wheat cropping systems is beneficial for wheat productivity. But a Kansas State University study also indicates that continuous cropping increases the percentage of precipitation that can be used by the crop.

In the first stage of an ongoing study, K-State research crop scientist Rob Aiken found evidence that fallow helps “drought-proof” the farms in western Kansas. He also found that increasing crop intensity by going to continuous cropping, the amount of precipitation available for crop production was increased, but less grain was produced. “The wheat-fallow system accumulates water over a two-year period, producing a single wheat crop,” said Aiken, who is based at K-State’s Northwest Research-Extension Center in Colby. “Farmers really picked up on this in the ‘Dirty 30s.’ It’s a long-standing cropping practice for good reason.” Tillage provides weed control but often leaves soil exposed, which can promote evaporation and erosion. Frequently, 80 percent or more precipitation is lost to evaporation during a fallow period, he said. “With fallow, we’re not very effective in storing water,” he added.

More intensive crop sequences use feed grains and oilseeds to reduce the fallow periods and increase crop access to precipitation.

“Our objective with the study was to compare water use, grain yield and biomass productivity for 10 cropping sequences, which all included winter wheat,” Aiken said. Corn or grain sorghum feedgrains were included in nine of the crop sequences; six sequences were cropped continuously by including an oilseed crop – spring canola, soybean or sunflower. “Our results in the first stage (2002-2007) showed that by increasing crop intensity, going from wheat-fallow to continuous cropping, we nearly doubled the amount of precipitation available for crop production,” he said. The difficulty, he said, is that despite increased precipitation, crop water productivity dropped from 221 pounds per acre inch to 145 pounds per acre inch. So the message is to proceed with care with continuous cropping. Farmers use many different sequences besides wheat-fallow, which produces a crop every two years so is considered 50 percent crop intensity. Another is 67 percent crop intensity, which results in two crops every three years, for example wheat-a feed grain or oilseed-fallow.

“One of the objectives with this study is to look at 100 percent intensity,” Aiken said, such as planting spring canola, which comes out in mid-July, so does not use as much water as soybean or sunflower, which is the most intense in terms of water use.

Cropping sequences included three-year cycles of wheat, feed grain (corn or grain sorghum), and oilseed (sunflower, soybean, canola) or fallow, as well as wheat-fallow (two-year cycle) and wheat-corn-sunflower-fallow (four-year cycle). Each phase of a sequence was present in each year in triplicate sets of plots.

Initial study results for the period 2002-2007, which included a three-year drought, indicated several trends:

- Land productivity varied with rainfall among years;
- Wheat productivity benefitted from summer fallow;
- Grain sorghum productivity exceeded corn when limited by water;

ductivity exceeded corn when limited by water;

- Continuous cropping increased the percentage of precipitation which could be used by a crop, but reduced overall land productivity; and

- Stand establishment, timing, and amount of water limited oilseed productivity.

“Annualized productivity, averaged over all growing seasons, indicated that land productivity was greatest for the wheat-grain sorghum-fallow sequence and similar for the wheat-fallow sequence,” Aiken said. “Land productivity for the wheat-corn-fallow sequence exceeded that of continuous cropping with grain sorghum and either spring canola or soybean.”

K-State agricultural economist Dan O’Brien collaborated with Aiken on the study. They found that greatest net returns to land and management occurred with the wheat-grain sorghum-fallow and wheat-fallow sequences.

Wheat-corn-fallow also gave positive net returns but economic returns were negative for other crop sequences. “Considering the drought conditions in three of the initial seven years of the study, the threshold for economic harvest was always met for wheat after fallow, but was met only in 70 percent of the cases for wheat after oilseed (continuous cropping),” Aiken said. “Only in 2007 did all sequences post positive net returns,” the scientist added.

The research is continuing, Aiken said, although sunflower has not been planted since 2008 because of its intense moisture use. “Corn has good production potential under favorable conditions,” he said, noting that productivity and net returns have increased since the 2002-2007 study results. More information about the first study and Aiken’s other research is available online: <http://www.wkarc.org/p.aspx?tabid=80>.



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Voluntary conservation easements protect nearly 1,400 acres near Salina

The Lindquist family of Brookville has granted two conservation easements to the Ranchland Trust of Kansas (RTK), protecting nearly 1,400 acres of land in central Kansas. RTK is an agricultural land trust affiliate of the Kansas Livestock Association, with a mission to preserve Kansas' ranching heritage and open spaces for future generations through the conservation of working landscapes.

"By placing the land in a conservation easement, our family is allowing future generations to see the land as it is today, and perhaps in even better condition," says landowner Jon Lindquist, who grew up in the area.

The Lindquist family conservation easements closed March 2, 2012, and

will protect 1,394 acres in western Saline County from subdivision and commercial and residential development. The easements were granted by three generations of the Lindquist family, including Jon and Kaye Lindquist, Jon's mother, E. May "Pat" Lindquist, and Jon and Kaye's son and daughter-in-law, Brandon and Pamela Lindquist.

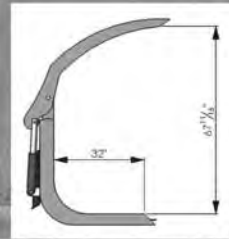
The properties are located along scenic Brookville Road between I-70 and Brookville. The easements consist of large tracts of unbroken native grasslands, farmland and hay meadows. Rolling topography and large ponds make these properties highly scenic, and greater prairie chicken and other grassland dependent birds are abundant

in the area. The conservation easements ensure that the land will never be developed and will remain available for agricultural production.

"Everyone loves to see the open prairie between I-70 and Brookville, and we are glad to be around to help families protect it," says Stephanie Manes, RTK Smoky Hills coordinator. The Lindquist family donated a portion of the appraised value of the development rights for the farmland, but the remainder was purchased with funds from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP) and RTK's partner, EDP Renewables

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North America (EDPR). EDPR's involvement is related to its commitment to voluntarily offset any potential impacts to grassland and wildlife on behalf of its Meridian Way Wind Farm in Cloud County. This partnership is the first of its kind in the nation.

A 2003 study commissioned by EDPR suggested there could be possible negative impacts to declining grassland species such as greater prairie chickens from the habitat fragmentation caused by roads, power lines and wind turbines to be constructed near Concordia. This led to the 2008 conservation partnership between RTK, EDPR and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Kansas, with the objective of mitigating such potential impacts. RTK is responsible for purchasing and holding conservation easements on at least 13,100 acres of native rangeland and coordinating habitat improvement on 20,100 acres.

"We are pleased at the continued success of our partnership with RTK and TNC," says Christina Calabrese, EDPR environmental manager. "RTK's remarkable efforts on these two conservation easements granted by the Lindquist family bring EDPR closer to achieving the goals of our conservation program."

The Lindquists learned about the opportunity for a conservation easement

from neighbors, Glenn and Barbara Walker, who granted a conservation easement to RTK in 2010. "Together, nearly 4,000 acres of native grasslands are now protected from subdivision and development for future generations to use and enjoy," Manes says. "To RTK, that's making a real difference."

A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement, between a landowner and a land trust, which limits certain types of commercial, residential and industrial development to their private property. The agreement will stay with the land, regardless of any ownership changes, providing permanent protection of the property's conservation values. Because of the long term public benefits of conservation easements, such as agricultural production, open space, wildlife habitat, and air and water quality, USDA often provides matching funds for conservation easements, and the Internal Revenue Service offers tax incentives for full or partial conservation easement donations, especially for farmers and ranchers.

"The conservation easements help protect the land for livestock production and wildlife, and keeps the scenic appeal for generations to come," Jon says.

Landowners who would like more information about conservation easements in Kansas are encouraged to contact RTK at (785) 273-5115 or visit www.ranchlandtrustofkansas.org.



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Bidding ends April 3 — On-line truck, seed production & storage equipment (www.delpeterson.com). Auctioneers: Del Peterson & Auctions.

March 27 — Coins, guns, signs & collectibles at Concordia. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auctions.

March 27 — Genetrust bull sale, Brangus & Ultra-black & Angus at Eureka for Suhm Cattle Co.

March 27 — Production sale at Claflin for B&D Herefords & Beran Bros. Angus.

March 27 — Production sale at Mankato for Black Velvet Cattle. Conover Auctions.

March 28 — Tractors, combine, trucks, vehicles, trailers, harvest, tillage, planting, haying equip., fert. & chemical equip., wheel loaders, dozer, forklifts, ATVs, recreational vehicles, buildings online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction.

March 28 — Nuckolls County, Nebraska land at Superior, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

March 28 — Ag equipment online only (www.purplewave.com). Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

March 28 — Production sale at LaCrosse for Pelton's.

March 29 — Clay County real estate at Clay Center for Larry Alexander. Auctioneers: Landmark Real Estate, Harold Mugler, Auctioneer.

March 29 — Furniture, antiques, collectibles,

quilts, linens, stamp collection, glassware, toys, misc., woodworking tools & shop supplies, mowers & yard tools at Clay Center for Corky (Mrs. Larry) Griffiths. Auctioneers: Kretz Hauserman Bloom Auctions.

March 29 — Nemaha County Land at Sabetha for Heirs of Wilbur Mowder. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik.

March 29 — Saline Co. Crop & Pasture at Salina for Clarence Almquist Trust. Auctioneers: Omli and Associates, Inc.

March 29 — Flint Hills agriculture & hunting land at El Dorado for Estate of Ella Larine Biggs. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty Inc.

March 29 — Antiques, shop tools, household, misc. at Clay Center for Corky (Mrs. Larry) Griffiths. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.

March 29 — Bull sale at Burton for McCurry Angus Ranch.

March 31 — Trucks, pickups, farm equipment, trailers, ATVs, heavy equipment near Russell for John Driscoll & the late Jerry J. Driscoll. Auctioneers: Rohleder Auction & Realty.

March 31 — Farm equipment, farm related, vehicles, household at Halstead for Robert & Charlotte Keller. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

March 31 — Tractors, skid loader, dozer, tillage equip., grain drills, big round baler, disc mower, combines, combine tires

& wheels, rotary mowers, finishing mower, trucks, 4-wheelers, semi and end dump at Fort Scott for Sandra Beth. Auctioneers: Mary Read Auction Service.

March 31 — South Central Kansas, Kingman County land & minerals at Kingman. Auctioneers: United Country/Nixon Auction & Realty, LLC.

March 31 — Vehicles, antiques & collectibles, furniture, household, fishing items, tools at Abilene for Louise J. Seley Trust Es-

tate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

March 31 — Skid loader, combines, tractors, 4-wheelers, machinery, haying equip., livestock trailers, trucks, pickups, collectibles, misc. at Barneston, Nebraska for Arlyn Weyer Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

March 31 — Personal property at Cedar Point for Irene Soyez Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

March 31 — Equipment consignments at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Auctions.

March 31 — Vehicles, trailers, boats, saw mill, tractors, farm machinery & equip., 4 wheeler, tools &

AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 — 10:00 AM

LOCATION: 401 Jefferson Ave., WESTFALL, KANSAS. From Salina on Interstate 70 go west to Westfall Exit 233, turn right, go north on 290th Westfall Rd., north and west 6 miles into Westfall or from Lincoln south on Hwy. 14, 8 mi. to Westfall Rd. Turn left go 8 mi. into Westfall. From Beverly go 5 mi. south of 280th Rd., turn right on Elk Dr., 2 mi. into Westfall.

CONSISTING OF FARM TRACTORS, COMBINES, GRAIN TRUCKS, GRAIN CART, TILLAGE EQUIPMENT, HAY EQUIPMENT, SHOP TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS, CAR, ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is the cleanest and well cared for list of machinery, all shedded when not in use. We have one rack of small items, then will be on machinery, so be on time. For full color photos on internet go to KSALLink.com and www.WacondaTrader.com

TRACTORS

John Deere 8400 (MFWD) tractor, fully weighted, 16SP, powershift, 3 hyd. outlets, #3 pt. hitch, PTO, new rear tires, size 480-80R-46, front tires 16.9R-30, SN: RW8400P 010169 hrs. 4300; John Deere 8310 (MFWD) tractor, fully weighted, 16P powershift automatic, 4 hyd. outlets, 3 pt. hitch, 540-1000 PTO, rear tires 18.4R-46" front tires 380/85R-34", SN: RW8310P1004196, hrs. 4576, loader will sell separate.

COMBINES

1992 John Deere 9500 combine, power boost, engine hrs. 2801, sep. hrs. 2131, 925 header w/pickup reel, straw chopper, chaff spreader, milo guards, front tires 30.5Lx32", rear tires 14.9x24, SN: H09500X646921; 1992 John Deere 9400 combine, 922 header, chopper, chaff spreader, milo guards, front tires 30.5Lx34", rear tires 14.9x24", SN: H09400X645446.

TRUCKS, GRAIN CART & TRAILER

1979 Ford 700 LN, tandem axle, Allison automatic 4 sp transmission, 429 motor, 20 ft. bed hoist & rollover tarp, one owner, clean 10:00x20 rubber; 1969 Dodge 150 flatbed, fuel & service truck; 1975 GMC C60, 427 gas engine, twine screw drive, Allison 5 sp. automatic transmission, 16 ft. bed w/66" sides, roll over tarp & hoist, 9:00x20 rubber; EZ-Trail grain cart, model 500, tires 23.1-26", 1000 PTO drive, bumper pull tandem axle trailer, 18 ft. w/ramps, haul auto or small tractor 16 ft. 4-wheel trailer, bed for big round bales.

TILLAGE EQUIPMENT

John Deere 1350-1450, 7x16 moldboard plow; John Deere 900 V-ripper, 11 shank; Sunflower 3-section chisel, 25 ft. w/drags spikes, one owner; Krause 3-section chisel 26 ft.; John Deere 650 heavy duty, 3-section disk, 29 ft., one owner; John Deere 650 heavy duty, 3-section disk, 26 ft., one owner; Great Plains 5-section field cultivator, 46 ft. w/4 bar spike drag, one owner; John Deere 1760 conservation vacuum-air row planter w/variable seed rate, 8 row unit, folds down to 6 row road transport (milo & bean plates); John Deere 777 front pull air seed & fertilizer cart, 32 ft. air drill; 610 seeding tool attachment, 32" width; Landdoll 5-section field cultivator, 43 ft. w/spike tooth drags; John Deere 614 3 pt rotary hoe.

SHOP EQUIPMENT & TOOLS Miller AC 170 amp starfire welder-generator, 12 hp gas engine; electric air compressor; Turnx oxy-acc torch set only; small bench grinder; 14" cut off saw; small drill press & bits; #10 shop anvil; Protomp oil space heater, 125000 btu; small electric hand blower; JD 8310 tractor hood; numerous tool boxes; sock sets of 3/4", 1/2", 3/8" sizes; Craftsman

power washer, 7 HP, 2700 PSI. 2.5 GPM; large assortment of hand wrenches, pliers, screwdrivers, pry bars, ball peen hammers, hand wood braces, hand drills, power drills, punches & chisels, 3/4" air impact, 1/2" air impact wrenches, 16" & 18" adjustable wrenches; 2 cable pulley blocks; 2 John Deere hyd. cylinders; other hyd. rod cylinders; hand saws; Handyman jack; assortment of hand shovels, forks, pry bars, post drivers, wire stretchers; small rolls of reinforcing wire; barb wire; cage fans; vet supplies as dehorers, saws, vaccine syringes, taggers, L&H electric brand bar over anchor; Johnson business band radios; 1 base unit & 6 mobile units; large selection of machinery bolts, nuts and washers, 1/4" to 1" diameter.

HAY EQUIPMENT

John Deere model 510 big round baler, one owner, less than 2000 bales; John Deere 3-wheel side delivery rake; Euro 10 wheel hay rake, 3 pt. hitch.

GRAIN BINS & GRAIN EQUIP.

(3) 1400 bu. grain bins to be moved, like to have them moved within 60 days; Westfield grain auger, 46 ft. x 8", PTO drive; Speed King grain auger, 28 ft. x 6", B&S gas engine drive; grain vac (A J Dextriche & Son) flex vac tubes, about 1200 bu. size; Gillmore rear gate drill fill auger, powered by B&S engine; other small grain augers.

MISC. MACHINERY & ITEMS

Farmhand XL1340 heavy duty quick attach loader w/mounting bracket for a JD 8310 tractor, to sell separate quick attach round bale fork, quick attach loose hay buck fork (loader & bucket to sell separate) one owner; Landpride model 55, 3 pt., rear blade, hyd. 10 ft.; John Deere model 115, 3 pt. rear blade, 8 ft.; McMillan hydraulic posthole digger; pull type box blade, 10 ft.; homemade pipe frame tandem trailer, haul small tractor or autos; IHC model 111 3 pt. mower, 5 ft.; John Deere 507 Gyramor, 3 pt.; Kukur 3 pt. hitch, 500 gallon field sprayer, 50 ft. booms; van body truck bed, for dust tight storage, 20 ft. x 8 ft.; 2000 gallon diesel fuel barrel w/electric pump; 1000 gallon fuel barrel w/electric pump; 120 gallon PU fuel tank & 12 volt pump.

LAWN MOWER & AUTOMOBILE

1991 Oldsmobile car, 88 Royale, runs good, good tires, white color w/red interior; 1999 Yard Machines hydrostatic lawn mower, 48" cut, 20 hp, B&S engine.

POSSIBLE ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES

Small Howe platform scale; Gem ice plane; corn sheller wheel; wooden case Motorola shelf radio; oil lantern; steel rake wheels; (2) two man 6 ft. hand saws; 1 buggy step.

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FARM ITEMS & PERSONAL PROPERTY

AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 — 9:00 AM

Auction Location: From ALTON, KS, 1 mile S. to 657th Ave. then W. 1 mile then 4 miles S. to 120th Dr. then 1/2 mile E. to Farm Site.

TRACTORS: Old JD B tractor, salvage; JD 4640 tractor w/9700 hrs., SN 012533R; JD 4240 tractor w/Westendorf loader TA42; IHC 656 tractor w/loader.

New Holland 116 hydro swing swather; Malsam Terracer Model # S SN 281; 45' 8" Versatile auger; Danhauser post-hole digger.

STOCK & OTHER TRAILERS

COMBINE: Allis-Chalmers Gleaner G combine w/20' platform.

FENCING & CATTLE ITEMS

FARM EQUIPMENT: 20' Sunflower offset disk; JD 1508 rotary mower; 32' Kent Series 5 field cultivator w/drags; 14'

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES APPLIANCES

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VEHICLES: 1992 Ford Crown Victoria, 94,000 miles; Kawasaki motorcycle; 1979 Ford F100 pickup; 1978 Ford 600 truck w/steel box and hoist w/rollover tarp.

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misc. at Junction City. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

March 31 — Camper, boat, furniture, glassware & collectibles, tools, guns at Cassoday for Calvin & Marlene Hinde. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

March 31 — Collectibles, coins, car, new tools, glassware, furniture, toys, primitives, appliances at Lyons for Dorothea Wendt & Others. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction Service.

March 31 — Guns, coins, van, scooter, Hummels, collectibles, furniture at Salina for area seller & Judge John & Katie Weckel. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 31 — Farm equipment and related items at Junction City for Hartman Consignment Sale. Auctioneer: Brown RE & Auction Service

March 31 — Lawn and garden items, tools, household, sewing items, patio furniture and miscellaneous. Auctioneer: Ed Dewey.

March 31 — Real estate, household & collectibles for Dora (Mrs. Raymond) Wiechman, in Washington. Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

March 31 — Washington County land for Dora (Mrs. Raymond) Wiechman, in Washington. Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

March 31 — Collectibles & sports memorabilia at Great Bend for Espinosa Family. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.

March 31 — Antiques, horse machinery, farm machinery W. of Haddam for Edward Havel Trust. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

March 31 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, 4-wheeler, farm related items near Lyons for Rife Farms, Mervyn & Reva Rife / Brian & Teresa Rife. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

March 31 — Real estate & personal property at Burlington for Duane & Agnes Gifford Estate, Robert & Marcia Baldwin. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.

March 31 — Farm sale S. of Miltonvale for Jim & Linda Trahan. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 31 — Tractors, pickup, ATV, trailer, machinery, iron & misc. at Dawson, Nebraska for Bob Tomek Estate. Auctioneers: Speckmann Realty & Auction Service, Inc.

March 31 — Equipment & farm machinery at Tonganoxie. Auctioneers: Moore Auction Service, Inc.

March 31 — Antiques & household at Salina for Ruthetta Berthelson Estate. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

March 31 — Household, lawn & garden, tools, sewing, mower, lawn equip., tools at Rossville for Charles & Gladys Parnell. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp, Ed Dewey.

March 31 — Farm machinery at Frankfort for Richard Howell Estate.

Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Auctions.

March 31 — Flory Family Show pig sale at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates.

March 31 — Pig sale at Marion for Vannocker Show Pigs.

March 31 — Annual production sale at Leavenworth for New Haven Angus.

March 31 — Production sale at Gorham for Dickinson Ranch.

April 1 — Furniture, collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 1 — Household, furniture, collectibles & misc. at Manhattan for Iva May Larson Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

April 1 — Horse trailer, implements, mowers, saddle & tack, decoys, pictures, furniture, pool table, misc. at Benton for Mark Wasserman. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

April 1 — Pig sale at Emporia for Vannocker Show Pigs.

April 2 — Native grass S. of Osage City for Kenneth & Lori Kuykendall & David & Nina Flax. Auctioneers: Wayne Wischropp Realtor/Auctioneer.

April 2 — Marion County land near Goessel for David F. Wiebe Estate. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

April 2 — Annual production sale at Lorraine for Green Garden Angus.

April 3 — Real estate at Clifton for Lois Reichert Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

April 3 — Lincoln County land. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

April 4 — Land (in eastern Geary Co.) at Alta Vista. Auctioneers: United Country Ruckert Realty & Auction, Jeff Ruckert.

April 4 — Bull test sale at Beloit for Kansas Bull Test.

April 5 — Real estate, equipment & personal property at Otis for West Wind Energy LLC Business Liquidation. Auctioneers: The Canny Team.

April 5 — Spring machinery & lawn & garden equipment at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

April 5 — 5 tracts of acreage at Cottonwood Falls for Thompson Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

April 6 — Ellis County land at Hays for Rosine Graf, etal. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 7 — Tractors, garden tractors, lawn mowers, tractors for restoration & salvage, machinery, tractor parts, primitives, aluminum E. of Maryville, Missouri for Mike Fisher. Auctioneers: Younger Land & Auction, LLC.

April 7 — Shop items, outdoor, toys, camping gear, household, lawn & garden at McPherson for Cheryl Bennett Willard & the late Greg Willard. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction, Inc.

April 7 — Household, gun,

golf clubs, antiques, farm toys, vehicles, track loader, mower, tools, misc., office equip. at Belleville for Dr. Herb & Lou Doubek and Republic County Surplus. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

April 7 — Mower, coins, jewelry, antiques & collectibles at Lawrence for Wanda Johnson Estate & others. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp.

April 7 — Farm equipment, guns, tools, parts, misc., snow blower, tools at Coats for Jim & Martha Norris. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

April 7 — Farm equipment, pickups, trailer, 4-wheeler, boat, guns, collectibles at Marquette for Mr. & Mrs. Marney Ritter. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction Service.

April 7 — Tractors, Bobcat, spray coupe, tools, collectibles, trailers, combines, headers, vehicles, farm machinery & equipment, cattle panels, etc. at Portis for Dean Grieg & Al & Theresa Becker. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

April 7 — Farm machinery, JD 8400 & 8310 FWD tractors, JD 9500 & 9400 mdl. combines, trucks, tillage & hay equip., shop tools at Westfall for Don & Betty Little. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.

April 7 — Farm machinery & related items near Durham for Kenneth & Sandy Wiebe. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt.

April 7 — Farm equipment, trucks, machinist tools, farm items, 4-wheelers, tools at Enterprise for Bill Johnson Trust. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

April 7 — Farm machinery, collectibles & household at Alma for Delmar Maikie Estate. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Real Estate.

April 9 — Real estate at Concordia for Bill & Karen Bergeson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 10 — Real estate (house) at Clay Center for Cowing Trust. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Kretz & Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

April 10 — Farm equipment at Manhattan. Auctioneers: United Country Ruckert Realty & Auction, Jeff Ruckert.

April 11 — Land auction at Concordia for Margaret E. Campbell Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 12 — Kansas grassland, native grass known as Big Spring Pasture at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb Realty.

April 12 — Lyon County cropland acreage at Emporia for Ringle Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

April 14 — Equipment consignment auction at Spring Hill. Auctioneers: Kansas Tractor & Auction.

April 14 — Tractors, stock & other trailers, combine, fencing & cattle items, farm equip., appliances, antiques & collectibles, furniture, household, vehicles, tools & lawn mower & misc. near Alton for Clarence A. Gregory Trust. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

April 14 — Tractor, farm equip., guns, bows & am, furniture, collectibles, tools at Baldwin City for Bob & Wanda Woodhead Estate. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp.

April 14 — Vehicles, household, antiques, tools, mower & misc. at Belleville for Harold Albin Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

April 14 — Household, farm machinery, shop equipment at Alexander for Henry E. Swartz Irrevocable Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 14 — Farm machinery at Alma for Jack Fink. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Real Estate.

April 14 — Steam engines, tractors, parts tractors, parts, crawler, separators, vehicle at Baldwin City for William Hey Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Nixon Auctioneers.

April 14 — Red Wing crock collection, Coca Cola items, pottery, old toys, red glassware, duck decoys & tools at Abilene for Larry Harris. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

April 14 — General building contractors sale, commercial grade tools, hardware & all inventory at Abilene for Gene & Pat Howard. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

April 14 — Valleybrook Show Pigs at Overbrook.

Auctioneers: Flory & Associates.

April 16 — Keystone Ranch properties, surface tracts & mineral tracts at Meade. Auctioneers: United Country/Stutzman Realty & Auction.

April 17 — Saline County cropland at Salina for Marion Chopp Trust. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

April 18 — Ellis County land at Hays for Schnelker Revocable Living Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 19 — Lyon County cropland, grass & possible homesite at Emporia for Gary & Karen Briggs. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

April 19 — Smoky Hill River bottomland farmland at Salina for Max Brubaker. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

April 21 — Real estate, tractors, trailer, tools & shop equipment at Kackley for Howard Benne Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 21 — Guns, farm items & misc., tractor, pickup & machinery at Burdick for Darrell Gutsch. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

April 21 — Antiques W. of Haddam for Edward Havel Trust. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

April 21 — Farm machinery at Burdick for Darrell Gutsch. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer, Bob's Auction Service.

April 21 — Auction at Oketo for JoAnn "Mrs. Lee" Affholder Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

April 22 — Vintage machinery, antiques & collectibles, tools, filling station items, tires & oil at Enterprise for Krishers Korner. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

April 23 — Real estate, home & acreage at Osage City. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett-Real Estate, Wayne Wischropp.

April 28 — Complete liquidation of commercial & residential electrical shop E. of Manhattan for H&L Electric, Inc. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions.

April 28 — Consignments at Lawrence for Galen & Dale Douglass Memorial Consignments.

April 29 — Car parts, wheel balancing machine, tire machine & lots of misc. at Enterprise for Krishers Korner. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

May 5 — Covered wagon, guns, crocks, tools & household, collectibles at Herington for Mrs. Merle (Fern) Timm. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer, Bob's Auction Service.

May 5 — Home, real estate & personal property at Alma for Iballo Bisping. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty Service.

May 5 — Consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

May 12 — House, real estate, personal property, tools, household at Alma for Jess Greenburg. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty Service.

May 12 — 2011-2012 Clay Center High School 3-bedroom carpentry house at Clay Center for USD 379. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

May 28 — 19th annual Memorial Day auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

June 28 — National Holstein Convention Futures Sale at Springfield, Missouri. Auctioneers: Burton & Associates.

June 29 — National Holstein Convention sale at Springfield, Missouri. Auctioneers: Burton & Associates.

August 4 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

September 3 — 17th annual Labor Day auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

September 7 — Fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

November 3 — Harley Gerdes Consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

January 1, 2013 — Harley Gerdes 28th annual New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 — 9:00 AM

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Auction
TUESDAY—APRIL 10TH, 2012—10AM
Ashland Bottoms-3610 W. 40th Ave.-Manhattan, KS
Seller: Paul Ehm Farms

FEATURING: John Deere 7220 Tractor (2400 hrs): JD 4420 Combine (2092 hrs) with 13ft head, straw chopper, and updated a/c; 1991 Chevrolet 2500 4x4 (210k miles), 1970 Chevrolet C50 Grain Truck with 16ft dump bed, 350 V8, and rebuilt transmission; 1954 Allis-Chalmers WD45 Tractor; Farmall M Series Tractor; International 340 Tractor with gas engine and loader; JD 530 Round Bailer; JD 336 Square Bailer, twine tie; JD 640 rake; New Holland 488 Swather, 9ft; W/W 6'x16' Stock Trailer; 900gal Propane tank; Hutchison Grain augers; 2 Grain-O-Vator 30's; FarmHand B22 grinder/mixer, w/scales; FarmHand Accumulator; FarmHand 8 bale grapple; JD rotary hoe, sickle mower, grain drill, 6 row planter, and 3 bottom plow; McCormick sickle mower; Lilliston cultivator; Moormans hog feeder; New Livestock Fence Panels; cattle squeeze chute; hay wagons; bale spears; misc. shop items; misc. scrap metal; **and more!!**

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* SPRING FED CREEK * ROLLING FLINT HILLS TERRAIN
* TIMBER * NATIVE BLUESTEM PASTURE *

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* POND * NATIVE BLUESTEM PASTURE
* ROLLING TERRAIN * TILLABLE *

TRACT 3: * 80 +/- ACRES * TIMBER * PASTURE
* UPLAND TILLABLE *

TRACT 4: *240 +/- ACRES * TILLABLE * LARGE POND
* PASTURE * 1/4 MILE FROM BLACKTOP * TIMBER *

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Bob's company might expand: NORWEGIAN BACHELORS AND WEST TEXAS RANCHERS of a certain age. Lonely? Desolate? Starved out? Companion available: Over 30 years old, can dead-lift 200 lbs, has been vacci-

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Well, I admire Bob for his effort to help his son find happiness. These fine examples should give hope to other fathers who are worried about their

sons, or Norwegian uncles, still playing gigs at the Thanks, Bob. You should or brothers-in-law who are Holiday Inn at age 48. be a social worker!

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