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House concludes farm bill field hearings in Dodge City – crop insurance continues to be a priority

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

As producers from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas testified at the final House Committee on Agriculture Farm Bill field hearing on Friday, April 20, the resounding theme continued to be the importance of protecting crop insurance. The hearing, hosted by Kansas 1st District Rep. Tim Huelskamp, was held in Dodge City with testimony heard by Oklahoma 3rd District Rep. and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas, Texas 11th District Rep. K. Michael Conaway and Huelskamp.

In his opening statement, Lucas spoke of eleven farm policy audits the committee conducted last summer in an effort to evaluate farm programs to identify areas where efficiency could be improved. "The field hearings serve a slightly different purpose," he said. "Today, we're here to listen."

The past three field hear-

ings took them to New York, where he described, "The farming operations tend to be smaller and there were probably more trees in one acre than you have in most counties here in Kansas." Large corn and soybean fields in Illinois were the backdrop of testimony on the importance of crop insurance as a risk management tool for farmers in the Corn Belt, and irrigated fields in Arkansas demonstrated why crop insurance isn't as effective in the Southeast.

"Today, we'll hear from a wide variety of producers who will no doubt have a different perspective than we got in those other regions," he continued. "That's why it's so important that we offer a choice of policy options. The broad range of agricultural production makes our country strong, but it also creates challenges when we're trying to write a single Farm Bill to support so many different regions

regulation practices. This type of policy would allow producers to raise feed while using less water."

Barton County producer Keith Miller, past chairman of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, reiterated the need for a strong farm safety net. "Stability through the use of effective risk management tools is imperative for our operation," he said. Agriculture is a highly erratic industry influenced by a multitude of variables beyond the producer's control. Farmers can use top quality seed, fertilizer, chemicals and best management practices and still not be able to control the weather or the markets. Profit margins in the industry are such that it is critical that farmers have access to a strong, viable and flexible risk management program." He also echoed Harshberger's call for limited irrigation products.

Acknowledging that direct payments have fallen out of favor with the public



Reps. Tim Huelskamp, Frank Lucas and K. Michael Conaway heard testimony that, along with farm bill issues, included concerns about the effects of over-regulation and the Department of Labor's proposed rule affecting youth working in the agriculture industry.

the Farm Bill is also a critical component for most of the witnesses. "I realize that I am on this earth only a short time and I feel a great responsibility to conserve the natural resources that I am privileged to manage," Hodgson continued. "This is a very appropriate role for government – to maintain the wealth of the nation in cooperation with the private operators on the land. Preserving our natural resources by not only keeping the soil on the land where it ought to be, but by preventing excess nutrients and crop production chemicals from going down the river is our ultimate goal. A system of production that leaks either soil or nutrients is not sustainable."

Tom Giessel, a fourth-generation farmer from Pawnee County, asked the committee to consider the critical and tenuous nature of the nation's food security. "Production agriculture is a primary economic driver, and as such, when production agriculture prospers, a multiplier effect results and jobs and tax revenues at the local, state and national levels are added without raising tax rates," he said. "Spending reductions that adversely impact the productivity and profitability of production agriculture are counterproductive to our overall national economic interests."

He also warned that not completing a farm bill this year could result in even further cuts to agriculture, citing the fact that USDA cut \$4 billion from agriculture programs in 2011 and Congress approved a budget reduction to agriculture programs of more than 15% for fiscal year 2012, a cut that



Frank Harper, Sedgwick, and Kendall Hodgson, Little River, were among the producers who testified at the final House Ag Committee field hearing.

and commodities."

As the first panel of witnesses to their turns at the microphones, Gary Harshberger of Dodge City spoke of improvements needed in APH (Average Production History) methodology. "A producer's insurable yield should reflect what he and his lender actually expect to produce in a given year," he said. "APH could be improved by using a personal T-yield system, which would allow a producer's APH to more accurately reflect his yield potential rather than the county's yield potential." He also indicated a need for a limited irrigation system in crop insurance. "Right now insurance is all or nothing. There needs to be a viable policy in federal crop insurance to have limited-type ir-

and are likely targets for cuts, Kendall Hodgson of Little River advocated for a form of revenue product that would be triggered when price times yield fall below a set threshold.

"Some form of area-wide revenue program would be more budget-friendly and would give another layer of protection to production agriculture," he explained. "The ACRE program seems to have the right idea, but having a statewide trigger makes it unusable for the Great Plains area. I like to point out that there is more variability in environment from the western border of Kansas to the eastern border of Kansas than there is from the eastern border of Kansas to the East Coast."

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was two to three times deeper than the average across-the-board reduction in discretionary spending. "By waiting until 2013 or later to complete the next farm bill, there may be even less funding available, making it nearly impossible to pass a farm bill that will protect America's farmers and ranchers in tough times," he said in his written testimony.

Representing the livestock industry, Frank Harper of Sedgwick testified that he opposes a livestock title in the next farm bill. Harper is the president of the Kansas Livestock Association and serves on the Board of Directors of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "The livestock title in the last farm bill attracted proposals like the GIPSA rule, mandatory country-of-origin labeling and other items counter to the free enterprise system I support," he stated. "Beef producers throughout Kansas and the United States are concerned the proposed regulation would greatly expand the role of government in marketing livestock and eliminate producers' rights and the ability to market livestock to capture the benefits of their efforts to improve the quality of their livestock."

He stated that his preference would be language making the meat portion of the COOL program voluntary or an alternative approach that would adopt the concept of substantial transformation wherein meat from any animal processed in the U.S. would be labeled as "Product of the U.S."

In the area of conservation Harper applauded the EQIP and Grassland Reserve Programs and encouraged

the committee to reauthorize GRP even though it does not have baseline funding for the next farm bill. "I encourage members of this committee to remind your colleagues that federal funds spent on conservation are a good investment in our country's natural resources and the ultimate beneficiary is the general public."

Continuing to invest in research and export market development were also priorities listed by the witness.

That same day, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Debbie Stabenow released a new draft farm bill that would eliminate direct payments but increase risk management provisions. The bill reduces farm program expenditures by \$23 billion. Because it only cuts funding for food stamps by \$4 billion, it is expected to face stiff opposition in the House, where Republicans are pushing for \$13 billion in cuts to the program that makes up 80% of farm bill spending. The draft was scheduled for mark-up on April 25, but Stabenow announced that had been postponed.

"I support Chairwoman Stabenow's decision to postpone the Farm Bill mark-up scheduled for tomorrow morning," Sen. Pat Roberts said in a statement released last Tuesday afternoon. "Significant bipartisan progress has been made on many sections of the bill. Just a few issues remain to be worked out. I have given the Chairwoman my commitment to getting this job done. I'm confident the Committee can move forward in a bipartisan manner in the near future."

Reflections

from Young Farmers & Ranchers

My family and I recently traveled to California on a trip we earned from Kansas Farm Bureau. We traveled with nine other farm families, as well as some KFB staff. The purpose of the trip was to travel part of the state learning about an agriculture sector we're not so familiar with. We were very excited, because this was our kids' first time flying. It was also our first time traveling that far west. We went a little early and extended our stay a bit to do some sight-seeing since we were already there. As we traveled home, we talked about what made the biggest impressions upon each of us.

Cay, our seven-year-old,

was most affected by the homeless population in San Francisco. We had seen several people lying around and digging in dumpsters, but it wasn't until he saw one holding a sign that he finally processed what he was seeing aloud. The sign said, "Homeless and Hungry." Cay asked what that meant and I explained. He thought a moment and said, "That makes me sad." I agreed; we talked some more about circumstances which may have led some people here. That's when he made a statement that grabbed my heart.

"It makes me want to do something to help. It should make everyone want to do

something to help."

Where on earth do you start with so many people needing so much? We found a good-humored man performing songs and funny rhymes and decided to help him buy supper. Cay was pleased, but if you mention those we saw to him today, he still comments on how sad it is.

Colton, our eight-year-old, loved the second nursery we visited on an ag tour day – King City Nursery. He thought it was cool to smell growing celery – which we all agreed smelled far better than the celery we pull out of the fridge to eat. Then he smiled and said, "But what I really loved was

to see their tractors and planters and all of those guys driving those Gators so fast with their loads."

When we pulled up to that nursery on our bus, we saw one Kubota utility vehicle after another with fork lifts mounted on the front moving palettes of vegetable starts into greenhouses. And yes, they moved very quickly. We also saw several tractors and two very unique planters built for employees to sit on and drop plants

through a tube for planting in fields. They were very impressive.

Adalynne, our ten-year-old, especially enjoyed visiting the Gidich apple and berry orchard run by Nita Gidich, a woman with a boisterous personality and a really great apple juice recipe which was written on a little piece of note paper and taped to the wall near their juice press: "Four Pipin, one Granny, two Red..."

You didn't think I would

give you her recipe, did you?

Adalynne said, "Nita reminded me of Aunt Loretta. She was funny. And I liked how she made us taste our juice a certain way, like the testers do. I also learned that an olallieberry is a blackberry." We all agreed Nita's apple juice is, by far, the freshest, most "apple-tasting" apple juice we've ever tasted.

Theron and I decided our greatest impressions

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

A certain irony occurred to me as I was re-reading testimony from the farm bill field hearing that I attended in Dodge City in April. Approximately 80% of the farm bill goes to food assistance programs. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has grown from 17 million recipients in 2001 to more than 46 million today. I read recently that according to the Congressional Budget Office, at the current spending pace the SNAP program, or food stamps, would spend about \$400 billion over the five-year life of a farm bill if it were to be enacted this year, which is \$80 billion per year. Crop insurance subsidies would average about \$9 billion a year, commodity subsidies \$6.6 billion and farm conservation programs \$6.5 billion.

Of the \$23 billion in savings proposed in the recently released Senate draft bill, \$4 billion comes from food stamps. So the food producers are taking 83% of the cuts, while those receiving food assistance, whose numbers have more than doubled in the past ten years, take about 17%.

Now, I've often admitted that I'm no math whiz, but even I can see a problem here. What do you say we connect the dots for a change? The food producers of the world will be asked to produce more food with predictably higher costs, fewer resources and less risk protection. This leads me to this observation: you can hand out all the food assistance you want to, but if there is no food to purchase, it is about as valuable as Monopoly money. You can't continue to cut America's farmers and ranchers off at the knees and expect them to keep filling your grocery shelves.

Don't misunderstand me – I am not

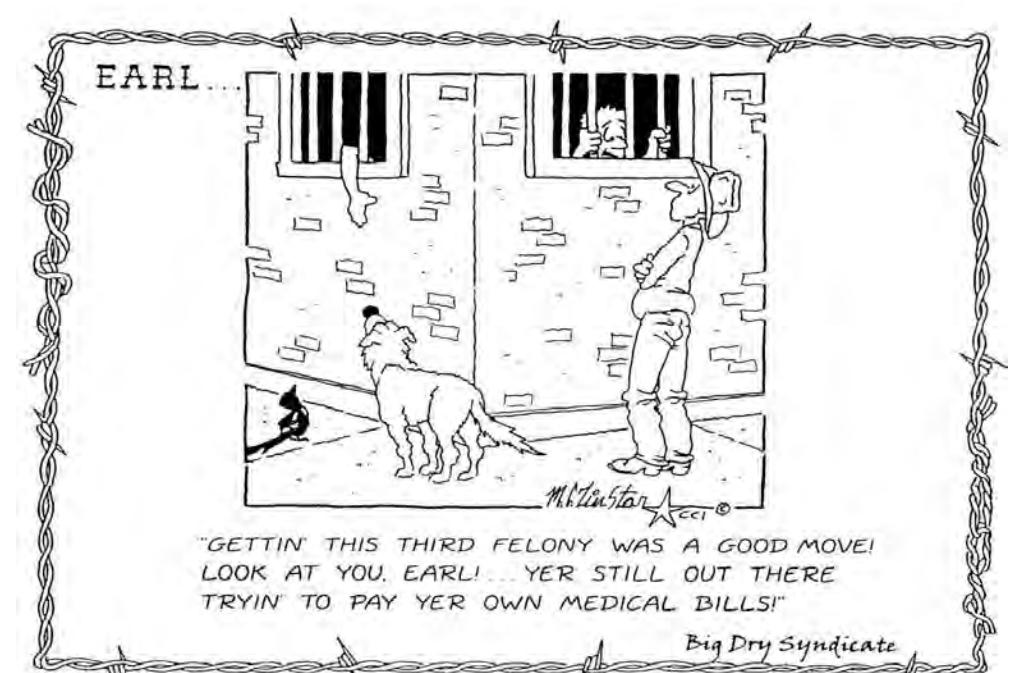
saying that food assistance programs are not important. We have a moral obligation to care for the needy among us, and that should always be a priority.

The American agriculture producer has in recent years been increasingly painted in a very unfavorable light, being blamed for everything from childhood obesity to destroying Planet Earth. Yet they keep planting and harvesting the crops and raising the livestock that feeds our country and the world. But despite our best efforts to "Tell Our Story," it seems to be falling mostly on deaf ears.

One idea I would throw out there is a slight name change. Rather than "farmer" or "rancher," why not call yourselves "food producers?" Those in the medical profession do it – they are now called "health care providers." It connects their vocation with the humans they serve and gives it a personal touch. You are producing the food that Americans consume every single day, so why not say so? Say it proudly... and say it soon. If you don't there are plenty out there with no understanding of agriculture, conservation programs or risk protection that would love nothing more than to depict you as yet another entitlement group.

I understand you're busy and it's sad that public relations is something you have to worry about, when putting plentiful, safe and affordable food on dinner tables around the world should be worthy of respect in and of itself. But that's where we're at right now. There are many loud voices out there disparaging what you have dedicated your life to while filling their stomachs with what you produce.

See what I mean about the irony of it all?



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were shared:

First, everyone we visited called their farms "ranches." None of them raised livestock. In Kansas, to be considered a "rancher," one must raise cattle.

Second, we were exposed to a bulk bag of "California Certified Organic" fertilizer at a vegetable and culinary herb nursery. Theron read the label. It contained "meat and bone meal." Hmmm. We don't know any true vegans, but our assumption is that most of them probably prefer organic produce. Unless the place where they shop posts fertilizer labels to accompany their produce, vegan consumers may be unknowingly eating food fertilized with animal byproducts. Theron mentioned that possibility to a Californian who was on the tour with us.

His response?

"They only eat the fruit off of the plant. They don't eat the plant itself."

Give me a break.

Third, we're grateful to be raising food in Kansas. We all work under federal regulations. However, that's not enough for the state of California. They have their own regulations tacked on to producers' lists of federal regs. Folks, we've got it easy for now. And if we don't keep ourselves informed and proactive, we'll be in the same boat as California producers.

Our trip was eye-opening, to say the least. We always appreciate a fellow farmer or rancher regardless of how or where they raise food. After visiting with California producers and learning about the challenges they face on a daily basis, we have a much greater sense of appreciation for what they do.

Nominations sought for United Sorghum Checkoff Board

The United Sorghum Checkoff Program Board will have four positions become vacant in December 2012, with two of those positions available to Kansas-based sorghum growers. As organizations in Kansas certified to nominate producers to serve on the Board, the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association and Kansas Farm Bureau, collectively, are searching for sorghum producers interested in appointment to

the United Sorghum Checkoff Board. The term for these seats will expire at the Board's winter meeting in December 2015.

In accordance with the program rules, persons interested in being nominated must be a sorghum producer and need to complete and submit USDA's Form AD-755 - Advisory Committee Membership Background Information, and the Nominee's Agreement to Serve form along with a cover letter outlining their interest to serve

on the USCP Board. Application forms may also be accessed on USDA's website at: www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms by selecting the "Sorghum Program."

For consideration for support by the three Kansas Certified Producer Organizations, completed applications must be received at the office of the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission (jill@ksgainsorghum.org), Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association (sschulte@ksgains.com) or the Kansas Farm Bureau (nelsonm@kfb.org) office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 18, 2012.

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Sauce:
15-ounce can tomato sauce
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1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 cup chopped onion
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Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:

RED POTATO SALAD

3 pounds red new potatoes
4 large hard-cooked eggs, peeled & chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped
2 tablespoons minced red onion
1/3 cup white vinegar
3 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 cup canola oil

Cook potatoes until tender. Drain and let potatoes cool. Coarsely chop. Can leave peeling on or take it off. In bowl, combine potatoes, eggs, celery, and onion. In small bowl combine vinegar, relish, salt and pepper, slowly whisk in oil. Drizzle over potato mixture, toss well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

3 tablespoons butter, melted

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with cooking spray. Mix cheese and oregano in medium bowl until well blended. Dip biscuit pieces one at a time into butter then in cheese

Melissa Byrd, Independence, Mo.:

BANANA PUDDING MILK SHAKES

1 large banana, peeled
14 cups whole milk, divided
1 pint French vanilla ice cream, softened
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Whipped cream, optional

In a blender combine banana, milk, ice cream and vanilla. Blend until smooth, stopping occasionally to scrape sides of container. Divide mixture between 2 glasses. Garnish with whipped cream if you want.

Wayne Conger, Tecumseh:

BBQ SAUCE

1 cup ketchup
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1 teaspoon garlic powder
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1 1/2 pounds (6 medium) ripe Chilean nectarines, pitted & cut in eighths. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In the bowl of a food processor, combine flour, 1/4 cup of the sugar, butter, baking powder and salt. Pulse until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Set aside 1 tablespoon of the cream. Add the remaining cream to flour mixture; process until dough starts to form a ball, scraping sides of bowl as needed. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface; gently pat it together. Divide dough into eight 2-inch balls; flatten into rounds; wrap and refrigerate at least 20 minutes. In a shallow 2 1/2-quart baking dish, combine blueberries, nectarines and 3 tablespoons of the sugar. Arrange dough rounds on top. Brush rounds with reserved cream; sprinkle with remaining 1 tablespoon sugar. Bake until the filling bubbles and the topping has browned, about 50 minutes. Serves 8. Serve warm with ice cream, if desired.

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(NAPSA) — Creating a loaf of aromatic artisan bread is indeed a work of art, but it only requires the mastery of some simple tools and techniques.

The tools include a baking stone, a kitchen thermometer, spray bottle, a wire rack and parchment paper.

As for technique, it's important to remember that most artisan dough is very soft and wet—much wetter than traditional yeast dough. As a result, these are not kneaded in the traditional method. Instead, the "kneading" takes place with the stirring and turning of the dough, and the long resting times (during which the dough "microkneads" itself). Gently over time, the shaping process pulls the gluten strands in alignment around the loaf, giving it shape and a firm crust.

SEMOLINA BREAD

Makes 1 bâtarde (oval loaf)
Prep time: 50 minutes

Poolish time: 8+ hours
Rest & rise time: 4 1/2-5 hrs.
Bake time: 20 to 30 minutes

Poolish:
1 cup bread flour
1/2 teaspoon Fleischmann's® RapidRise Yeast
3/4 cup lukewarm (90 to 100 degrees) water
Dough:
1/2 teaspoon Fleischmann's® RapidRise Yeast
3/4 cup lukewarm (90 to 100 degrees) water
Poolish
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
2 cups semolina flour
3/4 cup bread flour
1/4 cup sesame seeds, optional, for topping

To make the Dough: Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water in a large bowl. Stir in Poolish, olive oil and salt until thoroughly blended. Add semolina flour and 1/2 cup of the bread flour. Stir until combined. Dough will be soft and slightly sticky like biscuit dough. Add remaining 1/4 cup bread flour, if necessary. Cover and let rest for 20 minutes.



Turning Dough: Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 2 minutes. Place in a large bowl. Cover and let rest 1 hour. With a slightly wet hand, gently give the dough several turns by sliding the hand down the edge of the bowl, lifting and stretching the dough up

and over the center. Give the bowl a quarter turn and repeat 7 times until you have gone around the bowl twice. Cover and let rest 1 hour. Repeat turning and resting 2 more times for total of 3 hours rising time.

Shaping: Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. With floured hands, gently press to deflate dough. Working with dough on a lightly floured surface with floured hands, pull an edge of the dough from the outside to the center, gently stretching the side of the dough to the center. Give the dough a sixth of a clockwise turn and repeat going around the dough 2 or 3 times, shaping it into a rough ball. Cover and let rest for 20 minutes. For final shaping, working with the seam side up, slightly flatten the dough. Repeat the edge-pulling shaping as above, going around the

ball 1 time. Now fold the far edge toward the center about 1 inch, pressing into the dough under the edge. Repeat folding and pressing several times until almost to near edge. Fold up near edge and pinch to seal. Turn the loaf over and gently roll with hands to an oval about 8 inches long (never use a rolling pin).

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Cultivating a Reputation

Mysterious Dave Mather was one of the strangest characters to inhabit the Old West. He was born into a Puritan family of legendary reputation. Several ancestors were ministers. Increase Mather was famously involved with the Salem witch trials of Massachusetts. Cotton Mather, son of Increase, wrote a notable book on witchcraft entitled, *Wonders of the Invisible World*. Dave's father was a notorious sea captain who was never at home. At the age of seventeen Dave and his fifteen-year-old brother Cy ran away from home. They signed on with a cargo ship bound for New Orleans and began to forge a life that could only be imagined. They fell in with outlaws in Arkansas. They tried their hand at buffalo hunting which brought them to Dodge City in its earliest days before the cattle trade. Cy most likely was with his brother

through thick and thin but it was Dave who garnered most of the attention. There was a curious, sort of mysterious way about Dave and soon the soubriquet of Mysterious Dave stuck.

Dave was said to have an unusual way of testing his sobriety when he was drinking. As was the custom, guns were checked at the saloon. When Dave had sufficiently lubricated himself he would request his gun from the bartender. A short walk brought him to the open saloon door where Dave would take aim at a bell that had been erected on Front Street. A simple shot and a clang from the bell was all it took to convince Mysterious Dave that he was sober, giving him ample reason to continue drinking. When the shot failed to bring about the expected ring from the bell Dave would pay up and head for home.

There was always a cer-

tain amount of luck that followed the Mathers. In May of 1885, Mysterious Dave Mather and his brother Cy were enumerated in the Ford County census, both giving their occupation as "Farmer," showing a side of Mysterious Dave that few historians have recognized but, of course, only adding to his enigmatic reputation.

The infamous gunman may have attempted to settle down to the farm, but even a farmer had to go to town. A trip to Dodge City added one more chapter to the legendary life of Mysterious Dave Mather.

Ford County Sheriff Pat Sughrue noticed a large crowd gathering at the Junction Saloon and was naturally drawn to the festive assembly on Sunday evening, May 10, 1885. The atmosphere was genial and fun-loving. According to the May 14, 1885, Dodge City Times "A large number were playing keno, and Dave Mather and a stranger were playing 'seven up' at a table by themselves. They seemed to be laughing and talking to each other, and I stood

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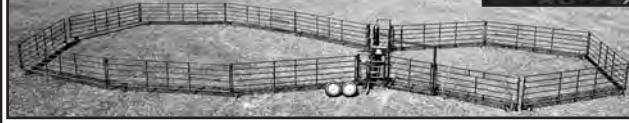
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That didn't stop the shooting. Sheriff Sughrue failed to see who fired the first shots but did look up in time to see Cy Mather fire three shots from near the bar. Sughrue turned to see David Barnes stagger to the doorway and fall to the floor. Mysterious Dave had a slight wound on his forehead. The bullet had just missed its mark and passed through his hat. Sheriff Sughrue testified that upon arresting Mysterious Dave Mather he checked Mather's gun to find that it was, "...fully loaded and no empty shells." Thanks to a steadfast brother, Dave Mather had cheated death in an unusual way which only added to the mysterious reputation that he cultivated as he traveled through life 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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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today confirmed that, as part of its ongoing monitoring of livestock in the United States, an atypical case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) has been detected in a dairy cow in central California. The animal was not presented for slaughter for human consumption, and never posed a risk to the food supply or human health.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is continuing to investigate the case, which was confirmed late Monday, April 23, but preliminary results indicate that this is an atypical case

of BSE. According to USDA Chief Veterinary Officer John Clifford, this indicates that the case is unrelated to consumption of animal feed.

This latest finding will not have any impact on the United States' "controlled risk" BSE classification through the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and should not affect access for U.S. beef products in international markets.

"The most important message is that U.S. beef is safe," said Philip Seng, U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) president and CEO. "We are already reaching out to our trade contacts around the world to reassure them that this finding

is an indication that the system to safeguard the wholesomeness and safety of U.S. beef is working. The U.S. Government is providing this same information through its channels to all of our trading partners."

The United States maintains a vigilant system of interlocking safeguards to protect human and animal health against BSE. Those include the removal of all specified risk materials (SRMs) during processing, USDA's ban on any use of SRMs in both human or ani-

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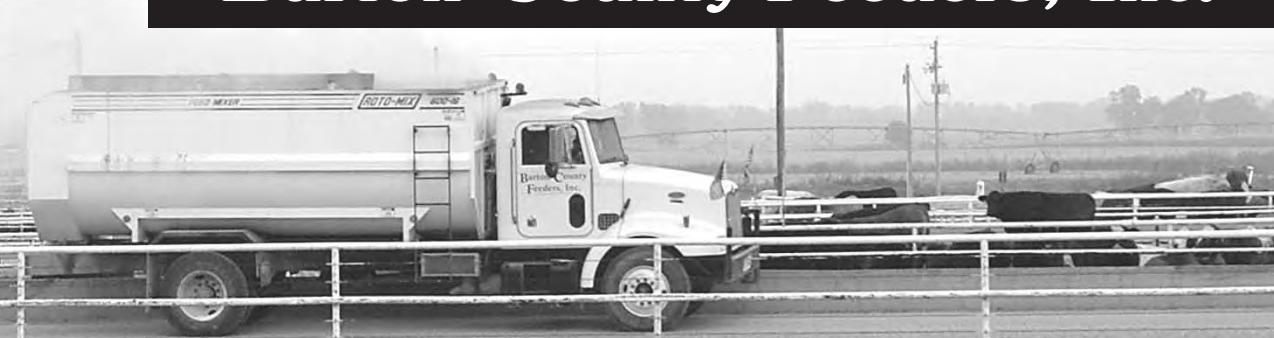
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The Tractor Show was scheduled as an opener for the summer visitor season and to promote support of Ag Heritage Park. The exhibitors and visitors came from 57 various towns from across the state, and four other states were represented. Many of the visitors spent the whole day admiring the old tractors and touring the park's museums. Many of the exhibitors

drove their tractors in a parade through downtown Alta Vista late Saturday afternoon. A two-hour tractor cruise was enjoyed at the end of the day by eight of the exhibitors. Plans are under way for a scheduled parade of tractors for the second annual Spring Crank Up, in conjunction with the Tractor Show, April 2013.

Ag Heritage Park, founded by the late Everett Zimmerman and his wife Hazel, who still maintains the park as well as serving on the Board of Directors, was formed to preserve the historic ag life for reminiscing and educational purposes. The park is a non-profit organization relying on donations for support. Ag Heritage Park will begin weekend hours for the summer on Memorial Day weekend. Individuals or groups may visit the park any time by contacting Hazel at 620-767-2715.



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Homeground & Other Geographies

by Tom Parker

Brave New Culinary World

"That," the man spat in a stentorian tone, one long bony finger stabbing at a placard as if summoning divine retribution, "is sacrilegious." I hardly knew how to respond. For a moment we had an uneasy standoff,

his glare matched eye-to-eye by an amused glint I trusted would translate as humor, not ridicule, while I scrambled to assemble the necessary vowels and consonants to form a cogent reply.

"That's a pretty heavy word for a pastry," I finally said.

He spun on a dime and stalked off, but not without first uttering a nasal snort that left no doubts about his feelings.

LARGE 2-DAY AUCTION

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 4 — 5:30 PM

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GUNS SELLING SATURDAY, MAY 5 — 10:00 AM



Guns viewed day of auction only. Iver Johnson Cycle Works 12 gauge single shot; Remington Model "10" 12 gauge; Remington Model "41" 22 single shot; Mossberg Model "30" 22 single shot; Ammo: 2 boxes 30-30's; 2 boxes 22 LR, 500 each; 3 boxes of .410 6 shot and more.

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I looked down at the placard, a frown furrowing my forehead. It read, in elegant block letters, "Green chile cheese kolaches." There was absolutely nothing about the four words that should have caused anyone any amount of distress. I guess in some circles kolaches aren't to be trifled with.

For all I know, kolaches hold a special place of reverence in the hearts and minds of Czechoslovakians and their descendants. Perhaps, like their red, white and blue flag, kolaches aren't merely a slightly sweet pastry with fruit filling but an iconic representation of customs and culture, of traditions and homelands.

Cuisine sometimes defines a culture, imbues it with a specific sense of place. On the other hand, globalization, with its Mc-

AUCTION



SUNDAY, MAY 6 — 12:30 PM

MORRIS COUNTY 4-H BUILDING, 612 US HWY. 56 — COUNCIL GROVE, KS
DIRECTIONS: 1 mile east of Council Grove on US Hwy. 56. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

FURNITURE

Oak lawyers bookcase 3 section, nice; small oak library table, nice; maple bar & 2 bar stools, nice; ladies brass bound trunk, cedar lined, unique; walnut spool cabinet; maple rocker; Duncan Phyfe walnut 3 tier occasional table; oak wall shelf; mahogany humidor smoke stand; small glass front & side show case; small camel back trunk; several other trunks; oak book case; various wall shelves; oak office chair, nice; walnut plant stand; maple bdr set full size bed with near new pillow top mattress, dresser & chest of drawers; chest on chest & dresser & mirror; oak end table; JVC stereo CD player; TV stand; maple dining table

& 6 chairs; Sony DVD player; small walnut china hutch; 2 Lazy Boy recliners; coffee table; Amana refrigerator.

GLASSWARE, COLLECTIBLES & MISC.

Green Depression sherberts; green gold trim cup; various carnival pcs.; Redwing #4 crock; Redwing #3 butter churn; Fiesta mug; Rosenthal platter & open lace bowl; Bavarian plate, cup & saucer; Hull vase W5-6½ fan vase; various glassware & china pcs.; Fostoria pcs.; large selection of wood milk crates; milk bottles & cream bottles, large selection; milk can; SS milk cans; large collection of butter dishes; vintage beaded purses; large selection of DVD's & CD's; various kitchen items & linens.

COCA COLA ITEMS

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2011-2012 TIGER HOUSE • 3-BEDROOM HOME AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 12 — 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Northeast corner of the Clay Center Community High School, 1630 9th Street in CLAY CENTER, KANSAS.

(Enter off of Prospect Street on the North side of High School.)



This house is the major technology project of the Construction Technology, Drafting Technology, and Ag Structures classes at Clay Center Community High School, under the supervision of Jon Schooley, Mike Beying, David Sislo and Steve Debenham (Supervisor of all electrical work). Construction meets required city building specifications. This house was constructed of good quality materials with excellent workmanship.

DESCRIPTION: Overall the dimensions are 28' x 52', which provides 1,464 sq. ft. of living space. This house has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a utility room, and a great room. The master bedroom has a vaulted ceiling with a walk-in closet. There is a box window in the great room. The great room features a Cathedral ceiling throughout and consists of living and dining areas and a kitchen. The windows are Simonton double-glazed vinyl clad with low E glass. Some are tilt and wash, while others are sliding. One bathroom features a tubular skylight. The house has four ceiling fans along with a whole house attic fan and hard-wired smoke detectors. The baseboard and all door casings are solid oak, which have been milled by students. All exterior doors are thermal insulated and fire rated. The kitchen cabinets are constructed of solid oak with raised panel cathedral doors, slide out bends, and one lazy-susan. These are all made by All Woods Techniques and installed by the students. The bathroom cabinet tops are made of Onyx. The service entry panel is 200 amps and the house is wired with Cat5e and coax cable for computers, phones, and cable TV. Most of the electrical outlets are either tamper proof or ground fault and/or on arc fault breakers. The floor joists are Engineered Truss Joists

that are 9 1/2" x 28 ft. long on 16 inch centers. The exterior is sided with Royal Woodland vinyl and vinyl shakes around the front door area. Both have a transferable Lifetime Guarantee. The exterior is sheathed with 1/2" OSB. The sub floor is 3/4" OSB tongue and groove. The house is fully insulated with 12" R38 fiberglass bat insulation in the Cathedral ceiling area, R38 in the flat attic area with additional insulation on top, 6" R19 fiberglass insulation in the walls and R6 foam board along the rim joist, and all windows and doors had foam sprayed around them to stop air flow. Also, there is insulation for sound between the kitchen-bathroom wall and both walls next to the living room. The bathrooms, utility room and foyer have vinyl flooring. The bedrooms and living room have carpet, and the kitchen and dining area have vinyl plank flooring.

OPEN HOUSE WILL BE Thursday May 10th, 2012 FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M. The house will be sold as exhibited on May 12, 2012 at 10:00A.M. The house must be moved from the present building site by July 31, 2012. Moving the house is the buyer's expense and in accordance with city ordinances.

TERMS OF PURCHASE: Ten percent to the total purchase price and all the sales tax on the total cost of materials must be paid to USD 379 on the day of auction. The balance is to be paid on, or before July 31, 2012, or prior to the removal of the house from the school premises. The sale is subject to school board approval and the buyer must sign a written contract prior to June 1, 2012. Statements made the day of sale take precedence over all printed material.

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Donalds and Wal-Marts, its shopping malls and suburbs, erodes that sense of place through a relentless, inescapable ideal of generic sameness. It's only human nature to strive to retain tradition and culture in an era of implacable attrition, often to the point of elevating customs to a semi-religious status, so perhaps the accusation of heresy was applicable.

"Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are," Anthelme Brillat-Savarin said. That was back in the early 1800s when cuisines hewed more to cultural origins than the modern advent of fusion cooking. What Anthelme would have thought about fusion will never be known, but she had a point. People who limit their diets to meat and potatoes are generally less

adventuresome or open to other experiences than those who mingle Thai flavors with Texas barbecue and Spanish regional dishes. Or, for that matter, who integrate New Mexican chiles with Czechoslovakian pastries.

To me, six months shy of being a native of New Mexico (my family moved from West Texas shortly after I was born), the combination made perfect sense. I didn't consider it the modern equivalent of fusion, but an evolutionary advance. Why else would kolaches—traditional kolaches, that is—have so many fillings? There were cherry kolaches and apricot kolaches, lemon and prune and poppy seed, and others, too, all based on sweet fruits or berries. So why not green chile? After all, it's a fruit.

The kolache incident took place at the first Blue Rapids Czech Festival, held last year. While some traditionalists scoffed, scorned or otherwise impugned the idea of a green chile cheese kolache, others found them delicious. In fact, they were the first to sell out. True, by the time we set them out I had consumed fully half of the small batch we'd experimented with, and the others sold almost at once. One man liked them so much that he suggested I start my own green chile cheese kolache drive-through on the town square. It sounded reasonably intriguing until I realized I'd eat all my profits.

The fact that some people loved them (and wanted more, many more), was encouraging to a relative Kansas newcomer. My experiences with green chile acceptance in our adopted state have been sadly checkered, beginning with the time a nice gentleman at a local diner asked if we wanted "everything" on our burgers.

"Do you have green chile?" I asked.

His look of puzzlement was painful. After a moment of befuddlement, he placed his hands on the counter, leaned over slightly

and asked, "Why would you do that?"

As we ramp up for a second Czech festival, I'm increasing my production of green chile cheese kolaches. Sacrilegious or not, there's a market for the evolutionary, revolutionary pastry that blends sugar and dough with the velvety texture of cream cheese and the piquant heat of fire-roasted Sandia chiles. I've

named it "Czech-Mex," the next new thing in culinary extremes.

This time, though, I'm not taking flak from traditionalists. If they complain about my pastries, I'm going to point to the prune kolaches — prunes, for God's sake — jab an accusing finger and ask in a tone dripping with sarcasm, "Prunes? Why would you do that?"



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KFS agroforestry, water and wildlife field day planned for May 10

Reflecting Kansas landowners' complex and sometimes conflicting modern environment, the Kansas Forest Service has invited a host of partners to assist with a new kind of field day Thursday, May 10.

The program's lofty goal is to help landowners manage their ag operations, resident wildlife and woodlands successfully – while also protecting and improving the water quality of streams and ponds.

The site for the 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. field day is Bob Henderson's 3,000-acre Flat Rock Ranch, about 40 miles south of Emporia and 70 miles east-northeast of Wichita. Its rolling terrain includes native grasslands, savannas, wetlands, 500 acres of cropland, and the woodlands that surround West Creek.

"Those who met Bob Henderson before he retired as K-State's Extension wildlife specialist won't be surprised that he's raising more than beef," said Bob Atchison, KFS rural forestry program coordinator. "He's got a working ranch that also offers tremendous hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching opportunities."

Henderson's location and management have created gradual and varied transitions from one vegetative type to another, Atchison said. Those kinds of transitions increase wildlife habitat quality and diversity, and they'll be an underlying topic for several field day sessions. Quail and deer habitat will get special emphasis.

Using livestock grazing

and controlled fires to restore native grasses will be another focus. Maintaining water quality and aquatic habitat on a working ranch will be a discussion that includes ideas about limiting cattle access to ponds and using alternative watering methods, including solar pumps.

Teaming with KFS foresters to lead the day's educational sessions will be experts from Oklahoma State University, K-State Research and Extension, the Quality Deer Management Association, Oak Grove Fabrication, and the Kansas Rural Center. Frontier Farm Credit personnel will grill the main course at lunch.

Kansans can get additional information or register to attend the field day by calling the Kansas Forest Service (785-532-3300) or emailing Atchison (atchison@ksu.edu). The registration deadline is May 7. A \$10 registration fee will help cover the cost of lunch, refreshments and teaching materials.

The field day brochure is at www.kansasforests.org/calendar/Agroforestry%20Brochure%202012.pdf. It provides driving directions, a full program schedule, the "in case of rain" arrangements, and a complete listing of the sponsors and partners helping the Kansas Forest Service field this event.

"I always recommend that participants wear good walking shoes and a hat if the weather's good. Some of our instructors may want to include up-close, real-life views of what they're talking about," Atchison said. "A portable chair can make this kind of field day more enjoyable, too – although I've heard people say that getting to meet and talk with other producers who have similar interests is one of the things they enjoy most."

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Bison Association angered by misleading media report

The National Bison Association this week expressed anger at untrue statements on two recent national media outlets concerning the crossbreeding of bison and cattle.

"A couple of national stories recently that were otherwise very positive on bison contained untrue statements regarding the mixing of bison and cattle in commercial herds. That is simply untrue. Bison ranchers are dedicated to the integrity of the animal, and the quality of the meat. Our customers expect nothing less," said Dave Carter, executive director of the National Bison Association.

In a report aired on Fox

News last week, journalist Dan Springer noted that there are hundreds of thousands of bison in commercial herds, then added, "But nearly all of the buffalo are bred with cattle and raised as livestock for their meat."

A similar statement was made recently on NBC News. Both statements were made during stories covering the reintroduction of bison from Yellowstone to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana.

Carter noted that the Code of Ethics of the National Bison Association explicitly prohibit members' from crossbreeding bison with other species.

"Our members consider

themselves as stewards of a species that was nearly lost to extinction 120 years ago. The restoration of bison on private lands is one of the brightest chapters in the remarkable restoration of this species," Carter said.

Following the inaccurate news report last week, Carter contacted the Tribal Chair of the Fort Peck Reservation to ask for his support in making sure that journalists receive accurate information about the integrity of animals in private, public and tribal herds.

The issue of cattle genetics in bison stretches back to the "bottleneck" period when the species stood

on the precipice of extinction. The bison in private and public herds today are descendants of the buffalo that were gathered by a few individuals who helped save the species from extinction at the end of the 19th century. Some of those individuals experimented briefly with crossbreeding bison and cattle. The resulting offspring did not display any "hybrid vigor," so those

individuals quickly abandoned the practice. Many bison today still carry small traces of cattle genetics from that period in history.

While many ranchers today are testing their herds to selectively remove those traces, they are also careful not to eliminate important bison genetics that survived the bottleneck of near-extinction in the late 1800s.

Carter noted that private, public and tribal herds are all important elements of the restoration of bison over the past century. The National Bison Association is currently working with the Wildlife Conservation Society and the Intertribal Buffalo Council on new initiatives to highlight the success of those restoration efforts.

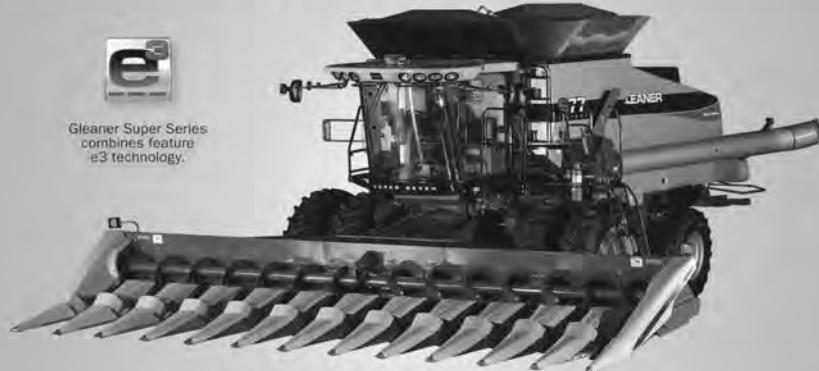
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May 1 — Acreage & home in Chase County for Monti Pickrell. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 1 — Pottawatomie County horse property at St. George for Jeanne M. O'Neal. Auctioneers: 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 Kickhafer, Bob's Auction Service.

May 5 — Antiques & collectibles, household & tools at Belleville for Anthony A. & Alice A. Seaman Irrevocable Living Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 5 — Vehicles, marine, coins, guns, beer

sign/decanter, 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 — Consignments at Little River for Little River Congregational Church. Auctioneer: Bill Oswalt.

May 5 — Vehicles, farm equipment, shop & household at Walton for Kasitz Family. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

May 5 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Margaret S. Sunstrom & Others. Auctioneers: Brown

Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

May 5 — 1500 piece of glassware at Manhattan for Helen Jones Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 5 — Books, old printing items, collectibles at Osage City for Arlo Bell. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

May 5 — Commercial building, equipment, trailers, boat, tools at Marion. Auctioneers: Lepke Realty & Auction.

May 5 — Antiques & collectibles at Marysville for Wayne & Donna Whitesell. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

May 5 — Tractors, trailers, hay equip. & misc. machinery, pickup & camper, horse tack & livestock equip., shop equipment at Netawaka for Neva & the late Morris Douglas. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

May 5 — Real estate & personal property at Manhattan for Sara Guillen Estate. Auctioneers: 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 — Lawn & garden, tools, handicap items, furniture, collectibles & misc. at Lawrence for

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 May 6 — Furniture, glassware, collectibles, misc., Coca Cola items, lawn tractor at Council Grove for Mary Moylan Estate & Another Seller. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.
 May 6 — Atlantic Mobile home, Winnebago motor home, appliances, furniture, household, mowers & more at Leonardville for Bodenhamer Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
 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 8 — Collectibles, household, tools & other at Salina for Wally Schnepf. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 May 9 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, trailers, haying equip., wheel loaders, skidsteer online (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.
 May 10 — Tools, furniture, misc. at St. George for Delmer Toburen. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.
 May 10 — Gray County native grass & Cropland at Cimarron for Renick Farms. Auctioneers: 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 & Shirley Taylor. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.
 May 12 — Marshall County acreage/land at Marysville for Dennis Gallagher & Lori Stohs (late Bob Stohs). Auctioneers: Donald Prell Realty & Auction.
 May 12 — Tractors, combine, farm machinery, shop equipment & farm related items near Moundridge for Howard & Wanda Knight. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.
 May 12 — Furniture, glass, collectibles, dolls, advertising & more at Manhattan for Alvin (Deak) & Edna Williams. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
 May 12 — Antiques, collectibles at Basehor for Ma's Country Antiques. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service.
 May 12 — Tractors, machinery, trucks, trailers, boats S. of Garnett for Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Jackson. Auctioneers: Edgecomb Auctions.
 May 12 — Antique furniture, glassware, old tools, advertising items, guns, WWI & WWII collectibles at Topeka. Auctioneers: Whitmore Thunderwood Auction.
 May 12 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture & misc. at Abilene for Elizabeth Storer. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction.
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 May 12 — Silver coins, silver tea set, household, collectibles & jewelry at Herington for Geneva Auction.
 May 12 — House & detached garage at Wheaton for Winona Matzke

Estate. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.
 May 12 — Antique tractors, garden tractors, antique tractor parts, utility cart, guns, trailers, farm equip. & tools, antiques & collectibles at Tonganoxie. Auctioneers: Sebree Auction, LLC.
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 May 12 — House, real estate, personal property, tools, household at Alma for Jess Greenburg. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty Service.
 May 12 — Farm equipment & real estate at Maple Hill for C.F. (Buck) & Alta Hewes. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.
 May 12 — Labette County land at Oswego for Jerry Rickmeyer & Family. Auctioneers: Chesnutt & Chesnutt.
 May 12 — 2011-2012 Clay Center High School 3-bedroom 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 — Saline County pasture & crop acreage at Brookville for Watters Heirs. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.
 May 17 — Real estate at Lawrence for Wauk-A-Way Farms & WW Wempe Estate. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates.
 May 18 — Silver coins, silver tea set, household, collectibles & jewelry at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes Auction.
 November 3 — 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.
 January 1, 2013 — Harley Gerdes 28th annual New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

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 Thurman. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.
 May 26 — 30-acre Ranchette at Hillsboro for Kaylene Unruh. Auctioneers: Lepke Realty & Auction.
 May 28 — 19th annual Memorial Day auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.
 May 29 — Woodson County Acreage at Yates Center. Auctioneers: Farms National Company.
 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.
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Industry organizations reassuring the public that beef is safe

The Kansas Beef Council (KBC), National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and other industry stakeholder groups are emphasizing the message that beef is safe in light of USDA's announcement on April 24 that a bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) case was detected through testing of a central California cow. The organizations are pointing out the system worked, as the animal was prevented from entering the food chain.

NCBA has contacted international trading partners to reassure them beef is safe. Information also has been provided to help the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative engage trading partners with positive information about the safety of U.S. beef. USDA chief veterinary Officer John Clifford said the California case "in no way affects the United States' BSE status as determined by the OIE (World Organization for Animal Health)" and therefore should not affect U.S. trade.

KBC has armed Beef Advocate Network members with the facts about BSE and this specific case. In addition to KBC's social media efforts, more than 3,000 Masters of Beef Advocacy graduates have been activated to distribute factual information about beef safety through Facebook, Twitter, You-Tube, Pinterest and other social media sites. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service also is connecting with consumers to provide information via Twitter. The Kansas Department of Agriculture is encouraging the use of social media to support the beef and dairy industries with positive food safety information. Kansas State University is providing third-party experts to answer questions from local and national media. KBC also has made contact with retail and foodservice partners. A complete summary of BSE facts can be found at www.BSEinfo.org.

The U.S. has longstanding BSE safeguards in place to protect animal and human health. The Food and Drug Administration bans ruminant material in livestock feed to prevent spread of the disease. Nonambulatory animals are not allowed to enter the human food chain. USDA bans specified risk materials, or tissues potentially carrying the BSE agent, from the food supply.

This is only the fourth case of BSE in the U.S. since the first was discovered in December 2003. USDA reports there were only 29 cases worldwide in 2011, a 99% decline from the peak in 1992. This is directly attributed to the impact and effectiveness of ruminant feed bans to control the disease. The California case is considered atypical, a very rare form of the disease not generally associated with animals consuming infected feed.

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 Inspection Friday, May 4, 5-7 PM. ESTIMATING 6,000+/- books. Some small collectibles & antiques.
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

The Veterinarian's Husband

Normally when I get a letter or e-mail from someone who has "seen themselves" in my column, I write back, apologize, swear I'll try to do better, and promise, as a penance, to bathe their Pekingese. This does not include animal rights loonies, the Association for Political Correctness, or the ACLU drum bangers.

So imagine my surprise when I received a card from a woman veterinarian who had married a rancher. It was in response to my column about lady vets marrying cowboys. A perfect match, I had pointed out; while she's out earning their bread, he feeds her hors-

es, cleans the stalls, drinks beer and team ropes every afternoon with his buddies.

Brenda explained her case. Her rancher/husband/cowboy's expectations were dashed... "the cobbler's children have no shoe polish," she malaproped.

She has a busy practice, aka: a job-in-town, which is a prerequisite to a successful cowboy marriage. She gets home after a day's work and he's been plotting all the veterinary services needed on his own stock.

"Honey," he says, "One of our cows doesn't seem right. She's honkin' like a goose, her eyes are buggin' out, and she just

stands around the water trough."

"She'll be fine," she says, "probably just an allergy, I've got another call in Belen in thirty minutes! I haven't got time now."

"Sweetie, my good ropin' horse is off his feed and he's favoring his left leg when I take my dallies, could you..."

"George, I have to take little George to the dentist and then to soccer, maybe tomorrow, or the next..."

Brenda says his stuff always comes last. Plus, his help is regularly enlisted on house calls where Hubby winds up having to restrain, rope, capture, hold up, hold down, wrestle, twitch and/or ear down all manner of uncooperative beasts, from little girls' obstinate backyard horses to llama wrangling.

Ah, the life of a veteri-

narian's husband isn't all just peaches and cream. He often has to fix his own dinner, which he really doesn't mind. But he approaches the refrigerator with trepidation since that evening when he thawed out a piece of steak and fried it for himself. She had told him not to wait for her because she'd be late. Next morning she was hunting through the freezer for a sample she had labeled, "possible tissue damage from Hypoderma lineatum, send to lab."

"Honey," she said, "did you see a..." then glimpsed in the trash can her writing on a big baggie.

"What?" he asked.

"Oh, nothing," she said, "I'm pretty sure it was a necrotizing cattle grub anyway."



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