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By Meghan Mueseler,  
Wichita

Ladies and gents, I think I may have gone overboard! No, really! This past weekend my parents came down to help me plant my garden(s). Yes, my friends I have multiple gardens and now multiple 'crops' to take care of.

I have already been blessed with harvesting a crop of lettuce and spinach into which I made wilted lettuce like my grandpa used to make. Nothing says "spring has arrived" like pouring hot bacon grease dressing over lettuce. I'd like to think my grandpa would have been proud!

Any of you ladies out there have an addiction to Pinterest? Well, I am think-

ing about joining a Pinterest Anonymous group, but that is a discussion for another article. One of my gardens is an old Weber grill that I took all the 'guts' out of and transformed into my own little herb garden.

Another Pinterest inspired project, a pallet garden, is now home to a wonderful array of flowers! I have to admit that the blog I pulled this project from made it seem a lot easier, but nevertheless a very cool project!

I will warn you to never send my dad and I out together to buy 'plants' for a garden. We came home with multiple tomato plants, a couple, no make that a few pepper plants, a butternut squash plant, and an egg-

plant. Oh and my new 'specialty' crop is popcorn. My dad will be trying to grow peanuts in his garden this year. We'll keep you posted! My little raised garden also contains a couple zucchini and cucumber plants that I was able to successfully grow from seeds.

Yes, I get pretty excited about gardening. I remember growing up on the farm having what felt like was an acre of land to garden on. I was that kid who would go out to the garden to pick a tomato and not even make it back to the house before I bit into it. Now like many of you, I wait and pray that the rains and the heat comes at the right times so that we can harvest a bountiful crop.



Did you ever have a tiger laugh at you or a chimp mock you? That is how I felt last week, as I went through the Manhattan Zoo. I think the animals were glad they were safely behind the glass and enclosures rather than out in the open with the dangerous animals like I was. This week I went with my daughter on her last field trip of her elementary school career. We had a little rain a couple of days earlier that made the decision a bit more guilt-free but the reality was that we had plenty of things that could be done. However, I decided I wanted to soak up one last field trip as a parent.

Why the sudden interest in field trips? Every once in a while I get a jolt that reminds me of what is important. What was that trigger? Maybe it was the events of the week or all the graduation announcements and wedding invitations we received in the mail. In any case, it was a reminder that nothing ever stays the same and that we need to cherish the time we have right now.

It seems like just last week we were packing a diaper bag and loading car seats into the car. Only yesterday I was coaching t-ball and helping the kids with their bucket calves. Suddenly my oldest is a licensed driver and my youngest is done with field trips. I can only imagine how fast the next few years will go, and I don't want to miss anything. Soon I will be the one mailing out graduation announcements and wedding invitations.

When my children were born I promised them and I promised myself that I wouldn't let life make me miss their events. Well, it was a nice thought, but probably not very realistic. Being an adult involves tough decisions and the reality that you can't be everywhere or do everything. The kids understand that Dad is a farmer and that there are times I just cannot attend their events no matter how bad I might want to.

Crops need planting, cows need calving and hay needs baling at a certain time and those deadlines are not flexible. However, there are a lot of things that do allow me the flexibility to attend games, recitals, school programs and, up until last

week, field trips. Too often we fall into the trap of being "too busy" when often the things we are too busy for will wait until later.

Often I find myself feeling comfortable with my life. I trick myself into thinking my children will remain the same age and the people in my life will always be around. I fall into the trap that the "here and now" will be the "here forever". The fact of the matter, is that the time we are living in right now will be past us in a blink of an eye. Nothing is constant in this life, except for change.

Times like this make me realize how lucky I am. Oh sure, I whine about being busy and complain about how hectic it all is. But in the final analysis, I am so lucky to be involved in a family business where I work with my family every day, a business where I have freedom to make my own decisions. I am lucky to live in a community where we all care for each other, know our neighbors and have the opportunity to spend time with my kids and their friends.

I have talked to my friends who have older kids and I know this time will be gone in a flash and the extra time will leave me wondering how the years went by so fast. I also know that life can change in a flash, and I don't want to regret anything I might not have done. Every day, every event and every moment is a blessing and one that we need to stop and enjoy. I am sorry if this column is too sappy, but once in a while we need to be reminded how good our life is, how fast it flies by and how lucky we are for each day.

The aforementioned events and notices of last week made me realize that we need to take advantage of each day we are given. Even if that day includes driving three loud, foul-smelling boys home from baseball practice with the radio blaring. We need to go on field trips with three rowdy girls who insist on screaming and running through the zoo, disturbing the peace of the residents. So Mr. Tiger, laugh all you want to, mock me if you want Ms. Chimp, I will take my chances with the dangerous animals on the outside of the glass. I wouldn't trade these moments for anything.

## Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

My husband and I are having a mowing crisis. Actually, if you ask him, it wouldn't be a crisis if I would just leave him alone and let him mow. Instead I have this annoying (in his opinion) habit of wanting to do it myself. I even bought a used riding mower last summer so that I could just turn the key and mow to my heart's content without having to bother him.

"I love to mow," I told him. "It relaxes me."

"Yes, but however much relaxation you get from mowing, it causes me ten times that much stress," he replied. "I don't need any more stress in my life."

I think his distrust of my mowing abilities harkens back to the days before our oldest son was old

enough to drive and I had to get us in and out of the pasture for chores every day when he was gone on the road. We had three chore trucks available to us and during the muddy spring season, I had usually managed to get them all stuck each week by the time he got home. He would spend the weekends pulling them out, bringing them home and hauling rock to the spot in the pasture road that always spelled my demise. I've never seen a man so relieved as when our son was able to take the wheel and I just rode along for moral support.

He's convinced that in my hands, a lawn mower becomes akin to a Bradley tank, with infinite potential for property damage, personal injury and even a

possible threat to national security. And don't even get him started on the weed eater. He's pretty sure that all of mankind would face mortal danger if I were to use that.

So, in order to avoid face-to-face confrontation with me about it each week, he simply mows while I am at work or otherwise occupied off the premises. This observation should in no way be construed as a complaint - I'm thrilled that the lawn gets mowed, even if I don't get to be an active participant. But I do feel inclined to point out that his yard work is not without incident, either. One morning as he mowed, the deck just fell off the mower. It was a quick fix, but still I found a certain amount of comfort in the fact that those kinds of things can happen to anybody and I don't have a corner on the market of mishaps.

But the brightest jewel in my crown of vindication came the other day when I returned home and found him sitting on the couch with a look on his face that was a mixture of forlorn, sheepish and irritated.

"What's wrong?" I asked. It was obvious he really didn't want to tell me.

"I knocked a chunk out of the siding on the front of the house," he said.

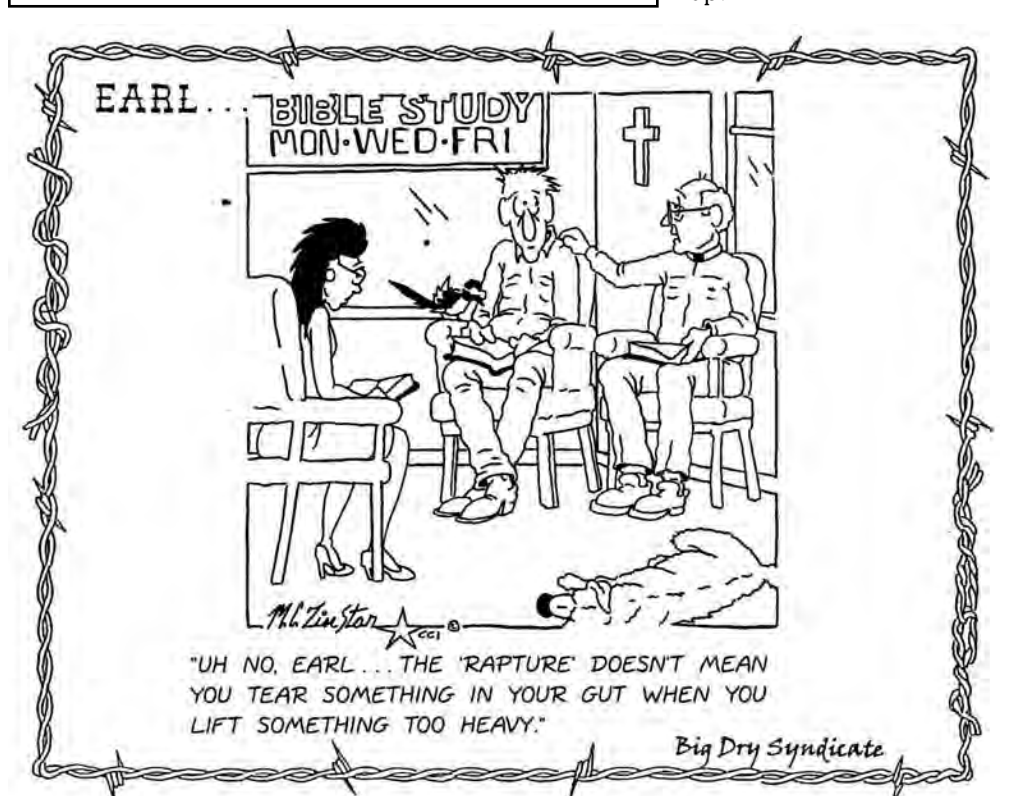
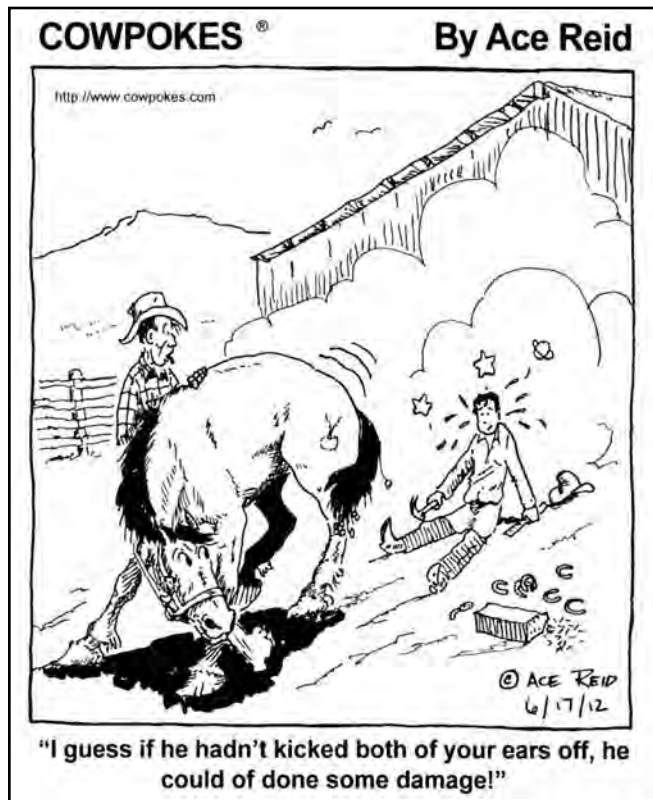
"With what??"

"The weed eater."

Mature adult that I am, I resisted the urge to laugh, gloat or thrust my fist in the air, yelling "Boo-Yah!!"

I just patted him on the arm and lovingly said, "I'm really glad that happened to you and not me." Then I sat down to write about it for everyone to read.

Hey, I said I'm mature, not stupid. I'm also an opportunist, and this one was just too good to pass up.



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## Kansas high school FFA chapters compete in “Come Alive Outside Challenge”

The “Come Alive Outside Challenge,” sponsored by John Deere and presented by JP Horizons, was a special opportunity for Kansas high school FFA students and their Kansas State University mentors to work together to create and implement an initiative that helped others in their community “Come Alive Outside.” These students utilized their leadership, communication, and organizational skills to facilitate these projects. Skills developed through FFA participation.

Since being introduced to the “Come Alive Outside” movement, nine Kansas High School FFA chapters accepted the challenge; Centre, Chapman, Ell-Saline, Louisburg, Newton, Rock Creek, Solomon, Southern Coffey, and Uniontown. Students and their KSU mentors developed a “Come Alive Outside” event and as part of the challenge, each chapter created a video demonstrating their creativity and how their projects impacted their communities. These videos were posted on [www.comealiveoutside.com](http://www.comealiveoutside.com) for voting. The voting, which began May 11 and ends May 22, will help determine which FFA chapter and Kansas State University mentor will receive scholarships from John Deere.

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## Cattle inventories

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2012 census just five counties did so, those being Sheridan, Scott, Lane, Grant and Haskell. Conversely, only four counties had losses of more than 5,000 head last year while this year the total is thirteen counties. Haskell County had the biggest gain, with 25,000 head and Ford County had the biggest loss with 15,000 head, followed by Butler and Gray at 10,000 head lost.

Pottawatomie County led the state in beef cow inventories with 27,500 head followed closely by Labette with 27,000, Marion with 25,500, and Jackson, Phillips and Washington with 25,000 each.

The all cattle on feed category was dominated by Haskell County with a record 350,000 head with Scott County a distant second with 235,000 head. Gray County came in third with 180,000 head and Finney and Grant counties tied for fourth with 175,000 head each.

## The KASS top 25 counties for cattle

1. Haskell 415,000
2. Scott 265,000
3. Finney 255,000
4. Gray 255,000
5. Grant 195,000
6. Ford 155,000
7. Wichita 135,000
8. Seward 125,000
9. (tie) Butler 105,000
9. (tie) Hamilton 105,000
9. (tie) Sheridan 105,000
12. Barton 100,000
13. Pawnee 85,000
14. Hodgeman 80,000
15. Reno 76,000
16. (tie) Lane 73,000
16. (tie) Marion 73,000
18. (tie) Dickinson 72,000
18. (tie) Labette 72,000
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Location of Auction: This house is located at Chapman High School

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five ceiling fans. The bedroom and bathroom interior doors are hollow core masonite. The baseboard and all door casing are solid oak. Exterior doors are all metal entry doors. The kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities, also constructed by Mr. Wendel's classes, are made of oak with five piece panel doors. Kitchen countertops have plastic laminate tops edged with solid oak and the bathroom countertops have onyx tops.

**OPEN FOR INSPECTION: 8 am - 4 pm Monday thru Friday until auction day. Call for Questions or a tour at Chapman High School 785 922-6561 or USD 473 785 922-6521.**

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- 2 packages prepared pie dough

- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- BBQ sauce for dipping

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a baking pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. In a medium mixing bowl, combine BBQ, onion, minced pickles and cheese. Roll out pie dough and cut into circles using a 3-inch biscuit cutter. Brush egg wash around edges of each circle. Place a scant tablespoon of BBQ mixture in center of each circle. Carefully fold over the circle to form a semicircle. Crimp the edges with a fork; place on prepared baking pan. Brush tops of empanadas with egg wash and bake for 22 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with your favorite BBQ sauce for dipping. Serves 8.



## Layered BBQ Salad

- 3 cups Byron's BBQ, warmed according to package directions
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- 2 cups colorful coleslaw
- 10-ounce bag frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
- 2 cups green bell pepper, diced
- Pickled okra for garnish

Heat baked beans on the stove on medium heat until warm, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. In the bottom of a serving dish, layer heated baked beans. Place an even layer of corn kernels, followed by a layer of green bell peppers. Place an even layer of BBQ on top of the bell peppers, followed by coleslaw. Place pickled okra on top for garnish. Serves 8.



## What will we leave behind?

By Lou Ann Thomas

One of the most touching and meaningful moments in clearing out my parents' home was running across a box of old letters. Seeing my grandfather's fancy handwriting and discovering what letters and cards my mother saved feels like having them back with me again.

Growing up I wrote a lot of letters. I had pen pals in France and England with whom I corresponded with weekly, and I wrote friends whom lived in other towns. When a letter came for me, I tore into the hand-lettered envelope as fast as I could and savored every word.

These days I am more likely to pound out a quick e-mail or grab my cell phone for a call, most likely while doing something else. Nothing wrong with multitasking, but, as I recall,

when we wrote letters we were completely focused on what we were saying and on the person to whom we were writing. It was an exchange that required an investment, both in time and presence. Maybe that's why receiving such a missive meant enough that we would carefully tuck some letters into a shoe box for safekeeping.

There are still times I intend to write a note or newsy letter, but I put it off until enough time has passed that I end up sending a quick email or some other electronic message. I

doubt I'm alone in this because I can't tell you how long it has been since I received a newsy missive from a friend in the mail. But since I rarely print and keep e-mails those who come after me won't have much insight into who I was in this lifetime - except for maybe the realization that I had a tendency to be easily distracted.

Our communications and interactions with each other have become fleeting. Exchanges with my friends are no longer something I can tie a ribbon around and leave for future generations to discover.

Wanting to leave some hint behind as to how my life unfolded and who and what was important to me, I too will tuck a shoebox in among things for my heirs to find. Inside the box I'll carefully place my computer passwords, a list of my good intentions and a handwritten apology for not following through on them.

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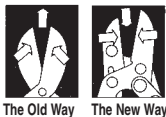
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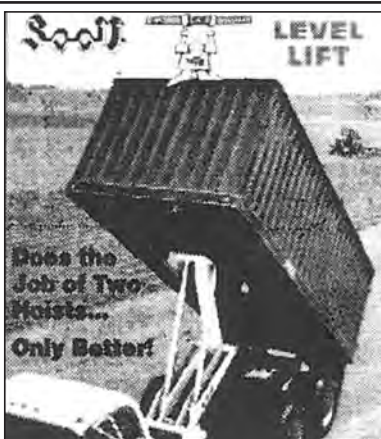
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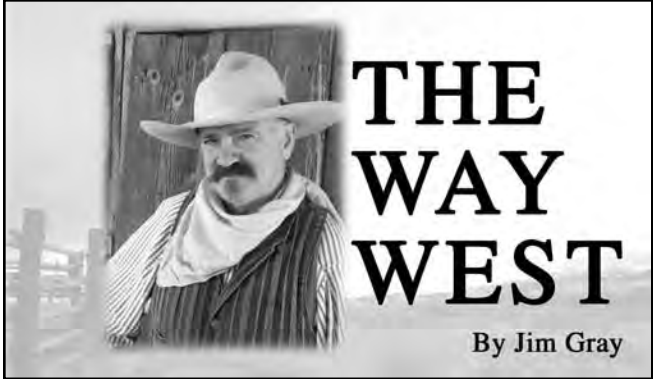
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### Kit Carson's First Fight

Colonel Henry Inman wrote several books about the American West. He had experienced a great deal of it himself. At the close of the Civil War Inman served as quartermaster at Fort Union, New Mexico, where he met and enjoyed the company of Kit Carson, one of America's most famous western figures. Carson was introduced to the rigors of trail life in 1826. He was seventeen. The Santa Fe Trail had been traced five years earlier by William Becknell. Carson joined an expedition to the Rocky Mountains organized by Ceran St. Vrain, a prominent fur trader of the time. Forty-two men set out with twenty-six mule wagons and some loose stock from Fort Osage, a post on the Missouri River. Carson was hired to drive the loose stock, hunt, stand guard, and make himself useful wherever needed. Inman portrayed the route over the Great Plains as "solitary and desolate beyond the power of description." The wagons reached the Arkansas River some two hundred and eighty miles southeast of Fort Osage. The Arkansas bore

little resemblance to the watercourse we know today. The river flowed along the "torturous windings of its treeless banks with a placidness that was awful in its very silence." Arrival at the Arkansas River also brought a heightened sense of awareness. They were entering the heart of Indian country. Wagon trains, especially mule trains, were particularly tempting for young braves interested in gaining wealth and status in the tribe, for mules were a prized possession on the plains. A journey of seven miles along the Arkansas River brought the mule train to Walnut Creek where the wagons were circled for an overnight camp. A band of Pawnee warriors attempted to stampede the mules but the vigilant muleskinners repelled the attack with a few well placed rifle shots. Another day's travel brought the mule train to a "tower of stone" so high that its shadow cast across the trail. This "sentinel of the plains" was named for the most formidable tribe on the plains during the early years of Santa Fe

Trade. According to Inman "...freighters and trappers rarely escaped a skirmish with them" when passing through the prairie that stretched out for miles either side of Pawnee Rock. The mule train went into camp about two hundred yards from the rock. Guards were placed at the top of the rock and on prominent points on either side. Kit Carson was posted immediately south of the rock within sight of the wagons. At about eleven o'clock one of the guards sounded the alarm with a sharp "Indians!" He urgently gathered the mules grazing nearby and drove them into the "corral" within the circled wagons. The entire company of muleskinners responded with rifles at the ready. Suddenly the report of a rifle was heard "ringing on the cool night air." The men gathered at the opening of the corral. Every eye scanned the outline of Pawnee Rock for the meaning of the single shot. Out of the darkness the form of a man came into view running for the wagons. Colonel St. Vrain recognized young Kit Carson and called out to ask if he had seen any Indians. Carson quickly replied that he had shot one. "I saw him fall!" The Indians seemed to have felt Kit's sting. There was no further disturbance and everyone returned to bed. Carson was sent back to his post south of the rock. Everyone in camp woke up early, anxious to see Carson's dead Indian. As soon as light allowed, the whole entourage marched to the point of Carson's post, but

as they searched in the direction that the young hero had fired his fateful shot they discovered a mule shot right through the head. To add insult to injury the mule was the animal assigned as Carson's riding mule. It was a long time before the seasoned muleskinners ceased harassing Carson about his midnight raid on his own mule. By the time Inman

heard the story Kit Carson had become the most famous person in the West. But Carson always told the "balance of the story" by explaining that he had not slept since the Pawnee raid on their mules the night before. His mule was lying down in the nearby grass. While on guard he fell asleep and when the alarm of "Indians!" was given he was startled by something rising out of the

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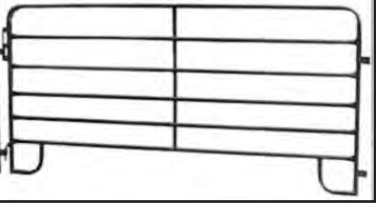
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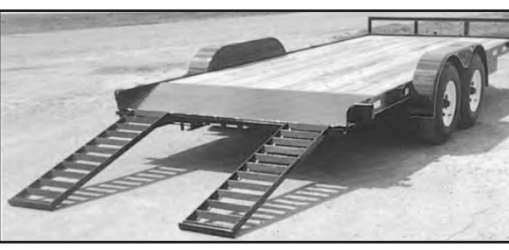
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The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and Angus Foundation are pleased to again provide NJAA members who have completed the ninth grade with an opportunity to gain experience in the areas of communication, business, writing and photography. This year marks the fifth year for The Scoop, an annual electronic publication produced by NJAA members, who work as a team to create stories and artwork with the help of top communication professionals.

In addition to gaining experience, The Scoop provides networking opportunities between other juniors and industry leaders. After participating on The Scoop staff, hopefully junior members will be prepared to pursue majors and careers in photography, communications, marketing, advertising or public relations.

Junior members who participate in The Scoop often conduct interviews and write stories about events at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) or other topics in the beef industry. For those who prefer the artistic side of the publication, there are opportunities to assist with contributing photos or artwork, as well

as assisting with the layout. The Scoop staff meets at 2 p.m. Monday through Friday during the 2012 NJAS in Louisville, Ky., but the opportunity is also available to members who do not plan to attend the show.

Robin Ruff, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association®, says often junior members might have a difficult time fully understanding articles written by agricultural industry experts, but in having other juniors write about important topics industry,

they are able to understand what adult Angus breeders are talking about.

"By participating in The Scoop, juniors are able to learn more about the NJAA and interact closely with fellow junior staff members of a similar age," Ruff says. "If juniors have an interest in photography, communications, marketing, advertising or public relations, I encourage them to sign up for The Scoop experience and learn more about working in a real-world communications setting, while helping tell the stories that make the NJAA and NJAS so great."

The application is available online at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info) or [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org). Applications should be postmarked by June 25, 2012, or sent electronically to Katie Allen, Angus Foundation Marketing and Public Relations Assistant, at 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506 or [kallen@angusfoundation.org](mailto:kallen@angusfoundation.org). Juniors who apply will be notified of their status on the staff prior to the NJAS.

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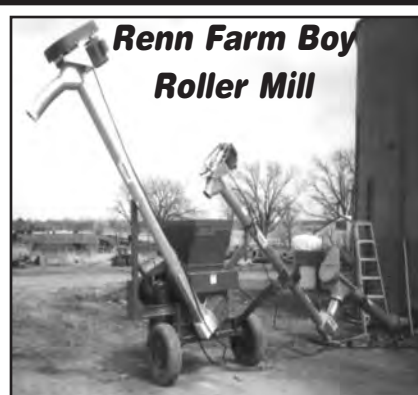
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Phillips	42,000	-2,000
Smith	32,500	-1,000
Jewell	35,000	-1,500
Republic	42,000	-2,500
Washington	67,000	-4,000
Marshall	54,000	-3,000
Nemaha	59,000	+2,000
Brown	26,000	-1,000
Doniphan	13,400	-400
Sherman	32,500	-1,500
Thomas	56,000	-3,000
Sheridan	105,000	+7,000
Graham	26,500	-1,000
Rooks	56,000	-3,000
Osborne	22,500	-1,000
Mitchell	39,500	-2,500
Cloud	29,500	-1,500
Clay	31,000	-1,500
Ottawa	43,000	-2,500
Lincoln	42,500	+0
Saline	33,000	+1,000
McPherson	52,000	+1,000
Rice	53,000	-1,000
Ellsworth	26,500	+1,000
Russell	26,000	+0
Ellis	59,000	+1,000
Trego	19,100	-900
Gove	66,000	-7,000
Wallace	22,500	-1,000
Logan	21,500	-1,500
Wichita	135,000	no count last year
Scott	265,000	+5,000
Lane	73,000	+10,000
Ness	29,500	-1,500
Rush	29,500	+1,000
Barton	100,000	+0
Pawnee	85,000	-5,000
Edwards	65,000	-6,000
Kiowa	23,000	-2,000
Barber	56,000	-3,000
Comanche	44,500	-3,500
Harper	51,000	-2,000
Sumner	34,500	-2,500
Cowley	52,000	-2,000
Chautauqua	35,000	-1,500
Montgomery	31,500	-1,500
Labette	72,000	+0
Cherokee	32,000	-1,500
Crawford	50,000	-3,000
Neosho	52,000	-2,000
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Wilson	28,000	-1,000
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Coffey	40,500	-2,500
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Johnson	11,500	-1,500
Douglas	18,000	-3,000
Osage	30,500	-3,500
Lyons	61,000	-4,000
Chase	50,000	-3,000
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Marion	73,000	+1,000
Butler	105,000	-10,000
Greenwood	57,000	-3,000
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This map illustrates where the large populations of cattle are located according to the Kansas Agriculture Statistics Services' latest report on County Cattle Counts.

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# Looks can tell in beef cattle — why some apples fall farther from the tree

By Miranda Reiman

"Boy, if he isn't a spitting image of his grandpa!" You've likely heard similar references before and they make this concept easy to grasp: Just like people, cattle don't inherit genes equally.

"Because of random assortment and recombination, or crossover events during the sperm or egg cell formation, they can get an unequal proportion of genetic material from their grandparents," says Bob Weaber, Kansas State University

animal scientists. Thus, an animal might favor its maternal grandfather and look nothing like the paternal one—which matters in cattle herds where sires vary greatly for economically important traits.

That's just Mother Nature's mechanism for maintaining genetic diversity in the population. "But from a geneticist's perspective," Weaber says, "we're trying to figure out: Did they get a good assortment of genes or a bad assortment of genes from their parents?"

The question is especially relevant in explaining variation in composite cattle breeds and herds.

More than a decade ago, Colorado State University professor Daryl Tatum noticed that variability when looking over the King Ranch's Santa Gertrudis bulls.

"They all were the same percentage of Brahman and Shorthorn breeding, but there was everything from what looked like straight Shorthorn to ones that looked like a big, old red-

colored Brahman," he says. "If the genes segregated so differently in these populations to where they looked so much different, does it mean their meat quality was different as well?"

So, the curious meat scientist studied it.

Steers of known geno-

type, either a quarter Brahman and three-quarters Hereford or half-and-half, were scored based on appearance to estimate their percentages of each breed.

"We had some all over the spectrum based on phenotype," Tatum says. The breed estimates for quarter-

blood Brahmans came in anywhere from no Brahman influence to 9/16. Looking at the half-bloods, estimates ranged from a quarter to 13/16 Brahman.

"They were highly variable in appearance and we

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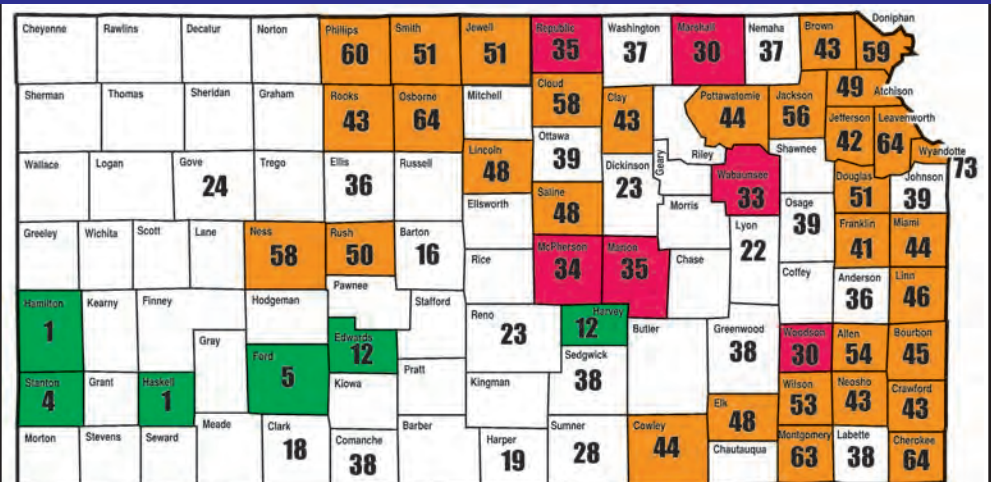


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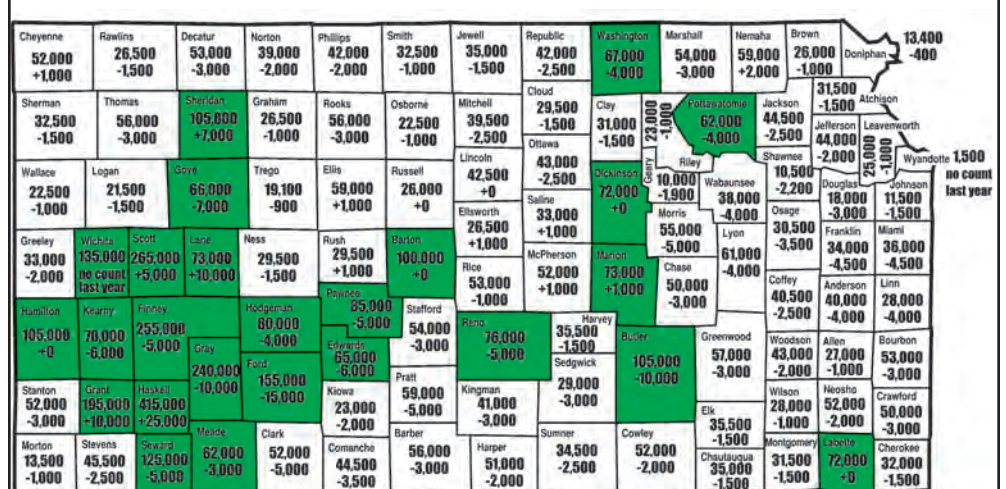
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## Cattle Inventory 2012



This map indicates the location of beef animals across Kansas as of Jan. 1, 2012. The second number denotes the change from the previous year's report. The top 25 counties are shaded for easier identification. (Source: Kansas Ag Statistics Service)

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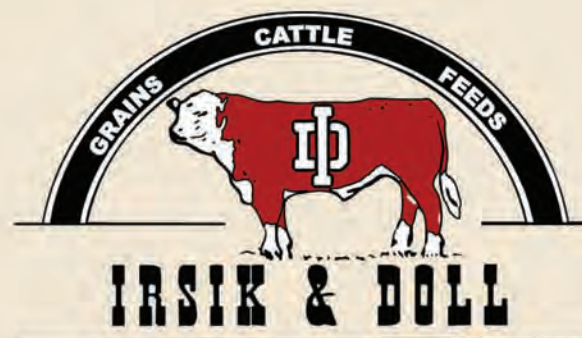
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# Looks can tell in beef cattle

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found it was correlated with tenderness,” he says. “At the end of the day, cattle that looked more Brahman produced tougher steaks than the ones that looked like they had less Brahman in them, even though they might have been the same actual percentage.”  
In steaks from cattle that appeared to have 1/8 or less Brahman breeding, the Warner-Bratzler shear-force value (the standard mechanical measure of tenderness) was 3.88. That’s compared to a less desirable 4.91 rating for those with more than 50% Brahman influence. “We don’t have conclusive proof, but perhaps the cattle

that looked less Brahman in phenotype actually have genes that are more like the other breed,” Tatum says.  
Scientists are anxious to use DNA technology for additional research.  
Weaber says variation in the progeny (F2) from two first-cross (F1) animals is more noticeable. “Where it becomes more complicated is when you breed a hybrid to a hybrid,” he says. “Even though the F2s have half of their genetic material from each breed on average, some re-pairing of chromosomes from the same breed occurs.”  
That explains why the heterosis advantage is diminished the second time

around, though some will have more and others less than average. Using DNA to identify which ones were truly half-bloods with each chromosome in the pair coming from different breeds would help.  
“You could do some pretty interesting things if you had those genotypes,” Weaber says. “You could optimize heterosis through different breeding structures.”  
Of course, making sure the genes from both sides of the pedigree are superior is

an insurance policy.  
“You don’t dig yourself out of the hole just by cross-breeding,” he says. “The merits of the parents going into those systems are important,” especially for traits with moderate to high heritability where heterosis is low. “If you’ve got two parents that you put together, one excels and one does not, the rules of additive genetics suggest you’re likely going to produce an animal that’s somewhere near the middle.”

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We know consumers are engaged with their normal TV programming by visiting websites after the show is over, following Twitter feeds during the show, and friending their favorite show's Facebook page. That's why the advertising committee recognized and supported the need to have a presence online as an extension of the current checkoff print advertising."

The second spot, called "Invitation," features a new child star who convincingly and earnestly conveys the message about beef. The spot's message – that Lean Beef has the power to bring people together – is a feel-good message that will surely resonate well with consumers. Both 30-second and 45-second versions were de-

veloped. The 30-second spot will be used on ABC.com and the 45-second version will be used on social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.).

The new commercials can be seen on ABC.com throughout the top 10 ABC Network programs that score high against adults age 25 to 54. Programming will include shows such as: The Bachelorette, Castle, Grey's Anatomy, Happy Ending, Last Man Standing, Modern Family, Once Upon a Time, Private Practice, Revenge and Suburgatory. The two spots will also be shown via a two-month long sponsorship of the 'Moments' sections of Modern Family and The Bachelorette, a popular feature on ABC.com.

"We hope to generate at least 10 million U.S. impressions via ABC.com and Hulu," says Hinman. "Cutting through the clutter of what consumers see online and on TV is a challenge, but we feel that these two commercials will really have a positive impact for the image of beef."

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Don't Look Down

It was one of those blue-bird days. The weather was perfect and for once the wind was down to a light breeze instead of screaming at gale force out of the high mountain passes. It was October and the day was crisp and clear. Everything was almost perfect. I was riding with a man I considered one of the best in the business and I listened to everything he said and watched everything he did. It was almost perfect, but not quite. A few needles of apprehension and an acute awareness of the dangerous trail we were on kept it from being perfect or at least close to it.

We were riding for the Ruby Valley Cattlemen's Association in the upper Ruby Valley of southwest Montana some twenty years ago. It was fall and we had to gather the cattle belonging to different outfits that made up the association and

had grazing leases on BLM land. Most of the cattle had been gathered and moved to the corrals at Cow Camp and were waiting to be sorted by brand so they could be trailed to their respective ranches. Richard Woods and I had climbed high in the Gravelly Mountains. We were scouring the timber, small canyons and brushy pockets searching for stragglers that may have been missed during the main gathering.

We did a lot of stopping and sitting to just listen. When we came upon a place where the timber or brush was impenetrable, Richard would let out a bellow that sounded more like a gorilla than a cow. Then we'd listen to hear if maybe a cow hidden in the brush would answer him back thinking it was one of its own kind. I made a few comments about why a self-respecting cow wouldn't answer a gorilla. Richard would laugh and then spit out some tobacco.

We gradually worked our way up a few steep hogbacks and eventually reached timberline. We could see all the open slopes above us and there wasn't a trace of cattle all the way to the top of the mountain. Richard kept climbing and I followed along figuring he knew where he was going. There must be a pocket up high that he's found cattle in years past and he wants to check it out, I thought. We

reached what I thought was the top of the mountain and rode out on a level plateau between two peaks. We stopped to let the horses blow after the long climb. We hadn't found any strays and that was a good thing. We were just riding clean-up and not having to push cows back to the corrals was not a bad thing.

I'd never been in this part of the mountains before and the views from this high up were awesome. I was feeling privileged to be able to look out over some of the most beautiful country in Montana. I took in the breathtaking view and felt like I could see a hundred miles, clear to the Idaho border.

I asked Richard where we were headed and he said we had to go along the side-hill that skirted the high peak ahead of us. I looked where he pointed and saw a frightening slope that fell away hundreds of feet to a sheer drop-off over a granite cliff. The side-hill looked like something a mountain goat might have trouble negotiating. The first needle pricks of apprehension played around in my belly. It looked impassable. But why worry about it, I thought. Didn't Richard receive a custom pair of chaps at the yearly Cattlemen's Association barbecue for riding 50 years on the same Ruby Valley roundup? He probably knows this country better

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than any man alive and I'm privileged to be riding with him.

Richard went on to say that we'd go around the rocky peak and then head back down on a ridge that would let us look in some different nooks and crannies on the way back to camp. "We can't ride into camp empty-handed," he said.

Richard moved off and I followed behind. When the plateau petered out into a granite outcropping leading up higher, Richard rode around the lower side of the boulders and granite rock onto the side-hill. Now the not-so-perfect part of the day was coming into play and I could see it was going to take some courage to ride out onto the edge of an abyss to get around the obstacles in our way.

Richard didn't slow down, stop or blow his nose; he just rode out onto the side-hill, loosened his reins and let his horse pick his way. I thought he was taking a shortcut to Hell because I

didn't see how a horse could make it across that steep slope. It was covered with slide-rock and I watched as rocks clattered away down the slope with each step the horse took. I nudged my horse to follow and felt the loose footing underneath us. Don't lean toward the upper side of the hill. It might seem like the safest thing to do but it's not. That will only throw your balance off and make it harder for the horse to keep his footing. Ride straight in the saddle and let the horse choose his way.

In the loose shale-like slide-rock, the horse had to almost scurry and sometimes scramble ahead to keep from sliding down with the rock. Small avalanches of rock clattered away with each hoof fall. I kept my eyes planted on the tail of Richard's horse some twenty feet ahead. I watched his horse scramble across the side-hill.

Richard yelled back at me. "Don't look down."

"Why?" I foolishly answered, thinking he meant it would scare me to see how steep the hill was.

"Cause you might see some cows and then we'd have to go after them." We made it across and rode up on another fairly flat plateau and stopped. Richard looked at me and grinned. The worst was over. Now it was a perfect day even though my nerves were a little frayed. We rode to an intersecting ridge that led down to timber line. There were some nooks and crannies and in a little brushy draw we found a handful of cows and calves that had dodged the first gather. We didn't ride into cow camp empty-handed that year.

Contact Ralph Galeano at [horseman@horsemanspress.com](mailto:horseman@horsemanspress.com) or [www.horsemanspress.com](http://www.horsemanspress.com).

## Wheat Variety Plot Tour to be held Wednesday

The top yielding wheat variety in last year's Meadowlark Extension District wheat variety plot at Sabetha out-yielded the lowest entry by 15 bushels per acre. At today's prices, that's a huge difference made by careful variety selection.

To see how the newest genetics compare to our old 'standbys', plan to attend the Meadowlark Extension District Wheat Variety Plot Tour, coming up at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 23rd at the plot site — five miles west of Sabetha

on 192nd Road (north side — watch for signs). Plot cooperators are Doug & Leonard Edelman. Refreshments are sponsored by the Kansas Wheat Alliance, and Syngenta Seeds cereal crop division. Plot assistance has been provided by Ag Partners Co-op.

They'll start off with refreshments followed by a discussion of the entries in the plot. This year's entries include Santa Fe, Armour, Hitch, Cedar, Post

Rock, Art, CJ, SY Wolf, Karl 92, Everest, and Fuller. Some of the entries have shown some barley yellow dwarf and stripe rust symptoms, so they will discuss the efficacy of fungicides and other production practices in addition to varietal characteristics. Contact a Meadowlark Extension District Office for more details and check out a flyer online under the Crops & Soils tab at [www.meadowlark.ksu.edu](http://www.meadowlark.ksu.edu).

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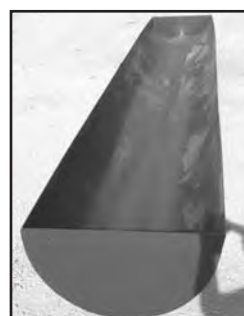
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# Auction Sales Scheduled

May 23 — Tractors, combines, trucks, vehicles, trailers, till & haying equip., fertilizer & chemical equip., ATVs, recreation vehicles, scrapers, skidsteer attach. online only ([www.bigiron.com](http://www.bigiron.com)). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

May 23 — Vehicles, trucks, trailers, 4-wheeler, tractors, combines, grain cart, skid loader, farm machinery, shop equip., misc. W. of Tribune for Tuttle Grains. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auctions.

May 24 — Guns, ammo,

antlers, vehicles, boat, camper, jet skis, toys, computers at McPherson for Kansas Dept. of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.

May 24 — Gates, concrete forms, construction equip. & tools at Concordia for Ron & Kay Solt. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 26 — Coins, Collectibles, glassware, furniture, tools & misc. at Lawrence. Auctioneers:

D&L Auctions.

May 26 — Tractor, equipment, mower, tiller, chain-saw, trailers, misc., wood-working, tools, sewing, guns at Durham for Jerry & Marjorie Kurtz. Auctioneers: Crane Auction.

May 26 — Tractors, combine, swathers, stock trailer & hay trailer, lawn mowers, guns & collectibles, cattle feeding equip., bales, augers, truck

& pickup, farm equipment & tools near Luray for J. Dale Stoppel. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

May 26 — Antiques, antique furniture, collectibles at Chapman for Flohr, Cederberg & Cade Estates. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

May 26 — Firetruck, machinery & other at Salina for The Land Institute. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 26 — Vehicle, modern furniture, household, an-

tiques & collectibles, Christmas items, firearms at Abilene for Ruth Dieter. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

May 26 — Collector cars & misc. at Lawrence for Raymond F. Barland Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auction Company.

May 26 — 30-acre Ranchette at Hillsboro for Kaylene Unruh. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

May 27 — Antiques & household at Hanover for Elvira Kruse & Others. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

May 27 — Guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 27 — Advertising, tins & collectibles, coins at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

**BUSINESS RETIREMENT AUCTION**  
**SATURDAY—JUNE 2ND, 2012—10AM**  
**4440 ROCKENHAM RD—ST. GEORGE, KS**

**FEATURING:** 1966 Mercury Monterey Convertible; 1999 Chevy 3500 Crew cab, 284k miles; LULL High-lift 644B-37; Hay loader; Prime-Mover L36 forklift; 24' Belshe gooseneck tilt trailer; 10' Road Hog trailer; 2 Custom scaffolding trailers; assorted scaffolding; 3 pull-behind concrete mixers; misc concrete forms; pallet forks; wheel barrows; Billy Goat leaf vac; Murray 22" lawn mower; STIHL weedeater; grass seed/fertilizer spreader; assorted ladders; assorted shovels; Large barrel fan; Target, Clipper, & MK Diamond masonry saws; Rockwell table saw with Stand; Miter saw; DeWalt reciprocating saw; Porter Cable circular saw; chain saw; Rigid Air compressor; DeWalt & Vanguard power washers; grinder; assorted tools; shop vac; Upright and chest freezers; misc stone and brick pallets; picnic table and chairs; and **MUCH MORE!!!!**  
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**1927 East 1300 Rd. — LAWRENCE, KS**  
**From Lawrence take Hwy 24 2 miles North to 1900 Rd. turn West 1.5 miles to 1300 Rd. turn North .5 mile to Auction!**

1924 Ford Model T Coupe; 1983 Honda Gold Wing GL 1100 w/original saddle bags & Custom Made bicycle trailer; 1992 Chrysler LeBaron V6 3.0L auto; 1980 Chevrolet Scottsdale 20 truck 4X4 4 sp. 350 w/lockouts & gooseneck ball; Four Wheel full size camper shell w/jacks; 10 ft. x 12 ft. wooden building; Case one row planter; wooden 10 ft. Windmill Head; Dempster well pump; Copper-Clad Range; Frigidaire wooden & metal refrigerators; 2-claw foot bath tubs; cast iron sinks; 1896 #20 Round Oak cast iron stove; Jewett stove; china/buffet cabinet; ornate mantle/mirror; pump organ; library book shelf; library index card holder cabinet; WOODEN Telephone Booth (RARE); oak roll-top desk; iron beds; various fixer-up furniture & chairs; oak wall phone; dressing screens; old gas & electrical fixtures; drafting boards; old bicycles; glassware; Daisy Red Ryder BB gun; misc. ammunition; fishing poles; walnut/pine/maple lumber; bridge planks; dimensional lumber; red brick; salvage metal; tools; deer stands; wood burning stove; other items too numerous to mention!

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**FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 31 — 12:30 PM**  
**LOCATION: From Dighton, Ks. On Highway 96, 6 miles east to Quantum Rd., 4.5 miles south.**

**TRACTOR, SPRAY COUPE & PADDLE SCRAPER**  
 2003 JD 8420 tractor, MFW, 2,670 hrs., 480/80-R50 duels, 4 remotes, quick hitch, ILS, Star Fire GPS, 2010 Degelman 46/57 quick tach front blade (good shape); 2004 Spray Coupe 4440, diesel, 1280 hrs., 5 spd. trans., ac, extendable axles, 80 ft. boom, 400 gal. tank, flood lights; 1970 JD 760A paddle scraper, power shift, reversible chain, laser.

**TRUCKS**  
 1986 IHC tandem truck, twin screw, 13 spd. trans., 300 Cummings turbo motor, 22 ft. w/ pickers; Flex King 7 x 6 sweep plow, XL series, pickers, duel fertilizer application; 2001 JD 455 folding disk drill, 35 ft., fertilizer, markers; (4) JD 9400 hoe drills 10' x 12" trans-ports, new style points; 2001 JD 1750 conservation planter, 8 row, pull type, monitor, fertilizer, squeeze pump, duel gauge wheels; JD 12-shank V ripper;

**PICKUPS & YUKON**  
 2005 GMC Yukon, good tires, 115,000 miles, automatic, excellent shape; 2007 Dodge 3500 pickup 5 spd. trans., Cumming diesel motor, 87,000 miles, 4x4, w/ Dew EZE bale bed Model #484, good shape; 1998 Chevy 1500 pickup, automatic, 4x4, rebuilt motor.

**EQUIPMENT**  
 Tucker 12 ft. speed mover; 1996 Quinstar Follow Master II, 42 ft. w/ pickers; Flex King 7 x 6 sweep plow, XL series, pickers, duel fertilizer application; 2001 JD 455 folding disk drill, 35 ft., fertilizer, markers; (4) JD 9400 hoe drills 10' x 12" trans-ports, new style points; 2001 JD 1750 conservation planter, 8 row, pull type, monitor, fertilizer, squeeze pump, duel gauge wheels; JD 12-shank V ripper;

**TRAILERS**  
 DuAll spray coupe trailer, adjustable, bumper pull; Gold Star 16 ft. car trailer; 1990 Wilson 45 ft. cattle semi trailer.

**MOWERS & GATOR**  
 Grazer G2000 front deck mower, 18 hp., 60" deck; JD Gator, 6x4, automatic, 528 hrs.; JD EZ 225, zero turn, riding mower, 90 hrs., bagger.

**OTHER ITEMS**  
 3 steel feed bunks; 150 gal. fuel pickup tank w/ pump; Home Light 4,000 watt portable generator, 5 hp. B&S motor; Campbell Hausfield Portable air compressor; Alkotta power washer; L shaped fuel tank; Pickup tool box, cross box.

**ITEMS FROM THE EDWIN HABIGER TRUST**  
 Grazer G2000 front deck mower, 20 hp., 60" deck; Case 410B tractor, gas, shuttle trans., Case scoop, dozer and rear blade; 1986 Peterbilt semi tractor, 3406 cat motor, 13 spd. trans.; 1987 Guthrie steel semi grain trailer, 42 ft., air traps, roll over tarp; 1976 C-70 tandem truck, twin screw, 427 motor, 5 x 2 spd. trans., 20 ft. bed & hoist, roll over tarp, Westfield drill fill auger; 1980 Ford 7000 truck, 3208 cat motor, 5 x 2 spd. trans., 16 ft. bed & hoist, 60" sides, Blanchard hydraulic drill fill auger; 1989 Ford L8000 feed truck, 7.8 diesel motor, Allison auto., w/Harsh Haysizer 16224 mixer box, electric scales; Donahue swather trailer; JD #235 disk, 35 ft.; Batco belt semi hopper unloading auger, B&S motor; Ram Rod power washer, new pump.

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Few small items not listed, most items shedded when not in use.**

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**From Durham, KS 4 mi. West, 1 mi. South & 1/2 mi. East or from Lehigh, KS 8 miles north on Diamond Rd. & 1/2 mile east.**

**TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT**  
 2005 Case-IH DX40 hydro diesel tractor w/MFWD & LX116 loader, only 305 hrs., excellent condition; Craftsman gas powered air compressor w/5 hp Briggs; 3 pt. 8' tandem disc; 3 pt. 2 bottom plow; Donahue 3 pt. hyd. lift bale fork; front-end bale spear; 3 pt. 4' Befco roto tiller; Brillion 3 pt. 6' seeder; 3 pt. 6' field cultivator; 3 pt. 5' rotary mower; weed wicker.

**MOWER, TILLER, CHAINSAW**  
 Country Clipper Jazee, SR205 mower w/48" deck; Troy Bilt 42" sickle mower; Craftsman 10"/32.8 cc roto tiller; Stihl model 029 chainsaw; electric weed eater; pull type lawn aerator.

**TRAILERS**  
 16' Sturdy Built tandem axle trailer; 10' single axle trailer; Sears cargo trailer.

**MISC.**  
 2 p/u grill guards; 12-16' cattle panels; several T-posts & clips; numerous small water tanks; water tank on wheels; 400 gal. water storage tank; fuel tanks on stands; fuel tank w/hand pump; p/u bed fuel tank w/electric pump; 9'x9' loafing shed to be moved; concrete blocks; 2 aluminum plated furniture movers; Reznor garage heater; 3-P275 65 R18 Goodyear tires; 10' fiberglass garage door w/hardware; live traps, leg traps, Moultrie wildlife feeders; picnic table; 2 wooden

gliders; 26" 18 sp. Mountain bike; fishing poles; milk glass; suitcases.

**WOODWORKING**  
 Craftsman 10" radial arm saw, 10" table saw & 12" 2-speed bandsaw; post drill; B&D workmate; 10' work bench.

**TOOLS**  
 Numerous pipe wrenches; 2 vises; hammers; pliers; screwdrivers; trowels; come-a-long; hay hooks; clevises; boomers; log chains; air hoses; extension cords.

**SEWING**  
 Ken Quilt model 622 quilting machine w/12" table; lots of cone yarn; quilting books; 2 Singer treadle sewing machines w/cabinets; & much more.

**GUNS - will sell at 11:30 AM**  
 Franchi semi auto 20 ga. shotgun, made in Italy; Ithaca hammerless 12 ga. db. barrel shotgun; Stevens Model 311 20 ga. shotgun; Stevens Model 311 12 ga. db. barrel shotgun; Savage 22 over 20 ga. Model 24 Camper Special; Stoger Uplander 410 db. barrel shotgun; Stevens single-shot 410; Remington Model 11, 12 ga. semi auto shotgun; Mossberg 20 ga. pump shotgun; Stoger-Luger 22 LR. semi-auto rifle; Winchester model 37, 16 ga. & 12 ga. shotguns; Raven 25 cal. semi-auto pistol; FIE 22 LR. revolver w/holster; assorted ammo & gun case.

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May 28 — Collectibles, glassware, toys, jewelry & misc. at Lawrence. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

May 28 — Guns, ammo, antiques & collectibles, Indian Artifacts, fishing collectibles, coins, stamps, crocks, saddles at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.

May 28 — US & German military, foreign coins, Native American items, gun, tools, collectibles, automotive, household, books at Overbrook for Norman Corn Trust. Auctioneers: Edgcomb Auctions.

May 28 — Antique tractors, farm equip., tractor parts, shop equip. & misc., Willy's Jeep, Ford, Chevy & misc. parts, scrap machinery & misc., horse drawn equip., antiques & misc. at Buhler for Abie & Sharon Ratzlaff. Auctioneers: Triple K Auction & Real Estate.

May 28 — Machinery, tools, misc., coins, guns, knives, antiques, primitives, collectibles, household & misc. at Grantville for Estate of George Stockwell, Delores A. Stockwell, seller. Auctioneers: Kooser Auction Service.

May 28 — Furniture, signs, thermometers, tins, toys & collectibles, Art at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 28 — Hand guns, long guns, tools, household & collectibles at Manhattan for David Fink Estate, Mary Fillman Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 28 — Coins, marbles, thimbles, automobiles, furniture, stoneware, telephones, glassware, appli-

ances, household at Sabetha for Dolores Aul Estate, Ruth Watkins Estate & Nina Sefried. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

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.

May 30 — Trucks, vans, vehicles, farm equipment, woodworking tools, mower & more at Shawnee. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.

May 31 — Tractor, spray coupe, paddle scraper, trucks, pickups, equipment, trailers, mowers, Gator, other items near Dighton for Phil Habiger & Rhonda Habiger and Edwin Habiger Trust. Auctioneers: Berning Auction.

June 2 — 3 bedroom house at Chapman for Chapman High School Project. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction Co.

June 2 — Auction at Lawrence for Lance Burr. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

June 2 — Convertible, truck, hay loader, forklift, GN tilt trailer, scaffolding trailers, scaffolding, lawn mowers, yard & garden, tools at St. George for Padgett Masonry. Auctioneers: United Country Ruckert Realty & Auction.

June 2 — Farm equipment, antiques, household, coins at Grenola for Clarence "Ted" Terrell Estate. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

June 2 — Guns, ammo, shells, cabinets, toy cars,

farm toys at Newton for Claudie & Helen Sizelove Trust. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

June 2 — Mitchell County real estate, boats, trailer, mowers & other near Simpson for Leslie A. & Shirley A. Tucker. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 2 — Vehicles, trailers, guns, household, antiques, mowers, tools & misc. at Belleville for Harold & Betty Johnson. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

June 2 — Complete operating saw mill, horse trailer, winch truck, pickup, riding mower, equipment, tools, lumber, canoe, pool table, round oak duplex heating stove, appliances at Topeka for Mrs. Brian (Cathy) Garretson. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 2 — Tractor, trailers, lawn tractor, lawn items, log splitter, generator, equipment, tools & misc., guns, pianos, household at Holton for Richard Knaak Estate. Auctioneers: United Country Pagel, Inc. Realty & Auction.

June 2 — Antiques, collectibles, household & outdoor items at Randolph for Victoria Desjardins. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

June 3 — 2 bedroom home, coins, Mercury Grand Marquis, antiques, furniture, tools, lawn tractor & guns at Keats for Merton G. Schurle Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 4 — Tractors, trailers, saddles, antiques, primitives W. of Carbondale for

John & Barbara Merrill. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

June 4 — Ellis County home, grassland, CRP at Hays for Mary Ann C. Gabel. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

June 5 — Mitchell County real estate at Tipton for Clement & Fay Konzem Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 7 — Car, tools, household at Burlingame for property of the late Harold "Red" Croucher. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

June 9 — Real estate, camper, trailer, shop equipment, household & guns at Walton for Richard Hiebert Estate, James W. (Jim) & Marilyn Martin. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction & Real Estate.

June 9 — Tractor, pickup, appliances & household misc. at Concordia for Roger & Mary Jean Colby. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

June 9 — Tractors, vehicles, trailers, equip., guns & supplies, collectibles, household, livestock & tools, misc. at DeSoto for Larry & Brenda West. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

June 11 — Commercial real estate Manhattan for Barry Arp. Auctioneers: Landmark Real Estate, Harold Mugler.

June 16 — Antique furniture, collectibles, tools W. of Overbrook for Jon & Wanda Wilhite. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

June 28 — Missouri Cattle Farm in 16 tracts at Mt. Vernon, MO for Jerry L. Bornemann Trust. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company, Inc.

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.

July 6 — Marshall County

land at Beattie for Elaine Regnier Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted's Auction.

July 9 — Real estate at Formosa for Cynthia A. Hart. Auctioneer: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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.

September 17 — Pasture at Aurora for Maryln Swenson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 5 — 10:00 AM

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## The Compassionate Cowman

Willie is a great example of the compassionate cowman. He should be a poster boy for St. Francis of Assisi, except St. Francis is in Kansas and Willie lives in Colorado. During calving season he observes certain procedures that he has perfected when a heifer needs help.

The calving lot is near the house. He makes regular checks out the window using a spotting scope and binoculars. When his services are needed he stealthily approaches the recumbent heifer from behind carrying two calving chains. He wraps one around each wrist and puts a handle in each pocket. He only moves closer when she is pushing and her head is down. He is careful not to let the chains make noise as he double wraps each foot above and below the fetlock. Then pulling only when she pushes, he facilitates the delivery. They are a

team, he thinks, he and the heifer. A bond is formed between the shepherd and his flock. He imagines her gratitude!

His wife has always encouraged him. She watches through the scope. "You are really good at that, Honey," she says. "Yes," he thinks to himself, "I am."

Picture that same scene being enacted, except after dark. Girding his loins he dresses warmly and engages the use of his calving jeep. He drives in the calving lot and carefully parks so the jeep lights do not reflect his shadow as he begins his stealth-stalk.

Using his proven method, he hangs the two chains on his wrists, puts a handle in each pocket and noiselessly sneaks up on the heifer. This particular night he manages to double-wrap a chain on one of the protruding front feet, when the heifer lifts her head and looks back at her

molester. Her eyes shine like Wile E. Coyote's just before he gets hit by a train!

There was a moment when time stood still. Willie could clearly see the wrapped calf's foot, his wrist and the chain slack laying loosely on the ground. The next moment he was jerked from his feet and drug 150 yards like a bass lure going through a welder's boneyard!

Ten minutes later analyzing the damage, he found one boot missing, his belt broken, his jeans down around his ankles, glasses gone, Scotch cap gone, calving handles gone, his white legs sandpapered, scratch-ed and scraped, but thankfully, he still had the ability to move his wrist.

He limped into the house, aching for some comfort – some assurance that his cause was noble, that his sacrifice worth it, maybe even some praise. His darlin' wife looked at him and trying to offer some solace said, "You're lucky to be alive."

Willie conjured on that, then asked as only a survivor of Titanic or Katrina could relate, "If I was dead, would you come and look for me?"

"Of course," she said, "When Desperate Housewives was over."

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