

Horses teach life and relationship skills tions with the horses and ex-

By Lucas Shivers Returning Glory Ranch, outside of Kansas City near Lone Jack, Mo., facilitates healing, restoration and personal growth through equine assisted experiential learning. Fulfilling a vision three decades in the making, Gary and Roxanne Van Riessen work with individuals and groups to holistically improve lives with the help of their 11-horse herd.

"Interaction with horses provides opportunities to overcome issues hindering personal growth and healthy relationships," Gary said. "Horses help bring hope for a better tomorrow.

Returning Glory works with about a dozen participants each week for seven months a year. Those served include at-risk youth, adopted children, parents, marriage partners and youth leaders. The therapy can improve self-esteem, bonding issues, confidence, motivation, problem solving, and goal setting.

"Horses are powerful and effective in helping people," Gary said. "They have much to teach us about our patterns of behavior, communication and relationships. There are so many metaphors for development and restoration when working with horses."

Coming of Age

Nearly 35 years ago, Gary cast a vision for a quiet and restorative ranch. On one of their first dates, Gary took Roxanne horseback riding. Through the years, Gary continued his career in geotechnical engineering, and Roxanne raised their three children while owning and operating an interior design business.

Although Gary's grandfather farmed with horses generations ago and the Van Riessens had owned horses for more than two decades, one specific horse they



Horses and trainers at Returning Glory Ranch teach relational skills such as courage, boundary setting, trust and self-respect.

bought in 2001, a buckskin named Shiloh, cemented their vision of working with equine experiential learning.

"When I found Shiloh, I called Gary and said, 'This is the horse we need," Roxanne reflected. "He said, 'If that's what your heart is saying, go for it,' without even looking at it. We spent more on that horse than we'd normally spend."

As the couple worked with Shiloh, they realized the horse needed to overcome trust issues and build relational connections, much like hurting people.

"I started to see many parallels in my life connect to Shiloh," Roxanne said. "Just like God paid more for us, it was a demonstration of faith lessons through horses."

The Van Riessens experienced Shiloh's transforma-

and overcome difficulties. Integrating emotions and bonding, trainers highlight each horse's personality and background to provide connections for participants.

Rather than producing lesson plans for each session, trainers watch and ask questions along the way to find the best experiences in the moment. They remain flexible and in tune with participants' individual needs.

Deb Johnston, a certified equine experiential learning facilitator and former teacher and counselor, works with Returning Glory as a trainer.

"Since becoming a part of Returning Glory, I work with two things I love - young people and horses at the same time," Johnston said. "There is something about horses that draws people into a circle of stillness that is with the horses. Youth and adults experience feelings and behaviors while focusing on responding rather than reacting to difficult situations.

"The purpose of Round-Pen is to aid in the growth toward wholeness for the total person - body, mind and spirit – by discovering skills for coping with life,' Roxanne said. "Through activities with horses, we experience reaction to situa-

plain, 'The horse is stubborn. The horse doesn't like me.' Horses do not have these emotions, but are responding to the participants' nonverbal communication." Help on Four Legs equine

activities are designed to develop bonding and build stronger relationships.

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learn to respond rather than

Riders, teaches advanced,

detailed horsemanship skills

and helps with the needs of

the Returning Glory equine

herd by preparing horses for

doing," Roxanne said. "Horses have the ability to

mirror what human body

language is telling them, and they are 'honest,' which

makes them especially pow-

reacting to responding, the

horse act accordingly. Partic-

ipants apply thinking skills,

non-verbal communication,

assertiveness and ultimately

transfer these skills over to

their personal relationships

feedback," Roxanne said.

"It's always the same - how

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Another program, Glory-

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"Let's be honest, who doesn't love horses? They are beautiful and slightly dangerous, yet gracefully gentle," said Melissa Watte, a Returning Glory intern and graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary. "Every avenue of this ministry, from mucking stalls to laughing with a child, requires me to open my heart."

Horses provide teaching support in relational skills such as courage, boundary setting, trust and self-respect.

"I was skeptical about the entire thing because I had never experienced something like it before," said Eddie Garlich, a local youth pastor. "After going the first time. I was blown away how I was able to see (kids) work together and problem solve. The leadership lessons they gained are so worth it."

Garlich worked with Returning Glory to train interns for summer youth programs. The results included enhanced team building and improved motivation.

"Many of the students learn best by not just hearing about something but also by experiencing it hands-on," Garlich said. "The exercises that our students participated in really connected because their attention was captured by these magnificent creatures."



tion and sought a vision for helping others.

"Shiloh's woundedness taught us the ability for a horse to touch a human heart," Gary said. "We were surprised by God's desire to engage horses to heal struggling hearts."

After volunteering with an equine learning center in Missouri for two years, the couple began a similar program on their own.

"Returning Glory is a place for people to spend time with a horse in unique learning situations where life's challenges are 'set up' so answers can be discovered," Gary said. "It is those special times when hurting children and adults explore heart issues and allow healing."

Experiential Learning with Horses

Experiential learning is a key trait used at Returning Glory to build relationships

missing from so many of their lives. "

Part of the Returning Glory trademark programming allows the horse to become the teacher, coupled with trained facilitators. These interactions address life issues in an action-oriented, non-threatening environment.

"Four years ago, I volunteered as a mentor, and I was hooked," said Paula Walker, also a trained facilitator who has adult children and grandchildren. "I feel most qualified because of my many life experiences in deep hard places that I was able to find God's faithfulness in overcoming. I have a desire to see people healed and functioning in wholeness."

Dual Programs

RoundPen, one of the Returning Glory programs, gives participants an opportunity to learn about themselves through activities

History meets progress as this old farmstead stands in the foreground of the wind farm south of Concordia. Photo by Kevin Macv





Land — the cultural harvest

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

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This week marks the 42nd anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement. The first Earth Day celebration began April 22, 1970.

This is also a special week for those farmers and ranchers who are involved with the production of food, fuel and fiber. The original premise of Earth Day was to promote the conservation of our natural resources. It is only fitting

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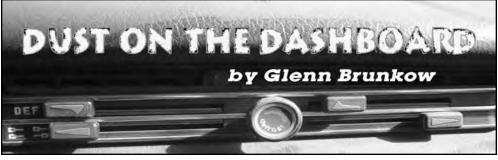
that on this day we showcase the progress of the Kansas farmer and rancher — but is there really any question most people who live on the planet Earth support its survival?

Begging the question — could any cause be more humane?

To help put Earth Day in perspective, this celebration of our planet really began gathering steam at the beginning of the '90s. It was at this time that almost everyone jumped on the bandwagon. It became a very "in" thing to bang the environmental drum.

Back then, I remember Fortune magazine proclaiming for the first time that the environment was a cause worthy of saving. Others shouted from the mountaintops that while motherhood, apple pie, baseball and the flag all may be subject to controversy — saving our planet was beyond debate.

Noble, without question. But isn't there a big difference between the desire for clean air, clean water, clean places to hike and the passion by some



My family tells me I have been a bit grumpy lately. At first I denied it, and I admit, rather loudly denied it. I wasn't grumpy, maybe annoyed, maybe testy but definitely not grumpy. Then I admitted it. OK, so the fact that the dogs wouldn't look at me, the cats avoided me and I found myself alone was a clue. Yes, the first thing to do when you have a problem is to admit it. I was grumpy.

Why would a guy with a life as great as mine be grumpy? Well, I do get a little testy around this time of the year. You may wonder how anybody could get grumpy this time of the year, with spring springing into action. That is all part of the problem. Spring has sprung and along with it a growing list of things that need to be done and done right now. The days may be growing longer but burned pastures are transforming from black to a fuzzy green. The trees are in different stages of leafing out. Some are in full foliage and others have a green haze to them. The dogwood, redbud and plum bushes add color to the draws. The creeks are gurgling with water and warm winds carry spring across the landscape.

The farmland is a patchwork of newly tilled fields, last year's brown crop stubble and the lush green growth of wheat fields. The air is filled with calls of birds from bobwhites to the rumbling gobble of turkeys. Blooms of all kinds fill the breezes with a heavy perfume. All of this is almost too much to take in.

That was when I realized just how good I have it. All of my life I wanted to farm and ranch and here I am. My office has no walls, my office chair is the well-worn seat of my pickup and the décor on the walls is incredible. I work with my family each day on land that we have owned for over 100 years. I get to see new calves and lambs born and crops grow. Sure, life is a bit hectic right now, but that is all part of the life I have chosen. I know we all have those times in our lives where we are stressed and growl and snarl at those around us. I am equally as sure that during those times we should take a step back, inhale deeply and think about our lives. We need to take stock in all the good things around us. We need to count the many blessings in our lives. Yes, I am a blessed man and certainly should not be grumpy. After all, I live in the greatest nation on this earth, I have the freedom to pursue the life of my choice and I get to help feed the world. More important than all of that, I have a family who loves me no matter how grumpy I might get.

who would overhaul this planet?

The entire concept of Earth Day is so popular because it appeals strongly to the "deep" longings shared by many people. Flash back — now there's a term from the '60s — 30 years and recall the generation who contemplated a world of natural beauty and harmony.

This same idea is back in vogue today. In this perfect world, people will fully understand the tools they use, and some believe they can provide for themselves without depending on the professionals and specialists. In this revamped world, life would slow down and be viewed as a whole. This ideology offers a sense of place — of being rooted. Ancient wisdom and grassroots democracy are essential. Quality and equality of life are where it's at. Much is said about ends but little about means. This



Several weeks ago a fellow writer-friend asked me a question that made my blood run cold. "What if one of your children becomes a columnist?" she innocently queried.

You see, years before Prairie Ponderings, I started writing a column called Homefires when my kids were ages seven, six, three and four months. It simply chronicled life in our house with a little creative license thrown in for good measure. Try explaining creative license to a child sometime. "It's not lying, it's simply making the story more interesting and you are NEVER, EVER, EVER to do it with me."

People often commented that they thought I was peering into their windows for my writing material because they were going through the exact same things. Really, don't all of us who get married, bear and raise children have many of the same experiences?

It's true, almost everything my kids did or even thought of doing ended up in print. Since reading a newspaper is seldom on a child's list of priorities, they usually found out what I'd written about them from the lunch ladies at school or a friend's parent. All in all, they were pretty good sports about it and I tried to never write anything too humiliating.

My husband has also provided plenty of material for me over the years and is generally fairly understanding about it – although for a while he threatened to start his own column called, "Out of the Ashes of Homefires." He always said that as long as I made as much fun of myself as I did of him, it was fine. So I had to make up all this stuff about not being a very good housekeeper, being coordinationally challenged, not a very good driver and killing multiple vacuum cleaners just to placate him. The truth is, well, okay... the truth is I'm not the world's best housekeeper, I've tripped over everything from sheep dogs to dust bunnies, my driving skills would scare the wits out of a seasoned Marine and I've killed twelve vacuum cleaners in thirty years of marriage.

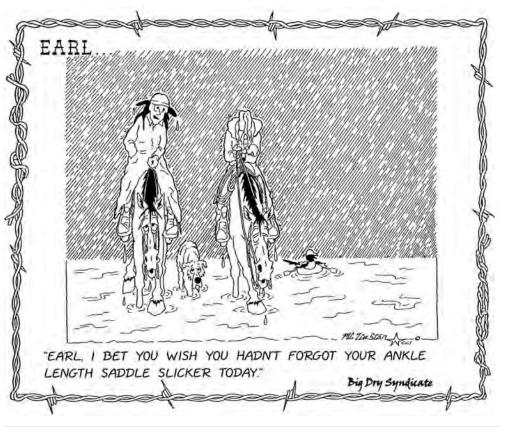
So back to the original question – what if one of my children becomes a columnist?

I'd like to believe they would write about what a loving, supportive mother they had, one who hauled hay bales to the fair in the trunk of her car, endured harsh weather conditions to watch sporting events and who never really blamed them for all the miniscule plastic farm animals that contributed to the death of at least two of the vacuum cleaners.

But given that they are comprised of my DNA, the reality is they would probably write about how I once slipped and fell down the same hill twice in one trip to the bleachers, pulled over an antique gas pump when I forgot to detach the nozzle from my car and carelessly vacuumed up their prize-winning pig that they were getting ready to take to their imaginary fair. I shudder to even think about it.

Yes, you know what they say, all is fair in love, war and column writing.

But please God, grant me this simple request: don't let one of them become a columnist.



the time is getting shorter.

The fences need mending, cows need to be vaccinated, lambs need weaned, crops need to be planted and hay needs to be baled and all need to be done in a timely manner. Most of it needs to be done by tomorrow or before. So I guess I have had a little on my mind. Now, I know this is not a good reason to be grumpy, but I guess I couldn't help myself.

That was all before today. We started planting corn today and my stress level started going down. Sounds kind of wrong, doesn't it? I am not sure if I can explain it but the smell of the newly planted fields and the feel of the earth beneath my feet as I walked across it suddenly put everything into perspective. I guess there is something therapeutically appealing about pouring seed into the planter.

Today, while I watched the tractor and planter roll through the fields, I realized that I am a lucky man. The hills and prairie around me are incredibly beautiful. Newly



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So what happens after Earth Day passes?

Most folks go about their daily lives and forget about Earth Day. Some will focus on small things like recycling or changing their shopping habits. Some fringe environmentalists may be forced to rethink their radical positions of imminent apocalypse.

Protecting and caring for this old world we call home is often a struggle. Like each day's sunrise and sunset, we often take it for granted. Conservation of our planet can be a challenge because some regard the land as a private commodity.

Others, including farmers, ranchers and those who make their living from the land, view this planet as a community to which they belong. They love, respect and care for the land. They adhere to an ethic, which enlarges the boundaries of their community to include soils, waters, plants and animals. Collectively – the land.

There is no other way for the land to survive the impact of modern man. We must always remember that while our land yields fruits, vegetables and grains, it also yields a cultural harvest - one we as inhabitants all share and must nurture.

We must ensure our educational and economic systems are headed toward, rather than away from, an increased consciousness of the land.

Today only a handful of people make their living from the land. Today many middlemen, countless machines and sophisticated technology separate man from the land. Many have no vital relation to the land. For them, it is generally thought of as, "that space between cities on which crops and grass grow, or cattle graze."

Let's remember throughout the year, not only on Earth Day, that land is used right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the living community. It is used wrong when it tends to be otherwise.

We can never throw away or limit the tools which have provided so much for so many. Let's remember throughout the year our commitment to the successful and wise use of our life-giving land. Let's remember that we have not outgrown the land.

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.

Surrounded by Colby Community College students, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback held a ceremonial signing of a bill designed to conserve the state's water supply and extend the life of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Senate Bill 310 establishes a process through groundwater management districts (GMDs) that allows local communities of producers to collectively decide their future by initiating the implementation of conservation plans that meet their local goals.

Brownback encouraged GMDs to begin identifying places where "local enhanced management areas" (LEMAs) may be a good fit.

"We must conserve our water so we can extend the useful life of the Ogallala Aquifer," Brownback said. "This tool allows Kansans to join together and offer up ideas that work on the local level. It allows them to work together on behalf of their children and grandchildren to provide solutions that will save water for the next generation."

Kansas Water Office director Tracy Streeter, Groundwater Management District Four manager Wayne Bossert, Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources chief engineer Dave Bar-

and stakeholder groups joined the Governor for the bill signing.

New law gives local control to

conserve and extend state water

"The Local Enhanced Management Areas is an option that Kansans asked for and we already have a Groundwater Management District moving forward with a LEMA proposal," Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water

David Barfield said.

Work on reforming the state's water laws began a year ago when the Brownback administration started planning the Ogallala Aquifer Water Summit. Hundreds of Kansans concerned about the future of the state's water supply and the future of their children and grandchildren attended that sum-

field as well as legislators Resources chief engineer mit in Colby. From there, the Ogallala Aquifer Advisory Committee reviewed short and long term water goals. Then the Kansas Water Authority developed the water reform legislative agenda presented to the Kansas Legislature for its consideration.

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COFFEE DOUGHNUT BREAD PUDDING

(12) day-old unfrosted plain donuts, torn in 1-inch pieces (cake or glazed)

2 cups milk

14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk

1 1/4 cups strong brewed coffee, cooled

6 egg yolks

1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon, divided

1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place doughnut pieces in a 3quart baking dish, set aside. In bowl, whisk milks, coffee, eggs yolks and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Pour evenly over doughnuts. Combine granulated sugar and remaining cinnamon and sprinkle over pudding. Bake uncovered for 40-45 minutes or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool slightly. If desired serve with butterscotch sauce.

Butterscotch Sauce: 1/2 cup butter

- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup whipping cream

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

In a saucepan melt butter over low heat. Stir in dark brown sugar and whipping cream. Cook and stir until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Spoon over pudding. ****

Mary Hedberg, Clifton: 1/4 teaspoon salt "These are the best!" **TOFFEE CHIP COOKIES** 1/2 cup margarine, softened

- 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 3/4 cup flour
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs (approximately 32 squares)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder 2 cups chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups toffee bits

Combine margarine and milk and mix well. Add flour, crackers, baking powder and salt. Mix gently then add all other ingredients and mix well. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes.

Melissa Byrd, Independence, Mo.:

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- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk flour and milk in bowl. Stir in sour cream and peppers. Add potatoes, stir to coat. Pour into 2-quart casserole sprayed with cooking spray, top with cheese. Bake 25-30 minutes or until heated through.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center

CORN BAKE

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk Salt & pepper

and

- 1 package frozen corn
- 1/2 stick margarine, sliced
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup sugar

Beat eggs and milk together. Add salt and pepper and corn. In a separate

dish mix the flour and sugar. Add to corn mixture. Pour into a baking dish. Put margarine slices on top of mix and bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Amanda Demars, Glasco: "This has long been a staple at our church ladies' salad supper."

HOT CHICKEN SALAD

- **Toss together:**
- 4 cups cooked chicken

Make sauce of:

2 cans cream of chicken

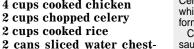
1 1/2 cups real mayonnaise

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crumbs, etc.

juice

in buttered 3-quart casserole. Garnish as desired. Bake 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes. *****



nuts

- soup
- 2 tablespoons chopped

Garnish: crushed potato chips, cornflakes, bread

2 tablespoons lemon

Mix all together and put





HEART-HAPPY NEWS ABOUT GOOD-FOR-YOU FOOD

(NAPSA) - The 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 each day - and their families -- may be better able to keep active and strong with an oil change: a cooking oil change, that is.

Many choose canola oil because it's a good source of omega-3 and monounsaturated fats but has zero cholesterol and trans fat.

The American Heart Association recommends monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats as your primary source of dietary fat. Using canola oil can help prevent heart disease by reducing its risk factors. Unlike trans fats and saturated fats, canola oil won't increase your risk

of developing atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. In fact, it may help reduce your cholesterol levels. A study in the journal Nutrition, Metabolism and Cardiovascular Diseases showed that canola oil improved

cholesterol profiles by lowering the amount of LDL, or "bad," cholesterol. Canola_oil's omega-3 fatty acids may benefit your brain and nervous system. The UCLA Brain Research Institute and Brain Injury Research Center found omega-3 fatty acids improved nervous-system activity, which translated into memory improvements and better academic performance in children.

Canola's light taste makes it easy to use in many ways-as a spread, for sauteing, in salad dressings and in recipes such as this: Stuffed Mini Bell Peppers (Yield: 4 servings)

12 red, yellow & orange mini bell peppers

4 tablespoons canola oil

(2) 3" pieces day-old Italian bread with crusts, broken into 1-inch pieces garlic cloves

1/2 cup fresh parsley or cilantro leaves

1 teaspoon capers 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Slice the tops off of the mini peppers and remove the seeds. Combine 2 tablespoons of the canola oil, bread, garlic, parsley, capers, salt and pepper in a food processor. Pulse to form a thin paste. If the mixture is runny, add more bread. If it is too thick, add more oil. Carefully stuff each pepper with the filling without puncturing the pepper. Fill each pepper to the top. Coat a small baking or loaf pan with 1 tablespoon of the oil. Lay the peppers in a single layer in the bottom of the pan. Drizzle the peppers with the remaining canola oil. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes on each side until the peppers are soft and slightly browned. Serve warm or at room temperature.



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a great high-quality protein choice.

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"Beef Salad with Ginger Soy Dressing" is a delicious flavorful recipe containing only 420 calories per serving. This recipe features three soy ingredients (vegetable oil, soy sauce, edamame) combined with the flat iron steak. With 98 percent of the sovbean meal use in the United States for livestock and poultry feeds, this recipe is perfect to highlight the soyfoods industry during April National Soyfoods Month!

For more information on including soy in your diet and to receive a free copy of the 2012 Soyfoods Guide contact the Kansas Soybean Commission, 1000 SW Red Oaks Place, Topeka, KS 66615-1241 or call 877-KS-SOYBEAN (877-577-6923). Visit www.kansassoybeans. org for more recipes and information

BEEF SALAD WITH GINGER SOY DRESSING Ginger Soy Dressing:

1/2 cup soybean/vegetable oil 1/4 cup rice vinegar 1/4 cup water

2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce

1/4 cup fresh green onion, chopped

1 1/2 teaspoons fresh ginger, minced

Place all dressing ingredients in food processor or blender. Process until smooth: cover & refrigerate. Beef Salad:

8 cups baby salad greens 1 cup shredded carrots

1 cup frozen edamame, shelled, cooked according

to package directions 1 cup cherry tomatoes,

halved 1 pound flat iron or flank steak, grilled & sliced

1/2 cup Ginger Soy Dressing (recipe above), divided

Fill your plate with colorful veggies and greens, topped with lean slice beef. Add a gingery soy dressing and this delicious salad will become a family favorite. Serves 4.

Nutrition per serving: 420 calories, 37g protein, 13g carbohydrate, 5g fiber, 24g fat, 5g sat. fat, 0g trans fat, 55mg cholesterol, 290mg sodium.

Source: 2012 Soyfoods Guide.

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By Lou Ann Thomas

When some friends came to visit recently I was reminded of how different living in the country feels to those who live in cities. My friends' first words after crawling out of their vehicle was, "Are you hiding from the law, or something?"

Now I don't live that far out in the boonies, but to my friends, who live in the city, any stretch of dirt road means those who live along it are surviving in the wild isolation of "the sticks".

So how do you know if you live in the country?

to visit and they say things like "Wow! I can't believe I found you,"

then you probably live in the country.

If you see a bandanna and think "neckwear", you live in the country. And if the jingle in your pocket is from bolts, nuts and washers rather than quarters, dimes and nickels, then you are in the country.

The country is a place where a discussion about the weather is not small talk, but is considered all business and if you know what the weather is doing because you can see it coming, you are in the country. If you wave at familiar vehicles even though you have no idea

Well, if people come

a trip to the grocery store includes a list and at least a quarter tank of gas you are living in the country. If you don't have to look up to see the sky and your commute to work includes regular sightings of hawks, geese and an occasional coyote, you are blessed to live in the country. You live in the country if you plant your garden

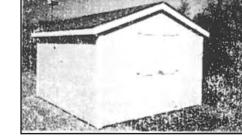
who is driving them and

with six rows of everything – two for yourself, two for your neighbors and two for the wild things. You're in the country if you mark time by sunrises, sunsets, full moons and seasons rather than putting too much stock in clocks and calendars.

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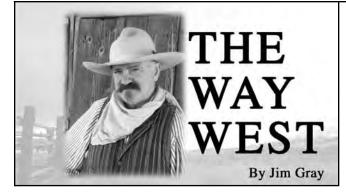
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Tragic Night in Anthony, Kansas

By 1886, the Kansas frontier was nearly a thing of the past. Frontier towns turned to farm and family as the future of their communities. But the transition could still turn ugly when emotions took the place of reason. In the spring of 1886, angry Anthony citizens were anxious to get their hands on three brothers, Philip, 27, Henry, 25 and Oliver Weaver, 23. The Weavers had severely beaten Adelbert Shearer at a dance in the small neighboring community of Danville the evening of February 22. Unfortunately, they punctuated their displeasure with Shearer by firing four bullets to his body. Shearer reportedly lay near death for weeks but rallied steadily as the trial drew near. He was said to be much improved and thought

to be recovering. The Weavers had been held at Wellington for their own safety. However, the hearing set for April 15, 1886, forced Harper County Sheriff I. P. Couch to bring the suspects back to Anthony on April 12. Court proceedings continued through April 19th and were set to resume the following day.

In the meantime, word was quietly spread through Anthony that Shearer had taken a bad turn and was in critical condition. Those passing the news were careful not to leak the information to Sheriff Couch or his deputies. Couch was in the habit of boarding prisoners in his home. He considered the Weavers model prisoners and described them as always willing to obey his slightest command. Couch

was not oblivious to potential vigilante action. He advised the Weavers to sleep in their clothes as there would be no time to dress in case of emergency. Sheriff Couch and his wife retired to their room late in the evening while Deputy King sat up in a chair, his pistol at his side. Just after midnight, Monday, May 19, a large group of mounted men rode to the Sheriff's house. Deputy King took the prisoners out the back door. The men darted across two back lots and into the partially constructed new school building. Vigilantes caught sight of them and shots were fired. The hasty retreat left the sheriff unable to protect his prisoners. He was soon taken by the crowd with an order to "Throw up your hands." One hand went up but the other held a pistol behind his back. With a shotgun leveled at his chest Sheriff Couch dropped the pistol and was marched to the front of the crowd. Believing that the prisoners were hiding in the basement. the masked men began to fire through the lower windows. Couch called out "Do you wish to kill my deputy?" The firing stopped just long enough for Deputy King to step from the building, minus his pistol. King claimed the Weavers had relieved him of

his weapon, but many in the crowd were certain he had offered it to the Weavers for self-protection. The Weavers' mother, Mrs. Nancy Weaver, and Oliver Weaver's wife. Rebecca, were in town for the trial. Nancy was actually dragged to the school building and forced to witness the gruesome proceedings as she cried and screamed for mercy. The Weavers quickly ran out of ammunition as the vigilantes poured a reported two hundred shots into the Weavers' hiding place. Growing impatient, the masked men stormed the basement and dragged two of the young men into the open.

Rebecca Weaver arrived but could do little but join her mother-in-law "in heartrending moans of sorrow" as the vigilantes continued their lust for vengeance. Oliver fought like a "cornered animal." Tiring of the fight the vigilantes shot him and left him for dead. Brothers Henry and Philip were dragged onto the partially finished schoolhouse floor where ropes were thrown over the joists of the second floor. Ropes were placed about the necks of the frantic young men. Each was hauled into the air. dancing before the executioners. Suddenly the air filled with fire and smoke as the hanging bodies were riddled with bullets. The young men's bodies were lowered, only to be raised once more for a second volley of shots. Satisfied, the vigilantes

dropped the bloody forms of Henry and Philip Weaver to the floor.

Oliver was discovered to be breathing and hauled from the basement to receive the same treatment as his brothers. In the days to come Adelbert Shearer's health continued to improve. He eventually recovered from his wounds. But not before vengeance had been quenched one tragic night on The Way West.

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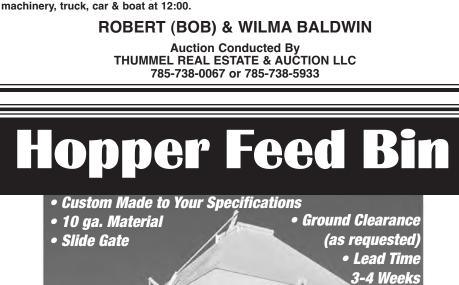
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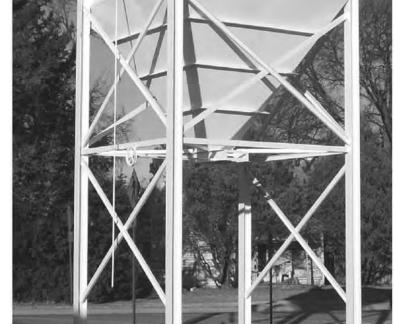
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Farm families find value in planning for the future

By John Forshee, Director, River Valley Extension District

"We need to start now." "We need to bring more family members into the discussion." "With what we learned today we plan to discuss our hopes, desires, wishes, and dreams and develop a written succession plan to make that happen." These were just a sampling of the comments heard from participants of the recent Planning for the Future Conference conducted by the K-State Research and Extension River Valley District.

Over 180 farm family members, Extension staff, legal and financial advisors and bankers gathered recently on the campus of Cloud County Community College to learn about and discuss the wide variety of issues that affect the success of farm succession planning.

"There are many issues which confront family members in working through this transition in a reasonable and expedi-



Dr. Ron Hanson, Univesity of Nebraska-Lincoln discusses "What if the What if Really Happens" when farm families find themselves in unforeseen circumstances during the Planning for the Future Conference.

ent manner without disturbing the daily operation of the farm business. These succession issues must eventually be discussed by all the family members involved and resolved to everyone's agreement to allow for a successful transition of ownership to the next generation," says Ron Hanson, University of Nebraska– Lincoln specialist on farm transition.

Hanson was one of several speakers for the day that focused on beginning the process of Planning For The Future of Passing Down the Family Farm or Agribusiness. Hanson discussed many of the issues that farm families face during his keynote address and his three breakout sessions.

Roger McEowen, Director for the Center for Ag Law and Taxation at Iowa State University addressed many of the technical issues revolving around estate taxes and the basics of wills and trusts. McEowen, keynoted the morning and offered two breakout session during the afternoon as well.

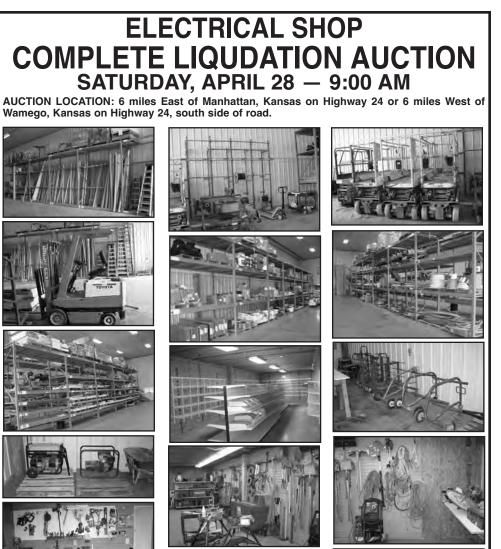
Communication was the basis of the presentation by Charlotte Shoup-Olsen, KSRE Extension Specialist. Shoup-Olsen addressed ways to improve family communication while minimizing stress and conflict through her FamilyTALK presentation.

Keven Herbel, the director of the Kansas Farm Management Association, shared the following challenges that farm families must overcome during his afternoon breakout session: Communication, Developing shared purpose and direction, Consensus of objectives and goals, Decision and Legal Structures, Economic realities, Growth and improvement where needed, and Communication.

During the conference the group had the option to learn about a couple of succession planning options that are not often thought about. Cade Rensink and Calvin Adams from the Kansas Ranch Institute looked at how internships and mentoring can be used to develop the next generation of ranchers. Gordon Dowell from the KSU Foundation addressed the potential benefits of charitable giving.

The conference was conducted by K-State Research and Extension's River Valley Extension District, hosted by Cloud County Community College, and sponsored by Central National Bank and Central National Bank and Central National Wealth and Trust Management Services; Citizens National Bank Trust Department; American Ag Credit; Peoples Exchange Bank; and United Bank & Trust.





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Frontier Farm Credit hosted a ceremony to culminate almost a decade of facilities planning.

The Manhattan-based agricultural financial services provider broke ground Wed., Apr. 18, 2012, for the new administrative headquarters at the corner of Kimball Ave. and Vanesta Drive. More than 85 people participated in the event.

"We are pleased to be on this site today to begin the construction of our new administrative building," said Hofbauer, Presi-Doug dent/CEO, Frontier Farm Credit. "Since the formation of Frontier Farm Credit more than 12 years ago we've grown to over a \$1.4 billion asset company employing 130 staff, serving our customers with loan and related services including crop insurance, tax, records and accounting, and appraisal services. We are a growing company be-

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Frontier Farm Credit President/CEO Doug Hofbauer shares information about the new administrative headquarters to be built in Manhattan. Hofbauer is joined by Rick Wise, The Clark Enersen Partners.





Frontier Farm Credit Staff and Directors are joined by representatives of Mar Lan Construction, Clark Enersen Partners, Grand Mere Development, CoBank and local dignitaries to break ground for the Administrative Headquarters in Manhattan. Pictures are, from left: Frontier Farm Credit Directors indicated by hometown: Mark Wulfkuhle (Berryton); Jim Feldkamp (Centralia); Gerald Gerstner (Frankfort), Alan Hess (Alma); Clair Niles (Ottawa); Bill Fleming (Lawrence); Burl Peckman, Vice Chair (Paola); Travis Ball, CoBank; Mary Vanier, Grand Mere Development; Dave Lewis, Riley County Commissioner; Lyle Butler, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce; Gale Lantis, Mar Lan Construction; Rick Wise, The Clark Enersen Partners; Doug Hofbauer, President/CEO, Frontier Farm Credit; Bill Miller, Chair (Council Grove); Dave Pracht (Westphalia); Don Wissman (Manhattan); Jennifer Gehrt (Alma); Steve Powers (Chanute); Larry Hoobler (Manhattan); and Ron Dunbar (Princeton).



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The 10th annual Gold Bullion Bull Sale was held March 19 in Wamego with Garren Walrod as auctioneer. Sale manager Ralph Brooks reported that cattle were sold to five different states with Kansas buyers Mark LaBarge, Rob Murphy and Sam Hands of Triangle H Ranch being the volume buyers on the day.

Sold were 37 PB yearling bulls averaging \$3500; 20

Sim-Angus yearling bulls averaging \$3950 and four fall PB bulls that averaged \$3550

High selling lots were: \$8500, Dikeman Yardley 11Y PB by GW Lucky Dice, sold to Aaron Borror, Torrebonne, Ore.

\$8250, Diamond D SB-11G 7Y PB by Dikeman Sure Bet, sold to Mike Mallett, Lampasses, Texas.

\$7250, Dikeman Yonah

6Y PB by RC Club King. sold to Mill Brae Angus Ranch, Maple Hill.

\$6250, Brooks Ranger Sim-Angus by Hooks Titus, sold to Tom Hall, Beloit.

\$5500, Dikeman Yamin 16Y Sim-Angus by SAF Connection, sold to Francis Drouchard, Dannville.

\$5250 Brooks Power Cat Sim-Angus by Brooks Too Black, sold to Jim Neis, Eudora.

\$5250 Brooks Royal Sim-Angus by Hooks Titus, sold to Wayne Krug, Russell.

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\$5250 Brooks Pirate Sim-Angus by SAV Final Answer, sold to Don Krug, Russell

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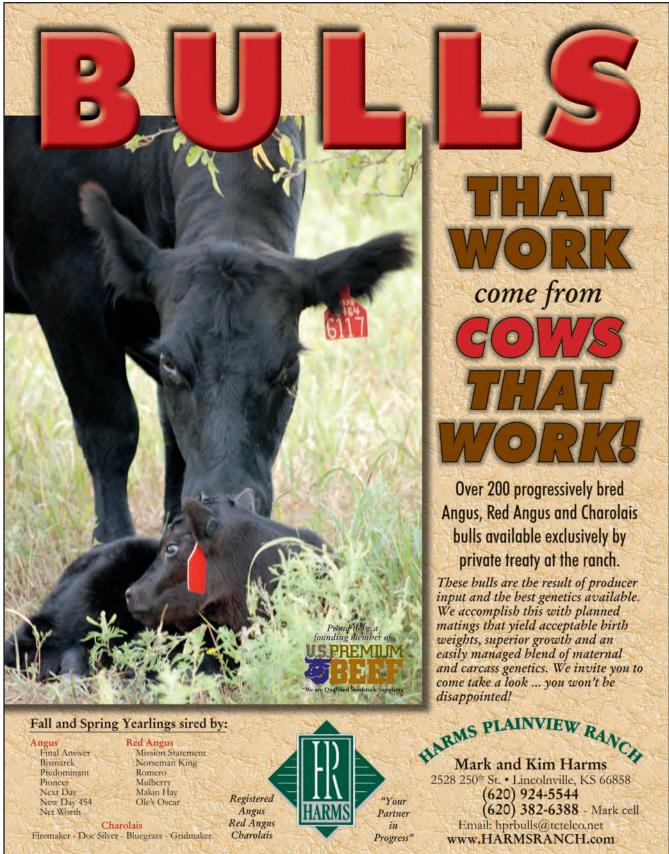
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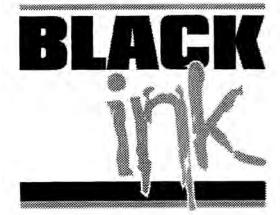
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By Steve Suther

By its simplest definition, a cliché is something you have heard before. Writers are taught to avoid using them unless it is with a twist or to "shine new light on" something previously unexplored or even imagined.

That takes a lot of work and besides, there are reasons to use a few clichés. Just so they don't devolve into buzz words meant only to trip emotional triggers. It goes without saying that you should know your cow herd like a well-worn phrase. Not to mention your bull battery, health program and weaning plan.

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the goal of doing business so that you can profit as well as the next partner in the food chain, and we may even call it "win-win." Just because you know these concepts does not make them stale from excessive familiarity. On the other hand, people also use clichés to push our buttons, out of spite or to put down ideas that work against their opinions. Buzz words exist to hide or confuse the truth. That's how we get phrases like "pink slime," or when we hear "factory" applied to family farms, when people would rather act as a mob than communicate.

Cliché is a lot like conventional wisdom: what we know, what rings true. But do we really know if these things are true, or just legendary?

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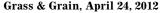
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On The War Path

The Lakota Sioux Nation joined forces with other military veterans in a mounted demonstration against the U.S. government. They are attempting to prevent the closure of the Veterans Hospital in Hot Springs, South Dakota. On February 25, 2012, Native Americans joined forces with other veterans and staged an impressive parade on the streets of Hot Springs, South Dakota. Braves were seen applying war paint in preparation for the march to the steps of the VA hospital in protest of the proposed closure of their health care facility.

Many braves wore war paint and gathered on foot and horseback to show their displeasure of the proposed closing of their health care facility. An organized demonstration was planned and executed with the same skill and determination the Sioux displayed when they attacked and annihilated General Custer's Seventh Cavalry in 1876.

Indigenous people have long venerated Hot Springs (Wiwilakahto in the Lakota language) as a sacred healing site. This is borne out by the ferocious 1869 battle between Lakota Sioux and Cheyenne warriors for possession of the source of healing waters adjacent to Battle Mountain. According to my brother, who is the chairman of the Native American Committee to save the VA hospital, the Cheyenne were the first people to use the hot springs for the healing powers of the warm waters. Legend has it that the Cheyenne camped by the springs. An older woman who was injured plastered red mud from the hot springs on her legs. She began smiling when she felt the healing effects of the warm water and mud. She asked for more and became the first person to discover the healing powers of the sacred waters.

A Sioux hunting party hunting buffalo not far from the hot springs near Buffalo Gap came upon the hot springs and were delighted with the warm water and called it Minne Kata, meaning warm water. They camped by the springs. When the Cheyenne people returned to their healing waters with sick people, they found the Sioux camped near the springs. They were outraged that intruders had set up camp near their waters. A battle ensued and the Cheyenne retreated. The Sioux treated their wounds with the red soil and spring water and held a victory dance.

The Cheyenne returned and attacked the Sioux again. After a fierce battle, the Cheyenne realized they





might have to share the hot springs. The Sioux called a conference with the Cheyenne and smoked a pipe with red willow bark called Can Sa Sa. In sign language, an older statesman asked that they declare a truce. He asked that the springs come under a perpetual flag of peace for all people to benefit from the healing powers of the hot springs. The tribal councils agreed to make the springs a forever place of peace. Since the fight at Battle Mountain, the Lakota Sioux and Northern Cheyenne tribes have shared the healing springs.

Hot Springs sits in the middle of the Black Hills, a place that has for centuries had deep religious significance to Native Americans. The VA hospital has a sweat lodge where Indians can go to pray and attempt to rid their bodies of disease and demons as they once did in the area of the sacred waters. Over the decades since 1907, the VA Health Center and the surrounding community have achieved renown for the welcoming, nurturing spirit they extend to the many thousands of veterans, including Native American akichita, who've come to be

healed atop the mountain. This proposed closure has prompted the Vets committee on the Pine Ridge Reservation to call for a vet's convention in April, 2012, to organize and let their voices be heard in Washington, D.C. They will call on senators and representatives on the Veterans committee, Indian Affairs, and Dept. of Interior, especially. Sens. John Mc.

Veterans committee, Indian Affairs, and Dept. of Interior, especially Sens. John Mc-Cain and Inouye. They will, as a sovereign nation, have their Chairman and special delegation go to Washington, just as nations from other countries send their ambassadors.

There are seven reservations in South Dakota. They have all joined forces to protest the closure of the Hot Springs Veterans Hospital. For over 100 years the Battle Mountain healing site at the Veterans Hospital has been a tradition for the veterans of the tribes of South Dakota and other non-native veterans. The Lakota Sioux and Cheyenne veterans are making their voices heard and joining the fight to preserve the government facility that sits on the sacred ground of their healing waters.

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Celebrate Arbor Day April 27

On April 27 communities and individuals will celebrate Arbor Day.

"Celebrating Arbor Day by planting trees contributes to the community in so many ways. Aside from the beauty they provide, trees benefit the environment and save tax dollars through stormwater capture, energy savings from shade and providing desirable public spaces," said Graham Herbst, Nebraska Forest Service's community forestry specialist for eastern Nebraska.

Arbor Day is a perfect time to spend time with family and give back to the community, and there are many ways to take part in the celebration.

"Plant a tree in your home landscape with your children, grandchildren or neighborhood children. Purchase a tree to be planted in a local park or school campus. Volunteer to be part of a local tree-planting effort," said Amy Seiler, western Nebraska community forestry specialist for the Nebraska Forest Service.

If you're unable to plant a tree in your community, take some time and explore your local community forest. Springtime brings many beautiful flowering trees like redbud, magnolia, serviceberry and fruit trees.

Trees are also a great way to commemorate special events or to honor the memory of loved ones.

When properly planted and cared for, trees live for many years and significantly reduce energy costs, beautify the landscape, attract wildlife and improve the environment, making them the perfect long-term investment.

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Missouri River floodplain farmers in five states eligible for wetland restoration assistance through **USDA and The Nature Conservancy**

Kansas state conservationist Eric B. Banks, with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation (NRCS) Service announced that Kansas landowners affected by 2011 Missouri River flooding may be eligible for wetland restoration assistance from the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP) through a five-state project sponsored by The Nature Conservancy. Deadline to apply for this assistance is Friday, May 4.

Farmers in Doniphan, Atchison, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte Counties with areas flooded during the 2011 Missouri River flood may apply to restore wetlands through permanent easements. So can farmers with land within 1,100 yards of the Missouri River, even if their land was not damaged. However, applications received for land that was damaged will be ranked higher. An attached map shows eligible areas and is also available at www.ks.nrcs.usda. gov/programs/wrp

"Some farmers near the Missouri River have land that was scoured by the flood or was covered with deep sand deposits once the floodwaters receded," said Banks. "WREP provides some options for them that could be economically favorable as compared to trying to

get the land crop-ready again.

"This WREP provides economic options for flood-impacted agriculturlandowners," said al Banks. "The resulting wetlands will also offset societal costs of future floods while providing valuable water quality and wildlife habitat benefits."

Nearly \$3 million is available for easements and restoration costs to producers in Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota, according to Banks. The Nature Conservancy is providing a five percent cash match for restoration costs on permanent easement and key restoration practices.

"We are pleased to partner with NRCS in this new program and believe it represents part of a proactive approach that landowners and communities along the river can take to restore important habitats and reduce the impacts of future flooding along the Missouri River,' said Rob Manes, state director of The Nature Conservancy in Kansas.

Applications for this WREP project will be ranked based on size of proposed easement, proximity to the river, proximity to conservation land areas greater than 300 acres, percentage of hydric soils, percent dam-

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ment area is located where a planned levee breach or levee setback will occur. The per-acre payment for WREP easements in Kansas may be found at www.ks.nrcs. usda.gov/programs/wrp. The current per acre easement purchase price for eligible WREP lands along the Missouri River in Kansas is \$2,342 per acre.

WREP is a voluntary program carried out through partnership agreements with state and local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and Indian tribes. It is a component of the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). Landowners participating in WREP retain ownership and access to the land, and may request other compatible uses of the land consistent with maintaining the wetland and riparian habitat as approved by NRCS. Property owners with land along the Missouri River in Kansas may apply at their local NRCS office (find your nearest Kansas NRCS service center at http://offices.sc.egov.usda. gov/locator/app?state= KS).

Learn more about WREP and other NRCS programs and initiatives at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov.



American Agri-Women heading to Washington D.C. to deliver agriculture policy positions

American Agri-Women recently drafted resolutions to address issues and threats to agriculture. Representatives from this all-volunteer coalition of more than 50,000 farm, ranch, and agribusiness women will deliver these resolutions to elected officials in Washington, D.C., in early June.

The group's resolutions, which are reviewed each spring, cover ag business and economics, commodities, and natural resources. "It's our mission - and our duty - to represent and protect those who produce food, feed, fiber and fuel for the world," says Karen Yost of Billings, Mont., AAW president. "Our meetings are also an important way we educate legislators and policy-makers."

Members also heard from ag experts at the midyear meeting, which was held at Lied Lodge, in Nebraska City, Neb.

• Sen. Mike Johanns from Nebraska, former secretary of agriculture, addressed the 2012 Farm Bill.

· Gary Sides, cattle nutritionist, Pfizer Animal Health, addressed misconceptions regarding beef nutrition and production.

• Damien Schiff, senior staff attorney from the National Litigation Center, spoke as lead attorney in Sackett v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, which concerns whether Clean Water Act compliance orders can ever be judicially reviewable

A panel of animal ag experts answered questions regarding threats to livestock owners and producers. The panel included Mindy Patterson from the Cavalry Group; Andrea Hutchinson, Chain Land and Cattle Co., Canton, Okla.; Sarah Hubbart, Animal Agriculture Alliance; and Sue Wallis, Wallis Ranch, Recluse, Wyoming.

• Rick Sheehy, Lt. Governor of Nebraska, shared the gravity of the lean finely textured beef misconceptions sweeping the media, and the results of the recent news conference held in conjunction with the governors of Kansas, Iowa and Texas, and the lieutenant governor of South Dakota.

• Melissa Keyes, UN-Lincoln student and member of the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute spoke on ag advocacy and the use of social media.

• Joe Gerstandt, diversity consultant, offered perspectives on how to bring authenticity and energy to your mission.

For more information on the AAW Fly-In to Washington D.C. to be held in June. contact Karen Yost, at president@americanagriwomen.org or (406) 794-0888 or visit www.americanagriwomen.org.



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cause we serve the vibrant and growing industry of agriculture.

"When completed," added Hofbauer, "we will have provided new or remodeled facilities that are efficient and effective for all of our employees in each of six regional locations and now in the administrative location in Manhattan. We're pleased to be a part of Manhattan, located near a number of agricultural leadership and commodity organizations and to Kansas State University, a thriving university with strong ties to Kansas and U.S. agriculture. This location is visible and accessible and we've been very pleased with the cooperation and support the Grand Mere team has given us during this process.'

The 24,000-square-foot building will house 50 employees, with room to grow. Designed to connect with the surrounding landscape of the Flint Hills, the exterior utilizes warm tones of brick and limestone that tie back to the natural materials found in the area. The \$8.6 million investment includes construction and design costs as well as furnishings. Completion is planned for fall 2013

"After completing construction and expansion of our existing regional offices, we are continuing to invest in our facilities with the groundbreaking of our new Administrative headquarters in Manhattan," said Bill Miller, a rancher from Council Grove and Chair of the Frontier Farm Credit Board of Directors. "We are excited about this opportunity and take pride in the fact that all of our facility improvements have been made with a goal of improving employee work environment, communications and Frontier Farm Credit's overall operational efficiency to better serve our customers."



New dairy and cheese plant to start construction in Hugoton

has announced its plans to build a dairy ingredient and cheese plant in Hugoton. The company will start construction on the facility next month and begin phase I operation at the middle of the fourth quarter in 2012. The facility will be positioned to expand in 2013 to add cheese production. Kansas Dairy Ingredients will invest \$20 million plus over the next 18 months in Hugoton.

"We want to thank the great people of western Kansas, Governor Brownback, and his state team in Topeka for their support and interest. We also want to thank Springfield, Missouribased banks that made this possible, Great Southern Bank and Springfield First Community Bank," said Brent Davis, CEO, Kansas Dairy Ingredients.

When the facility first opens, Kansas Dairy Ingredients plans to begin processing approximately 1 million pounds of milk per day to produce fractionated dairy ingredients. As production builds, the company anticipates eventually processing

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State and local officials welcomed the news of the company's arrival in Hugoton.

"I want to welcome Kansas Dairy Ingredients to southwest Kansas," said Gov. Brownback. "This project will create good-paying jobs for Stevens County and has the potential to spur sig-

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Kansas Dairy Ingredients up to 2.5 million pounds of nificant, additional job creation in the future."

"This is exciting news for Hugoton and the entire region," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George. "Kansas Dairy Ingredients has made a commitment to southwest Kansas with quality jobs and the prospect of long-term additional, growth. This is a great boost to the dairy industry in Kansas.'

"This significant investment is a testament to the hard-working people of southwest Kansas," said Kansas Senate President Steve Morris. "I am especially proud to see this industry and these jobs coming to my hometown of Hugoton. I welcome Kansas Dairy Ingredients to our corner of the state-and the boost this plant will provide to our economy for years to come."

"We are extremely excited to have this new processing plant coming to our county," said Stevens County Economic Development Director Neal Gillespie. "It will provide good jobs, diversify our economy and add to our tax base. We have long believed that the dairy industry is a perfect fit for western Kansas. A processing plant will be a catalyst for the continued growth of this industry that is so beneficial to our local economies."

Kansas Dairy Ingredients, currently based in Missouri, will locate its business operations offices in Kansas City, Kan., and at the Hugoton site.

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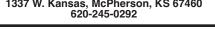
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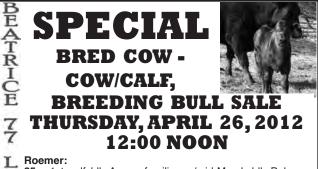
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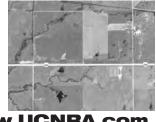


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- April 26 Western artwork, pottery, candles, wind chimes, lariats, gloves, leather chops, lead ropes, blankets, bedding, signs, office supplies & more at McPherson for KDOR tax asset seizure auction (Kathy's Inc. dba Kathy's General Store). Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.
- April 27 & 28 Live Spring Collectors gun auction at Topeka (online armsbid. com). Auctioneers: Kull's Old Town Station.
- April 28 Furniture, antiques, collectibles, car, riding lawn mower, jewelry at Abilene for Sarah Kuntz Trust. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction.
- April 28 JD tractors, truck, car, farm equip., house, barns, garage, household furniture, pictures, antiques, collectibles, memorabilia at Overland Park for Brulez Family. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb & Associates.
- April 28 Coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift N Sure Auctions.
- April 28 Tractor, implements, antiques, collectibles, Depression glass, pottery, crocks, furniture, Indian pottery, household, tools, farm equipment at Washington for Vernon Graham

Estate. Auctioneers: Mark Uhlik.

Auction Sales Scheduled

- April 28 Tractors, heads, construction equipment, trucks, trailers, fuel tanks, fertilizer storage tanks, grain storage at Woonsocket, SD and online (www.gehling live.com). Auctioneers: Gehling Auction, Inc.
- April 28 Farm auction, implements, hay & cattle equipment at Hiawatha for Liz Mathewson & the late Tom Mathewson. Auctioneers: Howard Auction Service.
- April 28 Tools, truck, high wheel wagon, collectibles & furniture at Blue Rapids for Dean & Jeanie Moser. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.
- April 28 Horse & farm equipment at Manhattan for Paul Bosch Farms. Auctioneers: Jeff Ruckert.
- April 28 Tractors, machinery, truck, cart, boat, lawn mower, tools & household at Salina for Robert (Bob) & Wilma Baldwin. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- April 28 Tools, shop equipment, hardware, yard & garden, mowers, hand tools & electric near Hoisington & Great Bend. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.
- April 28 Guns, antique furniture, modern furniture, collection of red glass, Hummel items, antiques & collectibles, tools at Osage City for Calvin Johnson Estate & Bob & Judy Crawford. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp.
 April 28 — Farm equip-
- ment at Leon. Auctioneers: United Country Na-

tional Realty & Auction. April 28 — Complete liquidation of commercial & residential electrical shop E. of Manhattan for H&L Electric, Inc. Auctioneers: Mugler Auc-

- tions. April 28 — Marion County CRP grassland & wildlife hunting acreage at Hillsboro for Craig Leppke. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction, Inc.
- April 28 Acreage & personal property: motorcycle, woodworking tools, furniture & more at Assaria for Loren & RoJean Loucks Trust. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.
- April 28 Tools, furniture & miscellaneous at Junction City for Vickie Samples & the late Danny Samples. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
- 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.
- April 29 Machinery, trucks, mower, 4 wheeler ATV, stock trailers, trailers, hay in shed, cattle equipment, guns & misc.
 W. of Marysville for Dennis Gallagher & Lori Stohs (the late Bob Stohs). Auctioneers: Don Prell Realty & Auction.
 April 29 — Boats, welder,
- mower & lawn tractor, tractors, trailer & tools, furniture, collectibles & misc. at White City for Robert Anderson Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

April 29 — Antique furniture, collectibles, glassware, household furniture, appliances & cookware, guns, mower, tools & misc. at Seneca for Harold & Lela Schooler. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

April 29 — Car & automotive parts & related items, mowers, furniture, building supplies, drag car at Scranton for Lee Ann Bohm. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp.

April 30 — Butler County land at Leon. Auctioneers: United Country National Realty & Auction.
April 30 — Ness & Lane counties acreage at Ness City for Jerry & Linda Byrd. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc. May 1 — Acreage & home

in Chase County for Monti Pickrell. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC. May 1 — Pottawatomie County horse property at St. George for Jeanne M. O'Neal. Auctioneers:

O'Neal. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC. May 2 — Skidloaders,

trucks, concrete tools, building materials, office furniture & electronics at Kansas City, KS for (formerly DBA) Vanum Construction Co., Inc. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc. May 3 — Pottawatomie County irrigated farm ground at Wamego for Edna Mae Peddicord Trust. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

- May 3 Dickinson County pasture & CRP at Abilene for James Donnelly Estate. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.
- May 4 Cheyenne County farmland, irrigation, dryland, CRP & grass at St. Francis for Ruben Zimbelman & Barbara Zimbelman Raile Estate. Auctioneers: Shay Realty, Inc.
- May 4 & 5 Tools, guns, covered wagon, crocks, glassware, furniture, jewelry, kitchen misc., collectibles at Herington for Mr. & Mrs. Merle & Fern Timm Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer, Bob's Auction Service.

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- May 5 Vehicles, marine, coins. guns, beer sign/decanters, Santa Fe railroad. antiques. household, office, tools & misc. at Cottonwood Falls for property of Steven L. Davis Estate, Richard Whitney Estate, Don Yoakem Estate & other community members and neighbors. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.
- May 5 Antiques & collectibles at Marysville for Wayne & Donna Whitesell. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.
- May 5 Real estate & personal property at Manhattan for Sara Guillen Auctioneers: Estate. Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- May 5 Home, real estate & personal property at Alma for Ivalo Bisping. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty Service.
- May 5 Farm equipment, tools, vehicles & more at Gypsum for Weller Farms. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.
- May 5-2 real estate properties at Beverly for Joan Morton & Morton Farm, Inc. Auctioneers: Land Home Title, Lora Obermueller, broker
- May 5 Marshall County property at Frankfort for Kennedy Family. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.
- May 5 Consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.
- May 6 -Auction at Lawrence for Ivan Percival. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

May 6 — Tractor, truck,

machinery, guns, fishing equipment, boats, hand tools, primitives, household & collectibles near Westmoreland for Bob Burgess. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auctions, LLC.

- May 6 Furniture, appliances, antique & collectible, shop items, mobility scooter, farm equipment at Leoti for the late Don & Elaine Oberheim. Auctioneers: Berning Auction.
- May 7 Cloud County cropland at Aurora for Craig Brunell. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
- May 8 Real estate, 3 bedroom home, guest house at Riley for Piper Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions. May 10 — Tools. furniture.
- misc. at St. George for Delmer Toburen. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service. May 10 — Gray County na-
- tive grass & Cropland at Cimarron for Renick Auctioneers: Farms. Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company, Inc. May 11 & 12 — May 11: Pickups, power tools, hand tools; May 12: antiques & collectibles, antique & modern furniture, appliances, kitchen items, household & misc. at Minneapolis for George & Shirly Taylor. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.
- May 12 Antiques, collectibles, furniture & misc. at Abilene for Elizabeth Storer. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction.
- Mav 12 ____ Machinery, horse/pony items, vet equip., personal property near Lawrence for Wauk-A-Way Farms & WW Wempe Estate. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates Realty & Auctions. May 12 — House & detached garage at Wheaton for Winona Matzke

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- May 12 Antique tractors, garden tractors, antique tractor parts, utility cart, guns. trailers. farm equip. & tools, antiques & collectibles at Tonganoxie. Auctioneers: Sebree Auction, LLC.
- May 12 Farm machinery W. of Herington for Mr. & Mrs. Charles Will. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer, Bob's Auction Service.
- May 12 House, real estate, personal property, tools, household at Alma for Jess Greenburg. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty Service.
- May 12 Labette County land at Oswego for Jerry Rickmeyer & Family. Auctioneers: Chesnutt & Chesnutt.
- May 12 2011-2012 Clay Center High School 3bedroom carpentry house at Clay Center for USD 379. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.
- May 14 Edwards County real estate at Kinsley for Dennis & Silvia Gottschalk. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.
- May 16 Dickinson County land at Junction City for OCS Investments, Inc. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service.
- May 17 Real estate at Lawrence for Wauk-A-WW Way Farms & Wempe Estate. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates.
- May 18 Silver coins, silver tea set, household, collectibles & jewelry at Herington for Geneva Will. Auctioneers: Bob

Kickhaefer, Bob's Auction Service. May 19 — Household & shop tools at Clay Center

for George Davidson. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC. May 20 — Auction at Lawrence for Tim Thur-

man. Auctioneers: Elston Auction. May 28 - 19th annual Me-

- morial Day auction at Lvndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction. June 2 — Auction at Lawrence for Lance Burr. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.
- June 9 Auction at DeSoto for Larry & Brenda West. Auctioneers: Elston 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.



A World Without Cows

without cows? In 1535 Francisco Coronado brought cows into what is now the United States. He crossed the border 40 miles south of Benson, Arizona with horses and cows. They say he went as far as Kansas, looking for a good veterinarian, I guess.

In the ensuing five centuries the domestic bovine has mooed itself into virtually every county in the western hemisphere. But, for the sake of our initial question, say that we had been conquered by marauding Latvians, Amazonian dart blowers, or a powerful vegetarian brokerage firm in Fiji who did not bring cattle into the country and/or prohibited their importation.

My first observation is, there would be no Big Macs! Beef milk or cheese would not be available in abundance. Would we try to domesticate deer, buffalo, elk, wild goats, or moose? We'd hear, "Pork, it's what's for dinner!" "Where's the Mutton?" "Goat. the other white meat!" "Got Okra?" and "Certified Angus Drumstick."

"I'll have a fungus burger with shredded Styrofoam and a side of those Thistle Poppers."

"Does your horsemeat pudding come with splashguards?

"I'll have some cold mutton gravy with hair in it." I'm assuming goat milk

Can you imagine a world would become the pasteurized drink of choice. Chicken would become the biggest source of animal protein unless we were able to tame sperm whales. Shetland pony tenderloin would be served at good steakhouses. Our eating habits would become boring to many epicureans. They'd be yearning for a big, succulent, juicy, mouth-watering, medium rare, right off the grill...What? Gizzard? Camel hump? Dog leg, Cornish hamster?

America would still have millions on millions of acres of foothills, forest, prairies and rolling country covered with grass. Without cattle to utilize the countryside, I'm sure farmers would run sheep or goats on the less arable ground. Then the West would look like the Australian outback or Alamo, Nev.

We'd be importing insulin made from yak pancreas. Leather upholstery, boots and baseballs would all be made of naugahyde. Roy Rogers would have staved in Iowa and become the Sovbean Balladeer. Trevor Brazile would have become a professional golfer, and I would be a former reptile veterinarian and swineherd poet:

ODE TO THE PIG

Who brings us ribs and pork

Oh, how I long to trade my ham

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Page 16 Grass & Grain, April 24, 2012 Brownback signs state water law

Continued from page 3 and water is essential to agriculture production," Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Rodman said. "The Governor's 2011 water legislation package was an important step towards creating water policy that benefits agriculture today and sustains the valuable water resources for future generations."

KWO Director Streeter said this law is a true example of how when Kansans work together, they can find solutions.

"This legislation proves the stakeholder input process really does work," Streeter said. "The Kansas Water Office will continue to work with the Kansas Water Authority and the Ogallala Aquifer Advisory Committee to identify and evaluate further policy considerations."

Brownback has signed four other water conservation bills in law this session:

• House Bill 2451 eliminates the state's "use it or lose it" water policy in areas closed to new water right appropriations and gives landowners incentive to conserve water because they won't feel that they must use their maximum amount of water when they don't need to just so they don't lose water rights.

• Senate Bill 272 amends multi-year flex accounts to expand irrigators' capabilities and options so they can manage their crop water over a 5-year period without increasing long-term water use under their water right.

• HB 2516 amends the state's water banking program. The changes provide for more permanence in

water banks and allow additional water banks to be developed where local producers find it to be a tool that will help them in conserving water and protecting the economy. A water bank allows the short term lease (up to 10 years) of water rights at a price set by the seller and agreed to by the buyer.

• HB 2517 extends the sunset to make the Water Transition Assistance Program (WTAP) by 10 years to the year 2022 and makes other improvements to the program. The purpose of this voluntary, incentivebased water right retirement program is to provide a structured mechanism for the permanent dismissal of irrigation water rights and the reduction of consumptive groundwater use in focused, over-appropriated areas.

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