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Hoy family strives to keep wide open spaces

By Beth Gaines-Riffel, editor

"Oh, give me land, lots of land under starry skies above — don't fence me in.

Let me ride through the wide open country that I love — don't fence me in.

Let me be by myself in the evening breeze, listen to the murmur of the cottonwood trees, send me off forever, but I ask you please — don't fence me in."

No truer song could be sung when it comes to the love for the land of Jim and Cathy Hoy and their children and grandchildren. Although the land may have been fenced and you are prone to travel the gravel roads via pickup truck rather than horseback (but not necessarily so) the passion of the open prairie is strong for this ranch family that has deep roots in the Butler County soil.

The poets have written lines about the rolling, grass-covered hills. Artists have captured the breathtaking vistas in virtually every medium possible. Cowboys have sung sad love songs about the hills which are known worldwide for the grazing cattle found there and thanks to the generosity and vision of the Hoyos, those traveling through the heart of the Flint Hills will always have a view of the pristine prairie — protected for perpetuity from any development.

Last week an announcement was made at the Hoy Cabin that Jim and Kathy Hoy had placed 655 acres of Butler County land under conservation easement with the Ranchland Trust of Kansas on December 20, 2007. This move will protect



Jim Hoy and wife Catherine have a deep appreciation for the wide open prairies of the Flint Hills. Recently the couple announced that they had placed 650 acres of land in Butler County under conservation easement. The announcement was held on the ranch, located just west of the small community of Cassoday, on a damp spring evening.

these native lands from any development and keep the large tract of native prairie whole and available for grazing.

Part of the easement includes the original Hoy fam-

ily homestead — which was settled in the 1870s by the family. A significant land mark nearby (not in the easement) is a cemetery which was started by Many Ann Hoy, Jim's great-grand-

mother, who donated the land to the church in order to accommodate the burial of

a child belonging to "movers" who had died while in the area. Hoy mentioned that his great-grandmother stipulated that any of her family could be buried in the cemetery without charge.

Tim Connell, a board member of the Ranchland Trust of Kansas, noted that this announcement, which was the very first easement completed by the organization, was significant.

"When we get this done, we will be way ahead," he said.

The easement included three parcels which each contain carve-outs because they either would be a place that a family may wish to place a home in the future or a homestead already exists, and the Hoyos wanted to insure that the ranch still accommodates the needs of the family while protecting much of the wide open prairie.

Mike Beam, executive di-

rector of the Ranchland Trust, explained that although the land was now covered by a conservation easement, the Hoyos still had complete control of the property — including access, management and full use of the acreage. What the easement does is prevent any development on the ground.

Conserving this important natural resource for future generations is not new to the Hoy family. In fact, it was under insistence from son Josh and his wife Gwen that his parents consider putting this acreage into a conservation easement.

The young couple had placed acreage located near Cedar Point under easement four years ago.

"It really is a tragic scenario. Every generation takes the land and splits it up one more time — and this helps really hold it together," Josh Hoy explained. "It may make the great grandkids mad as hell but I really don't care!"

And Josh and Gwen have a unique understanding of the value of the Flint Hills. In addition to traditional ranching interests, the couple also have an agri-tourism venture which gives visitors an authentic cowboy experience — complete with chuckwagon cuisine. They cater events around the region and provided the barbecue brisket supper those attending the easement announcement enjoyed.

Josh Hoy said that fragmentation is one of the biggest threats facing the



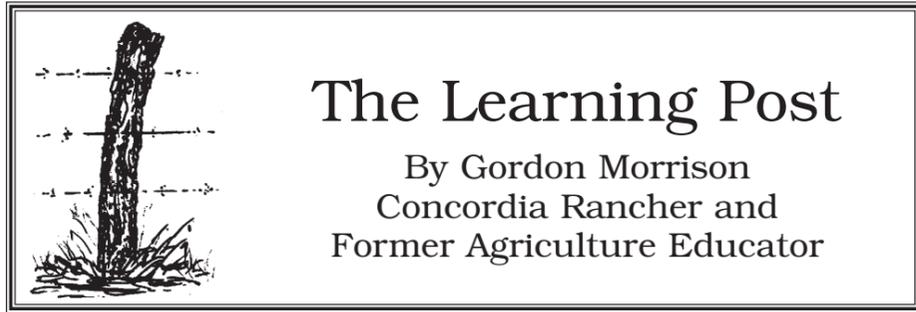
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It is for the next generation, and the generation after that the Hoy family wants to ensure can enjoy the beautiful open spaces of the tallgrass prairie. Granddaughters Lucy Hay Jenab, pictured right, and Josie Hoy took advantage of the recent rains for a little muddy fun.



The Kansas Ranchland Trust presented the family a memento of the occasion with a hand-tooled hat rack. Pictured from left are Farrell Hoy-Jenab, Jim and Catherine Hoy and Josh Hoy. Their son-in-law Larry Jenab and daughter-in-law Gwen Hoy are not pictured.



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
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Two Kinds Of Long Lines

With crude oil priced at over \$120 a barrel and gas at the local pumps costing \$3.70, an acquaintance of mine suggested I write a column about the U.S. petroleum dilemma. It made me smile on the inside to wonder why anyone would think I could have anything worth saying about the price of gasoline and diesel.

At a press conference last winter, when someone asked President Bush to comment on the report that the price of gas would reach \$4 this summer, he responded by saying he had not heard of it. If our President does not know what is going on with fuel prices, then a layman might be presumptuous in thinking he could offer any information or advice on the situation. Could it be that our President was blowing smoke rings?

To make a point, I will talk about what I observed at the Sampler Festival last week as to how to conduct a business successfully. Several food vendors were set up in the northeast section of the park. One group was in a large converted bus, selling the usual hamburgers, hot dogs, fries and drinks. Another booth also offered hot sandwiches already made up and wrapped in foil so orders could be quickly filled. One booth offered kettle corn, which was popular. Another stand was selling barbecued beef sandwiches and also baby back short ribs that were quite tasty. The FFA Alumni Association had a booth where they sold ice cream from the Call Hall Dairy Bar at KSU in four popular flavors. I got in line to get a bowl of it. The long line seemed to be barely moving.

I peered around people to see three young women — one taking orders and money and the other two were trying to dig hard ice cream out of big round containers to put one or two scoops into a Styrofoam dish. Being a member of this association, I offered my help to scoop the dips. It was quite a challenge. However, I soon got a system going so that I could put one or two scoops into the cup rather quickly. I'd put what I thought was a generous scoop into the cup, but my helper would say, "Add a little more." The two-scoop order was really heaped. I thought to myself, "These young people are giving away their profit by being so generous." However the line kept getting longer with people wanting Call Hall's famous ice cream. I noticed that as time passed, our line continued to be rather long whereas the lines of the neighboring vendors were shorter and sporadic.

After a couple of hours of hard dipping, the ice cream softened enough to be dipped more easily and the line was getting shorter, so I left to see more of the festival attrac-

tions. Everywhere I went, I saw people enjoying our ice cream and commenting on how generous the servings were. During that afternoon we sold over thirty-five gallons of the ice cream from a large supply stored at the locker plant. I am sure we made a profit but not an excessive amount and in addition we made a lot of people content and appreciative of the FFA. It was a good buy at \$1.50 for a single dip that was heaped up. Customers received their money's worth.

Now, let's consider the price of gas. What we need are very short lines at the gas stations, so short that the OPEC nations will be exporting only a little crude oil and will have to learn to eat sand or else lower their prices to sell more oil. How can we accomplish this objective to have less demand for foreign oil? It sounds simple but will take discipline and cooperation to achieve:

1. Use less oil (gas) by driving cars that will make 40 mpg instead of 18.

2. Conserve fuel by pooling rides and using public transportation whenever possible. Convenience can cost us more than we can afford.

3. Invest in renewable green energy.

4. Explore to find and produce more of our own oil. Our big oil companies need to spend some of their huge profits to increase oil production in this country, which means making natural resources available to them by allowing exploration and development.

5. Our elected officials need to be statesmen instead of politicians whose main interest is to be re-elected. To have election campaigns last for one or two years or more is ridiculous.

6. Commit to research that will bring on line new energy sources. This should have high priority.

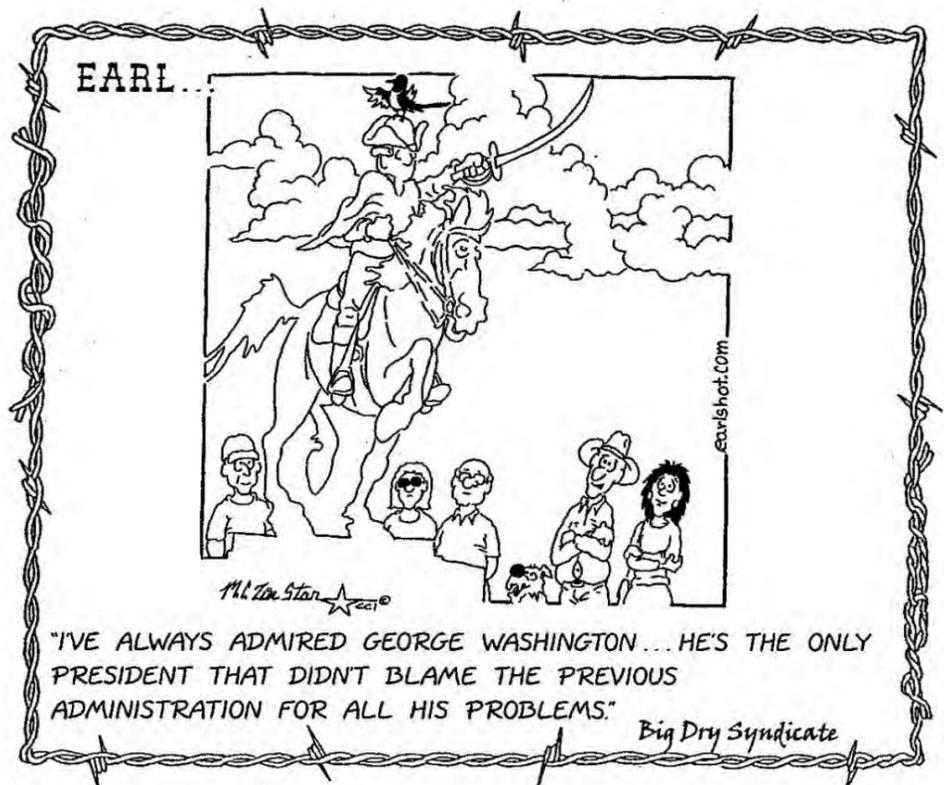
Accomplishing these goals will take the efforts of more than any person or corporation. It will require a government that is under the leadership of a majority of elected officials who will put the welfare of the United States above their own ambitions that can be self-serving, greedy, and that allow the "almighty dollar" to rule their thinking. If we do not vote reliable people into office to represent us, then I see little hope for improving the situation.

The lines in America could become very long and with no generous product at a reasonable price at the end of those lines. Vote but vote right.

The book Views from the Learning Post can be ordered from Gordon Morrison, 1268 Key Road, Concordia, KS 66901 or may be available in a store near you. For information, call 785-243-3833.

"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with success unexpected in common hours."

-- Henry David Thoreau



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

There are those days when you just have to wonder if it's worth getting out of bed. We've all had them, and during the waning days of May with all the end-of-school and graduation events, you can be over-run with activities which can make the urge to stay in bed with your head covered up all the stronger.

But the trip I took last week down to a quaint cabin nestled on a piece of pristine prairie wasn't like that at all. In fact, I couldn't wait to go to the event, which commemorated the easement placed on the Hoy family property to prevent development on this beautiful piece of ground for perpetuity.

Now that's something to think about. I flipped through the dictionary and one of those definitions given was eternity — or a seemingly endless or immeasurable time.

And, while we know that each of us will not spend an eternity here on this earth — it is a noble deed to take a stand to protect such a wonderful resource for now and forever.

There has been much discussion over the development of our great agricultural lands in recent years. The interest in planting wind turbines, the sprawl of cities, the "need" of urbanites

to develop ranchettes and the list goes on.

And while I am not opposed to any of those items listed in theory — I do have concerns about the willy-nilly approach and what might be left in the aftermath.

Kansas has largely been an agricultural state and its beauty is more subtle in nature than say, the Rocky Mountains, Adirondacks, or even the rugged lands of Santa Fe. And while I don't know that we are going to have a great "land rush" for people who want to come settle the land — you just never know for sure. There is without question, a desire to own the lands of the Flint Hills — for grazing, for hunting or to simply appreciate the rolling country and flora and fauna found there. Auction prices will confirm that notion.

So my hat is off to the Hoy family — and to Josh and Gwen who promoted and pushed the idea of the easement. It is comforting know that when I jump on and off the turnpike at Cassoday — that stretch of prairie will look the same in the future as it always has in the past. And that in something that you should be very, very proud of.

That's all for now. I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"

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By Ace Reid



"Naw I ain't give up drinkin', but after that horse race I've sure quit gamblin'!"

Kansas farm income showed steep gains in '07; KFMA data is basis for K-State report

By Mary Lou Peter-Blecha

It doesn't happen all that often, but last year many Kansas crop producers experienced their own version of a perfect storm — the good kind.

"You put good yields with good prices and that equals good gross income," said Kansas Farm Management Association administrator Kevin Herbel as he unveiled the data for 2007.

KFMA's figures come from 1,453 member farms and ranches across Kansas. They showed that average net farm income for those members last year was \$115,035.

KFMA's annual report is a barometer of Kansas agriculture statewide, Herbel said. It also provides for comparisons between years and between various types of farming operations.

For example, the 2007 figure was more than double the KFMA members' average farm income of \$46,593 in 2006 and \$56,982 in 2005. Ten years ago, their average net farm income was \$59,352. Today's higher commodity prices and increas-

ing input costs are raising the stakes for each decision a farm manager must face, Herbel said.

Last year's figures look encouraging for producers, and they should. But not everyone did as well as the income average suggests, said K-State Research and Extension agricultural economist Michael Langemeier. In fact, 15 percent of the KFMA member operations had a negative net farm income.

KFMA reports net income figures on an accrual basis — they're adjusted for any inventory changes between the beginning and the end of the year. They represent the return on the farmer's labor, management and investment in the operation.

"Livestock operations, particularly cattle backgrounding and cowherd operations, just didn't do that well," Langemeier said.

Livestock producers were hit not only with high fuel costs but also by high feed costs. The member operations that KFMA classifies as cash crop-back-

grounding farms showed an average net income per operator of \$74,803. Those in the cowherd category came in at \$34,948.

Those figures stood in contrast to farms devoted to crops. The net income per operator for dryland crop farms averaged \$120,594. Producers with irrigated crops averaged \$280,585. At first blush, these figures may appear to be quite the windfall for crop producers, Herbel said. Up to recently, however, those same farmers endured numerous years of relatively low net income, when returns sometimes only covered basic living expenses — or less.

"Some of last year's income is going toward reducing debts, updating machinery and equipment, and covering this year's input costs," said Herbel, noting that each year's returns also

must cover state and federal income taxes, as well as self-employment taxes.

Input costs alone have risen significantly. Compared with their previous five-year averages, 2007 fertilizer costs were 60 percent higher and fuel costs were 40 percent higher, he added. And, those costs have continued to climb in 2008.

"It's important to keep in mind that some of these member farms are also supporting multiple families," Herbel said.

Following trends helps put things in perspective, Langemeier said. In 2007, dryland farms' gross crop value — which includes crop income, government payments and crop insurance — was \$295.81 per acre. That was up 61 percent from a 2002-06 average of \$183.25 per acre. At the same time, however, fertiliz-

er and lime costs jumped 59 percent in 2007. They were \$33.08 per acre, up from their previous five-year average of \$20.75, he said. Gas, fuel and oil costs averaged \$16.41 per acre — up 37 percent from a five-year average \$11.98 per acre.

Beyond that, a regional disparity was evident in the data, Langemeier noted. Net farm income for KFMA crop and livestock producers in northwest Kansas last year averaged \$233,000, compared to north central Kansas members' \$81,288. Between those extremes, net income in the other areas averaged \$114,118 in northeast Kansas, \$108,397 in southwest Kansas, \$88,849 in the south central part of the state, and \$114,423 in the southeast.

The lower figures for the central part of the state reflected a late freeze that hit

the wheat crop in that area, Langemeier said. Last year's widespread flooding weighed on net income in some places, too, primarily the southeast part of the state.

The Executive Summary of the 2007 ProfitLink Analysis is available on the K-State Research and Extension agricultural economics website www.agmanager.info and on the K-MAR-105 website www.kmar105.com/kfma.

"It is extremely important [for producers] to base decisions on good information," Herbel said. "A starting point for that is having a sound record-keeping and analysis system in place."

"Farmers shouldn't make decisions based on the averages, though. They need to make decisions based on where they're at — based on their own figures."

KFMA, K-MAR-105 work with Kansas farm families

The Kansas Farm Management Association, a part of Kansas State University Research and Extension, is one of the largest farm management programs in the United States, according to KFMA administrator Kevin Herbel.

Twenty agricultural economists, who are faculty members in K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics, comprise KFMA's professional staff.

Helping each KFMA member with individualized, research-based information is the program's primary goal, Herbel said. Through on-farm visits, whole-farm analyses, enterprise analyses, and other educational programs, the KFMA economists assist producers in: Developing sound farm accounting systems; Improving decision making; Comparing with the performance of similar farms; and Integrating tax planning, marketing and asset investment strategies.

K-MAR-105 serves as the central information processing unit for the six regional associations in the KFMA program. The data banks it maintains not only inform KFMA members but also are used extensively (and anonymously) for Department of Agricultural Economics Research and Extension activities.

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Jan Dreith, Randolph, Shares Soup Recipe To Win Grass & Grain Contest

Winner Jan Dreith, Randolph:

TAMALE SOUP

- 1 pound ground beef, browned & drained
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 14.25-ounce can canned tomatoes & juice
- 15-ounce can creamed corn
- 2 cans pinto beans, undrained
- 15 ounces beef broth
- 1 or 2 cans tamales, drained

Brown meat and add rest of ingredients except tamales. Simmer until tender. Add tamale pieces just before serving. Leave them on soup to heat first.

Gin Fox, Holton: "It is a quick and easy salad that will fill you up. Cook for potlucks and summer needs."

SHREDDED BEEF SALAD

- 2 to 3 pounds shredded beef, cooked
- 1 head of lettuce
- 1 bottle of Italian dressing
- 2 cups carrots, diced
- 2 cups potatoes, diced
- Pinch of salt & pepper
- 1 cup bell peppers
- Tortilla chips

Cook the meat and shred it. Cut the lettuce. Cook the carrots, potatoes and bell peppers. Add pepper and salt. Mix all together with the Italian dressing. Serve with tortilla chips.

- Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
- ### EASY STRAWBERRY PIE
- 2/3 cup boiling water
 - 4-serving size package strawberry gelatin
 - Ice cubes
 - 1/2 cup cold water
 - 8 ounces whipped topping
 - 1 cup chopped strawberries
 - 1 ready-to-use graham cracker crust
 - 1 cup sliced strawberries

Stir boiling water into dry gelatin and mix at least 2 minutes or until completely dissolved. Add enough ice to cold water to measure 1 cup. Add to gelatin and stir until slightly thickened. Remove any unmelted ice. Add whipped topping and stir with wire whisk until well blended. Stir in chopped strawberries. Refrigerate 20 to 30 minutes or until mixture is very thick and will mound. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate 6 hours or overnight until firm. Top with sliced strawberries. Store in the refrigerator.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "Use as a side dish. Real good."

TANGY ASPARAGUS POTATO SALAD

- 4 small red potatoes, cut into 1/4-inch wedges
- 1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed
- 1 tablespoon dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced chives
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Dash of pepper

Place potatoes in a large saucepan, cover with water and bring to a boil. Cook for 6 to 7 minutes or just until tender. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, bring 1/2 inch of water to a boil. Add the asparagus, cover and boil for 3 minutes. Drain and immediately place the asparagus in ice water. Drain and pat dry. Cut into 1-inch pieces. Drain potatoes and place in a large bowl; add asparagus. In a small bowl combine the mustard and lemon juice. Whisk in oil until combined. Add chives, salt and pepper. Pour over vegetables and toss to coat. Serve warm or at room temperature. Yield: 4 servings.

Mary Rogers, Topeka, shares the next two recipes:

WHOLE GRAIN ROTINI

- 13.25-ounce package whole grain rotini pasta
- 8 ounces asparagus ends, trimmed & cut into 1" pieces
- 8-oz. bag stringless snap peas
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup freshly grated romano cheese
- 1/4 cup loosely packed basil leaves, fresh, thinly sliced

Heat large covered pan of salted water to boiling. Add pasta and cook as label directs, adding asparagus and snap peas when 3 minutes of cooking time remain. In a skillet heat oil on medium until hot. Add onion and cook 10 to 12 minutes or until tender and browned. From lemon, grate 1 teaspoon peel and squeeze 2 tablespoons juice. Reserve 1/2 cup pasta cooking water; drain pasta and vegetables. In a large serving bowl toss pasta and vegetables with cooking water, onion, lemon peel and juice, romano cheese, basil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper. Serve.

TOMATO SPINACH PASTA TOSS

- 2 cups rotini or penne pasta, uncooked
- 1/2 pound hot or mild Italian sausage
- 1 can diced tomatoes with basil, garlic & oregano, undrained
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta as directed on package. Crumble meat into large deep skillet. Cook on medium high heat 10 to 12 minutes or until cooked through, stirring occasionally; drain. Add tomatoes, cook 2 minutes stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and cover to keep warm. Drain pasta and return to pot. Add meat mixture and cheeses; toss gently.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh, shares the remaining:

RHUBARB SQUARES

- 1 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cold butter

Filling:

- 4 cups diced fresh or frozen rhubarb
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 1/3 cup cold water
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped

Combine the flour, sugar and salt; cut in butter until crumbly. Press into a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes until edges are lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack. In a pan bring the rhubarb, sugar, water and salt to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer uncovered for 8 to 10 minutes or

until rhubarb is tender, stirring occasionally. In a bowl sprinkle gelatin over cold water; let stand for 1 minute then stir into rhubarb mixture. Cook and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Cover and refrigerate until cooled, about 2 hours. Fold in whipped cream. Spread over crust. Cover and refrigerate for 3 hours or until set. Cut into squares.

ASPARAGUS OMELET

- 1 1/2 lbs. cooked asparagus, chopped in short lengths
- 1/4 cup butter, divided
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 8 eggs, beaten & seasoned with salt & pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a medium skillet with nonstick spray. Place asparagus in a saucepan with 2 tablespoons butter and garlic. Heat until garlic is cooked through. Remove mixture from pan. Melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter in same pan; add eggs. Cook 4 minutes then add asparagus mixture. Pour into prepared skillet. Scatter ricotta cheese over top. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top. Bake until set, about 10 minutes.

ASPARAGUS POPOVER

- 1 pound asparagus
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 large eggs
- Salt & pepper
- 1/2 cup flour
- Pinch sugar
- 1 cup Swiss cheese, shredded

Position a rack in the lower third of the oven and set at 425 degrees. In a medium saucepan, add enough salted water to reach a depth of 2 inches; bring to a boil. Add the asparagus and cook until crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water, then pat dry with paper towels. Cut the spears crosswise into thirds. In a medium cast iron skillet add the butter. Place the skillet in the oven to melt the butter. In a bowl microwave the milk about 30 seconds. Whisk in the eggs, then the flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and the sugar. Add the asparagus pieces to the hot cast iron skillet and pour the batter around on top. Sprinkle with half of the cheese and bake until puffed and golden brown, 18 to 20 minutes. Top with remaining cheese.

ASPARAGUS

- 4 cups fresh asparagus, trimmed & cut into 2" pieces
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 3 tablespoons chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds

In a large skillet fry asparagus in butter and oil for 2 minutes. Stir in the broth, lemon juice, soy sauce and pepper. Cover and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until asparagus is tender. Sprinkle with almonds.

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Cindy Williams, Meadowlark District Extension Agent

"I feel like I'm always rushing, always stressed, and still don't have enough time for the things in life that are most important to me. This stresses me out a lot. What can I do?"

This is common problem of which people find them too busy, which causes stress. The reasons vary from person to person, but the following are some main ones why people find themselves too busy, along with time management and stress management ideas to help:

*** It's OK to Say No:** Many people end up overscheduling themselves because they feel uncomfortable saying "no" when people ask things of them. This may be because they don't want to admit to themselves that they can't "do it all," or perhaps because they don't want to disappoint others. Unfortunately, they ultimately disappoint themselves by not having enough time to do what's important to them.

*** Be Clear On Your Prior-**

ities: They become overscheduled because they add activities to their schedules for the wrong reasons, and end up spending their days doing things that don't reflect their values and priorities. Then they find themselves struggling to fit in what's important to them. Necessities like adequate sleep and other healthy habits fall by the wayside. Is this you? To find out, make a list of what's most important to you. List things like family, friends and career. Then look at how you spend your days. See how much time goes to these things. Is it a good match, or are you spending an inordinate amount of time doing things that aren't as important to you? It's never too late to make changes.

*** Map It Out:** A common trap many people fall into when overcommitting themselves is that they don't know where their time goes, or they overestimate the amount of time they have available and underestimate the amount of time each activity takes to com-

plete. How many times have you found yourself adding new activities to your schedule when you don't really know how you'll find the time to do them? If you remember several such instances, you may need to keep a careful schedule, writing down everything you do. Don't agree to new activities until you've found a way to pencil them in, overestimating the amount of time you think it will take to complete them.

*** Manage money wisely:** It's become increasingly common for people to work more than they'd like because finances demand it. People are working longer hours and even more than one job. Do you find that you're working hard to pay the bills, and when you're not working, you're still worrying about money? Do you know where your money goes? To get out from under debt and financial woes, you need a plan that involves spending less, saving, paying off debt, and possibly earning more (not by working more but by getting paid what you're worth).

*** Stay Organized:** In addition to keeping an organized schedule, as mentioned above, it's important to maintain an organized home. Most people don't realize how much time and money are sucked up (not to mention stress created) by living in an environment where things are difficult to find and relaxation is a challenge.

*** To Thine Own Self Be True:** Knowing yourself well can also help you to avoid getting overwhelmed. How? For one thing, by knowing your limitations, you avoid taking on too much. For example, if you know you're not the best manager of people, you can avoid putting yourself in a position where you'll be asked to do management-type tasks, saving yourself stress and the extra time and energy it would take to learn to do this better. Also, if you constantly put yourself in a position of taking on more than you can handle, take an honest look inward to help you figure out what's behind this. That way, you can stop.



(NAPSA) — These days, it seems almost everyone wants to go "green," a popular term to denote products with superior environmental performance or benefits. Here are 10 ways to spot the real deal:

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Ten Tips For Spotting "Green" Products

3. Look for products whose packaging and materials can be easily recycled in your community.

4. Seek out products that conserve energy during their manufacturing and/or final use.

5. Seek out products that save water during their manufacturing and/or final use.

6. Seek out products that prevent waste in some way.

7. Look for information that backs the product's label claims. Detailed data can often be found on companies' websites.

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9. Look for products that clearly explain their claims.

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This week's recipe is *Chicken Salad* from Kellee Rogers of Topeka.

Cutting Board Sanitation Helps Ensure Food Safety

STILLWATER, Okla. — Whether cutting, chopping, mincing or slicing, a cutting board and a good knife are essential tools in the kitchen.

Cutting boards come in a variety of materials, said Barbara Brown, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service food safety specialist.

"Cutting boards can be made of wood, plastic, marble or other material," Brown said. "What you need to keep in mind is to follow proper food handling and sanitation practices to help prevent cross-contamination that can lead to foodborne illness."

Every kitchen should have at least two cutting boards. One should be used exclusively to cut raw meat and poultry. The other cutting board can be used for cutting fruits and vegetables.

Brown said it is crucial to frequently sanitize your cutting board. Use a solution of 1 tablespoon bleach to 1 gallon of water to sanitize the board after it has been thoroughly cleaned with soap and hot water.

"Be sure the surface of the cutting board is hard and smooth to prevent pitting. Cutting boards that are pitted could harbor growth of ill-

ness-causing bacteria," she said. "Replace cutting boards that have become worn and battered."

A good knife also is a vital part of food preparation.

Make sure the knife is easy to clean, fits your hand and has a good quality blade. In addition, know how to properly use the right knife for the right cutting job.

"Since most stainless steel blades are rust-resistant, it's important to clean and wipe them dry after each use. There is a difference between rust-resistant and rust-proof," Brown said. "High-carbon stainless steel is rust-resistant, but harder to sharpen. Non-stainless high carbon blades rust more easily but are easier to sharpen."

Take care when cleaning sharp knives. Those with synthetic handles can be put in the dishwasher, but the cutting edge can be damaged and dulled if it bumps against other things during the wash cycle. Make sure the blade does not touch other cutlery, pots or pans in the dishwasher. The best choice when cleaning knives is to wash them by hand. Knives should be dried immediately after washing and stored.

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Butterfly gardens bring nature home

While Fred Guthery writes and teaches about wildlife and ecology, he finds great personal satisfaction in creating a space for some of the smallest and daintiest of earth's creatures.

As the Bollenbach Chair in Wildlife Ecology at Oklahoma State University, Guthery focuses on much larger issues than butterflies. They are still something he takes pains to invite into his surroundings.

A quiet-spoken professor with an interesting sense of humor, Guthery is in the department of natural resource ecology and management in the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Nat-

ural Resources. He is more widely and commonly known for his research work on upland game birds, including quail.

He particularly enjoys enticing moths and butterflies into the range of both his patio and his camera. Guthery said he made a real investment in building his butterfly garden to bring the widest possible selection of butterflies to his small acreage near Stillwater.

Choosing the plants was one of the most important considerations, he said. Keeping something blooming throughout the spring and summer is a fairly sure way to attract the small migrants.

"Some butterflies are very specific about the plants they will lay their eggs on," Guthery said.

Rue is one of the first plants Guthery mentions, because he said, it is very popular both for larval growth and for nectar.

Salvia is a good butterfly plant, he said, because you can get both annual and perennial species and keep them blooming all season long. Even a small kitchen garden of culinary herbs can be attractive to butterflies. Guthery said an abundance of blooms also attracts hummingbirds to your garden.

Salvia, sedum, lantana, coneflower and butterfly bush are all popular plants for butterflies, he said.

Guthery also plants penta, bee balm, catmint and marigolds. But he is quick to advise that many mints and other blooming plants may need to be contained to keep from taking over all of your avail-

able space.

"There's two types of butterflies," Guthery said. "There are nectar feeders and sap feeders." Some will appreciate both and others will even feed on pieces of fruit.

"When you first get into it, you are seeing things for the first time and you are looking them up in the book — and it is very thrilling," he said. Guthery recalls seeing his first Giant Swallowtail, one of the largest butterfly species. He said it flew in from one end of his garden and began "showing off" swooping around.

"It made the hair on my arm stand up," he said.

A cold-blooded insect, Guthery said butterflies are "thermal regulated." Their small size makes them directly affected by temperature. They only fly when they are warm enough to fly.

A wide-range of species is evident beginning in early April and then through to

the first freeze in the fall in Oklahoma and surrounding states. On cloudy days butterflies tend to stay close to the ground, he said.

"Some butterflies are more seasonal," Guthery said. "The Texas Crescent barely makes it here. They are kind of rare in this part of the world."

Toward the end of the summer, Guthery said, the Gulf Fritillary, a southern butterfly will show up in the state. They die out each year. Guthery said, "There are times when there are hundreds of little Skipper butterflies in the garden at a time. They are fun to watch," he said. "They seem happy. And sometimes they chase the hummingbirds."

One of the most common butterflies seen in Oklahoma — the Cloudless Sulphur — Guthery calls "a big strapping yellow butterfly," migrates here from Louisiana, he said. The but-

terfly is smaller than a Monarch, another common migrant to the state.

Some butterflies can be more easily identified by their behavior and flight patterns than their markings, Guthery said. A pair of close-focus binoculars helps when observing and identifying the fluttering insects.

Like birds, some butterflies are only common in certain regions of the country. Others may be seen while they are passing through during their migratory seasons.

"You will see different types of butterflies in the Cross Timbers and other areas than I see west of Stillwater," he said.

He said the best field guide for this area is "Butterflies of Oklahoma, Kansas, and North Texas," by John M. Doel, John M. Nelson, and Walter B. Gerard (University of Oklahoma Press, 2004).



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TERMS & CONDITIONS: \$5,000.00 down the day of the auction, as earnest money, balance due on delivery of trustees' deed. No title insurance to be issued. Purchaser to arrange for financing. Buyers and sellers to share closing costs on a 50/50 basis. Property is selling "as is, where is" subject to restrictions, reservations, easements or zoning orders if any existing said property. Purchasers are urged to have any or all inspections made on the property, including lead paint prior to the auction. All sales are subject to U.S. Bankruptcy Court approval. Closing within 45 days. All information is from sources deemed reliable, but not guaranteed. Auctioneer/Broker is agent for the seller.

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FARM AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 24 — 11:00 AM
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TRUCKS
1985 Ford F350 1 ton dually w/11 ft Knap Hide utility bed, 4 spd, w/ 6.6 liter V8 engine; 1970 Chevy V60 dually winch truck w/Tulsa winch bed w/ under & top of bed tool boxes & collapsible A frame.

GENERATOR
Kohler 3500 watt w/B&S engine.

WELDER
Lincoln shield - Arc SA-200 pipeline arc welder on 10'x6' tandem bumper trailer with 2" ball and tool box, elec. start, starts great.

TRACTOR
2005 TL 90 Ford tractor 85 hp with front wheel assist, cab, great air, 12x12 transmission, 1280 actual hrs with M446 Bush Hog loader, quick attach, will sell together, this is an extra nice tractor & loader with excellent; 1997 Kubota M5400 54 hp, diesel, front wheel assist, 2700 hrs, open station with roll bar, grill brush guard will be sold with Kubota LA1001 quick attach loader with 6' bucket; 1954 Extra nice Super C wide front end Farmall tractor with extra good rear rubber, live hydraulics, 2 pt hitch with 3 pt hitch attachment, also has fenders, this is a nice tractor, will give original owners manual with tractor.

HAY
JD 535 big round baler.

DISC
JD 220, 20' disc, good blades.

GRAVITY FLOW WAGON
250 bu gravity flow wagon.

SEED BAGS
500# Fescue seed, 25# bags.

HAY EQUIPMENT
John Deere 224 WS wire tie square baler; Like new John Deere 702 8 wheel hydraulic rake on cart; 2006 MoCo John

DEERE model 730 disc mower conditioner, like new, has been over approximately 500 acres, also has swivel hitch on swing tongue for 2 way mowing, 1000 RPM PTO; Heavy duty 4 wheel hay wagon with 5th wheel tongue, needs work.

POST HOLE DIGGER
Bush Hog model 2103 3 pt post hole digger with 12" rock auger and 15" regular auger.

ROTARY MOWER DISCS
JD13 finishing wheel disc.

SPRIGGER
3 Row Bowie Sprigger, like new; Gravity flow wagon.

FUEL TANK BOAT
Starcraft 12' bass boat with Johnson 60 hp super sea-horse elec. outboard on trailer, bill of sale only.

PICKUP BALE STINGER
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STOCK TRAILER RACK
6' 6"x16' metal racks with bows for stock trailer.

BIG ROUND BALE FEEDERS

FENCING
Steel T-post, good offering, approx. 150; Several rolls and partial rolls of bar wire.

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Small-sized cattle herds can benefit from crossbreeding programs

For the average cow-calf producer looking to increase the profit potential of his or her herd, the message is clear: Crossbreeding can produce a 20 percent increase in pounds of calf weaned per cow exposed to a herd sire.

Most of the increase occurs from improved reproductive performance; however, 25 percent to 40 percent of the increase is the effect of heterosis on growth potential of the crossbred calf and increased milk production of the crossbred cow.

Heterosis is the average superiority of a crossbred individual over the average of breeds involved in the cross. In other words, heterosis results in a better performing animal.

"An economic evaluation of crossbreeding showed that a 16 percent to 20 percent increase in net income after taxes could result through effective use of crossbreeding," said Kent Barnes, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service area

livestock specialist. A number of crossbreeding systems are not feasible in small-sized herds of 25 animals or fewer with access to only one breeding pasture. Still, it is possible to maintain a high level of heterosis in a small single-sire herd.

"The easiest, though not the most economical, method for a single-sire herd is the purchase of crossbred females as herd replacements," Barnes said.

Two-way cross females are mated to a bull of a third breed to produce three-way cross calves. Maximum heterosis is expressed in the cows and calves.

"This system is the simplest and easiest to manage when a good source of replacement crossbred females can be located," Barnes said.

He said there are a number of herds in Oklahoma that have 20 to 40 cows and only one breeding pasture, each of which can potentially benefit from three possible crossbreeding manage-

ment options.

One system involves the rotation of two breeds, another involves the rotation of three breeds and, the most simplified system, use of a three-breed composite. In each system, a new bull is introduced every two years to avoid mating heifers back to their sire. Barnes said the single-sire two-breed rotation is expected to yield 59 percent of maximum individual heterosis and 47 percent of maximum maternal heterosis. The single-sire three-breed rotation should produce 77 percent of maximum individual heterosis and 60 percent of maximum maternal heterosis.

"This compares to 72 percent of maximum individual heterosis and 56 percent of maximum maternal heterosis obtained in a two-breed rotation in a large herd or through artificial insemination," he said. "It's proven that single-sire rotations can increase productivity and profitability in small beef herds."

Choice of biological type is important, in addition to obtaining the heterosis by crossing the breeds.

"Biological type and performance should be similar for all breeds being used," Barnes said. "This is important because bulls will be bred to both heifers and cows for calving ease. Choice

of biological type should match the most economical feed and production environment."

Although traits with a low heritability respond very little to genetic selection, studies show they exhibit a marked improvement in a sound crossbreeding program.

"Commercial producers need to select sires carefully in order to improve traits with a high heritability and use a well-planned crossbreeding program in order to use heterosis effectively while matching biological types to the most cost-effective environments," Barnes said.

ANTIQUA AUCTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 24 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo in SALINA, KANSAS

CHINA, POTTERY & GLASS

Paul Muller Selb china; Bavaria china; Myerling China; Hertel Jacob Bavaria German; Haviland (Bergere & Limoges); Noritake (Holbrook); Crestwood; Frankoma; Royal Haeger; Hall; Van Briggie; Hull; USA; Weller; Oxford ware; Redwing Banjo; California Art; McCoy; Hull Art; Red Wing; Roseville; Royal Copley; Red Wing crocks; Hall's Jewell T; Fenton tulip vases; advertising ash tray collection.

TOYS, SIGNS & COLLECTIBLES

Signs inc.: Sunco, Jack Daniels Whiskey, Hamm's beer light; Orange Crush poster; Bull Durham posters; metal signs; car tags; gas & oil signs; WWII uniforms; US Coast Guard flag; clocks inc.: (Sessions train, Majak, RC Cola, Miller Time, 7UP; Hav-A-Hank Handkerchief vending machine; Mercury dimes, Kennedy half's, wheat pennies, steel pennies; deposit bags; Santa Fe items; Coke items; costume jewelry; pocket watches; turquoise jewelry; Ford & Keen Kutter tools;

bank collection; Pillsbury Doughboy items; railroad lanterns; Toys inc.: Marx train tunnels; Joy Line Flyer train set; Thunderbolt Express; Creative Designs doll; Humpty Dumpty; Lil Bo Peep ironing board; Nylint; Hot Wheels; Tootsie toys; John Deere items; Tonka trucks & tractors; Teeny Weeny wagon; metal toys; 50's pink kitchenware; 50's trash cans; Kromex canister sets & spice set; Rogers silverware; 50's chip & dip sets; Griswold & Wagner Ware cast iron pieces; assortment of collectables.

NOTE: This is a very nice individual collection. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 25 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo in SALINA, KANSAS

ADVERTISING

7 day straight razor set in original box mint; advertising clocks; Signs inc.: (tin Winchester ducks w/rifle, set 5 Standard Oil tin, 2 Country Club beer copper & glass framed Pony Express; thermometers inc.: Barton's Salt, O'Leary & Novotny ins., Janousek Grain, Metz beer, Curt's service station Inman, Great Bend Pack Co; Everyready display case; Timex display case; Ford items (porcelain Model A key holder w/keys, 1903-1933 V8 coin; large collection fountain pens; collection ice cream dipper; advertising pocket

knives; collection advertising cigarette lighters; advertising crocks (Sheller Bros KC, Old Virginia, JJ Cuff, Hirsch Bros, Paducah Club, Old Continental whiskey.

COLLECTIBLES

Art Deco cast iron hounds magazine rack; baseball collection (Babe Ruth pen & pencil set, signed picture: 1940 score card: 50's ball gloves; Tins inc: Mick McQuaid, Fairmont pocket tobacco, Twin Oaks, Grape Nuts, Animal Cracker, Peter Rabbit baby powder; 15 Spice tins; Collection of desk sets & ink wells; candy containers; bottle open-

er collection; building blocks; WWII items; WI dog tags, collection cuff links; milk bottles; K State College (qt & pt); jewelry inc.(collection stick pins, 1897 Elgin ladies watch, rings, necklaces & pins; perfume bottles; large collection of small showcase items.

GLASS & POTTERY

Van Briggie 11 1/4" Lorelei vase & 16" Butterfly & wheat vase; North Dakota School of Mines vases; Opalescent bowls; Falstaff celery dish; Toby mug; Watts pottery; advertising bowls Funk Oil no 5 & 7 White City, Farmers Feed Newton no 6).

NOTE: This is an outstanding individual collection with many unusual items. We will be open for viewing on Saturday evening until 8:00. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

MONDAY, MAY 26 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Fairgrounds in SALINA, KANSAS

FURNITURE

Walnut 7' fancy étage; 7 pc fancy burled walnut parlor set; walnut barrel roll secretary; 48" walnut S roll top desk; oak 60" high back S roll top desk; walnut Kimball parlor style baby grand piano; walnut wishbone dresser, umbrella stand, marble top sideboard, 7' step back cupboard, 48" round table w/lion heads & claw feet, 60" round table, 46" round table; set 6 carved rose chairs; set 4 oak wicker seat chairs; bentwood high chair; primitive pine cradle.

TOYS

16 piece Shoenhut circus; Arcade model T coupe; Arcade large cast iron windmill; Hunting Hound cast iron banks; Billiken good luck book end; Buddy L 4 engine Air Cruiser airplane; Monocoupe cast iron airplane; 15" hill climber plane; steam motor metal river boat (100 yrs old); 15 cast iron cap guns; cast iron Dayton scales; cast iron Roper cook stove; cast iron Hubley grasshopper;

Great Plains drill; Nylint Jeep w/circus trailer; wicker doll buggy; Fisher Price toys; JD & IH tractors; assortment toys.

COLLECTIBLES

Lilly pad bridge lamp; leaded glass pedal table lamp; brass cherb table lamp; brass piano lamp; German Nazi office doll in uniform; Civil War sword; small cast iron World War I hat; French WWI sword, helmet; Honor Cross badges; crocks inc glaze jug w/butterfly, glaze blue leaf churn, Wacanda Water jug, blue flower crock, Indian items inc. (hand painted pots, spear, head dress, Kachinas dolls & rug); signs inc.: Hotel Plaza, Budwieser, DeLavel, Sylvan Grove Hardware & Implement; Coke crates, DeLavel year book & oil can; pictures inc.: (ink 1888 Buffalo signed drawing, Gibson girl, God Bless America, large collection of radios; 1900's Ireland post cards; camera collection; Books; catalogues; large collection of John Deere service

manuals; Budweiser neon signs; Farmers Alliance sign; Alyce Passmore hand painted wooden duck; spoon collection; Moline cast iron seat; stain glass window; Sabatha seed house box; match book collection; black advertising post cards; kitchen items; RR lantern; large assortment of collectables.

GLASS

Weller Louwelsa; Westward Ho; Lalique; Royal Bayreuth ash tray; 22 pcs cut glass bowls, decanters, vases; Wedgewood compote; Limoge bowl; Vaseline glass pitcher; Beloit custard pc; RS German bowls; German pieces; Covered Bridges of New England plate; china ladies spittoon; bisque figurine; glass Easter egg; 50 pcs Metlox Poppy trail; Roseville Florentine candle sticks; blue glass; Fenton bowl; depression bowls; McCoy planter sugar & creamer; Planters blue set; assortment of other glass.

NOTE: This is a very quality auction. The Roses & Morris's have both moved to smaller homes. They both had very quality furniture and collectables. We have also added a very nice collection of toys & collectables. We will be running 2 auctions most of the day, starting with primitives & glass, toys at 11:00, the furniture will sell at 1:30 p.m. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

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REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

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From Rossville, Kan. go North to Delia, Kan., then 1.5 miles on E Rd. to 118th., East 1 mile to F Rd., 1.2 miles North. From Holton, Kan.: 12 miles West on 16 Hwy. to E Rd., then South 14 miles to 118th, East 1 mile to F Rd., then 1.2 miles.

REAL ESTATE TO SELL AT 12:00 NOON

We will break from Personal Property to see the Real Estate at noon.

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VEHICLES

1994 Chevy Silverado 1500 Ext. Cab, AT, 137,200 mi.; (2) 2003 Honda Recon ES 250, both in excellent shape; ATV Trailer.



Heavy duty yard wagon; Pickup toolbox; Firewood; Jacuzzi sand filter pump; 2 Horse head hitching posts; 10x12 Hip roof storage shed/new; 12x24 Cabin on skids/wired; Huskie 6-hp Roto-Tiller, near new.

TOOLS

Craftsman table saw; Hand saws; Socket sets; Electric chain saw; Electric drill & bits; Toolbox on wheels; Toolboxes; Shop cabinet; Ladders; Garden tools; Wheelbarrow; Other miscellaneous tools.

HOUSEHOLD

Halex 6' pool table; Oak corner hutch; File cabinet, 4-drawer; Kitchen buffet; Large buffet; Oak TV stand; Roll top desk; Bookcases; Dresser w/mirror; Metal office desk; Table & chairs; 20-gal. fish tank; Sofa & chairs; Cabinets; Drafting table; Microwave; Pots & Pans; Dish- es; 2 Chest freezers, good; Refrigerator/freezer near new;

Heating stove, 65000-BTU; 19" & 25" color TVs; Floor lamps; Cast iron pots; Rocking chair; 2 Cedar chests; New kitchen sink; C. M. Russell prints; Porcelain Dolls; Kissing statues; 33rpm & 78rpm Records; Baseball Card Collection; '64 Medical Encyclopedias; '66 Encyclopedias; Children's books; Sewing machine; Misc. Trunkets.

OTHER ITEMS

2 Patio tables w/chairs; Glider; Swings; Bird baths; 5 Dog boxes; 2 Dog pens; Dog carrier crate; Stepping stones; Patio blocks; Camping equip.; Grills; Outdoor fireplace; Cardioglide bike; Wheel chairs.

GUNS

AR-15; Bull pup .22, modified; Bolt action .22; Marlin .22; SKS-.22; Lever action .22 single shot; Winchester Defender 12-ga., modified.

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Other items to numerous to mention. Lunch provided by Delia Presbyterian Church Women.

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For The Love Of Horses

By Frank J. Buchman

Multiplying Mustang Count Burdens Horse Surplus As Adoptions Struggle

Percentage-wise, wild horses don't comprise much of the total equine count.

However, the numbers are continuing to expand, and they are costing the American taxpayer with that growth.

As the overall equine population has been burdened with unwanted horses, and problems have arisen in what to do with them, the wild horse inventory is an added thorn to those who have developed extensive breeding programs.

In reality, the wild horse issue has always been a controversial concern, and it continues to be such. There are distinct, sometimes radical, opinions from every aspect of the subject.

"Spanish explorers and missionaries brought the

first modern horses and burros to the New World in the 16th century," according to Ray Field of the Wild Horse Foundation at Franklin, Texas.

"Today's North American free-roaming horses and burros are descendants of those domestic animals and of later animals that escaped, or were released, from captivity," Field continued.

They are therefore technically described as feral, meaning they descended from domestic animals, but are no longer under human control. However, the term "wild" has become generally accepted in nonscientific use.

Free-roaming horses of Spanish ancestry are also referred to as mustangs, a term that came into use in

the early 1800s. It is Americanized slang for the Spanish word "mesteno," meaning stranger.

"The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), headquartered in Washington, DC, protects, manages and controls wild horses and burros under the authority

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Three long-term holding pastures in the Flint Hills near Grenola and Teterville in Elk and Greenwood counties, respectively, are home to 6,570 wild horses in the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Program. There are 2,260 mares in one pasture, 2,332 in a second pasture and 1,978 geldings in a third pasture. Average taxpayer's cost of long-term holding is \$1.30 a day per wild horse.

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of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 to ensure that healthy herds thrive on healthy rangelands," emphasized Sally Spencer, public relations manager for the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program.

There are more than 31,000 wild horses and burros roaming on BLM-managed rangelands in 10 Western states, Spencer indicated. States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

Charts indicate 53.4 million acres of government owned or managed land are available for wild horse and burro grazing in about 500 locations. "This includes those where the herds are managed, and areas where horses were found in 1971 but are not managed due to lack of water sources and vegetation," Spencer informed.

Largest herd is in Nevada, with 12,995 animals at the last count, end of fiscal 2007. New Mexico has 89 wild horses.

"In fiscal year 2007, the BLM spent \$38.8 million on its wild horse and burro program," stated Spencer.

Wild horses and burros have virtually no natural

predators, and their herd numbers can double about every four years. "As a result, BLM must remove thousands of animals from the range each year to control herd sizes," Spencer explained.

Current inventory exceeds by 3,500 head the number that BLM has determined can exist in balance with other public rangeland resources and uses.

"The BLM removed 7,726 wild horses and burros from the range in 2007," calculated Spencer. "There were 4,772 animals placed into private care through adoption, with the remainder going into government facilities."

Since 1971, the BLM has adopted out more than 219,750 horses and burros, it was cited.

"Off the range, there are more than 31,000 wild horses and burros that are fed and cared for at short-term corrals and long-term pasture holding facilities," Spencer clarified. All of these wild horses and burros are also protected by BLM.

Twenty-five short-term holding facilities are in operation with government cost of \$5.50 per horse each day. Among these are six

prisons which have wild horse training programs. The Hutchinson Correctional Facility can handle 300 horses, with 35 horses trained and adopted out annually, related Bob Mitchell, prison training coordinator.

Ten long-term holding pastures have 21,646 wild horses. "In the Flint Hills, near Teterville and Grenola, there are three pastures with a total population of 6,570 head," said Lili Thomas, BLM long-term holding coordinator. Average cost of long-term holding is \$1.30 a day per horse.

"Cost for holding wild horses and burros in short- and long-term facilities last year was \$21.9 million, more than half of what BLM spent on its total wild horse and burro program in 2007," Spencer added.

Quality and abilities of wild horses add to controversies of the inventories and costs. "Studies show that wild horses are not inbred," critiqued Toni Strauss, former South Dakota Wild Horse and Burro adoption coordinator. "Mares do not mate with the same stallion all their lives, and young fillies are run off by the herd stallion to find a new stallion for mating."

Colts are driven off by the stallion to form bachelor bands until they are old enough to compete for mares. "It makes sense that intelligence is beneficial for survival in the wild, therefore natural selection would weed out 'dumb' animals," Strauss insisted.

Spencer asserted, "On the range, no domestic stallions are released with free-roaming herds. Generally, the sex ratio in free-roaming herds is about 50 percent males and 50 percent females."

"Genetic diversity studies based on hair and blood samples indicate that our herds are not inbred. Good genetic diversity exists in all but a few herds. We have released wild horses from other herds in certain areas to increase genetic diversity," advised Spencer.

"No stallions are allowed to be with mares after they

are captured and placed in holding facilities where they are available for sale and adoption. Most stallions are gelded," Spencer confirmed.

Wild horses come in all different shapes, colors and sizes. "The 'look' of horses in a particular herd depends on the breeds that established there, as well as environmental factors," Strauss analyzed. "When forage is scarce, such as southern Nevada, the horses are smaller. Where forage is more abundant, the horses are larger."

Although time is required to get wild horses used to confinement and human handling, they generally make excellent mounts. "Mustangs can be gentled by abating the horse's fears and creating trust through least resistance training methods," claimed Strauss. "Once trust

is established, the horse will recognize the adopter as his new leader and instinctively follow. Training will become easy."

With the wild horse population far exceeding grazing land availability and adoptions, the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) was formed in 2003, shared Patti Colbert, director of the Bertram, Texas group.

A BLM grant and funding from the Nevada Wild Horse Commission were used to start the public, charitable, nonprofit organization dedicated to facilitating successful adoptions for America's excess mustangs and burros. With four staff members, the MHF is supported entirely by grants and contributions.

"Our sole mission is to help promote the Bureau of

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Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program, and increase the number of successful adoptions," Colbert declared.

Among the programs initiated by MHF is the Extreme Mustang Makeover, matching 100 trainers with 100 wild horses for 100 days. "Recently, more than 8,000 spectators witnessed the finals competition at Madison, Wis., in the first of three Mustang Challenge events to be staged this year," reported Colbert.

"We must show Americans that wild horses can become riding and family horses; yet have all the history, too, with the proper handling and management," she remarked.

Admitting the objectives are difficult and compounded by a depressed equine industry, Colbert noted, "Our goal of successfully completing 1,000 wild horse adoptions this year would be a 25 percent increase. If we can do that, we will be making an impact."

Dr. Tom Lenz of Fort Dodge Animal Health, a supporter of the MHF, attended the first Mustang Challenge and was impressed with its success. "While there are differences in the horses, they are high-quality and well-trained. I would be happy to own them," he qualified.

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Another nonprofit organization, the Wild Horse Foundation has a "mission to prevent the American Mustang from suffering abuse, neglect and slaughter," Field pointed out.

"We are dedicated to helping preserve and promote the wild horse and adoption program through BLM in Nevada by offering and sponsoring mentor assistance training and education programs to the public about the uniqueness of the wild horse.

"Networking is utilized with trainers and clinicians all over the United States to ensure education and safety with natural horsemanship techniques," stressed Field. "We will act on any situation where equines are endangered or at risk, and give shelter where none has existed."

Strictly funded by donations and adoption fees, the

Wild Horse Foundation was formed in 1996 by Field and his wife, and is operated on their ranch with only their labor and that of volunteer assistants.

"We've had 5,500 wild horses go through the program including adoptions, training or assistance since we started. There were 1,503 wild horses through here one year," Field tallied.

Strauss recognized, "Expanding wild horse numbers are a true challenge to the government. It has become a hot political issue, but expanding adoptions is real important."

Field evaluated: "The wild horse program is fleecing the American public. If actually put under a budget review for expenses like a normal company, it would fail the test for squandering the American dollar.

"The BLM needs to work more and harder with pri-

ivate horse groups on adoptions," Field indicated.

Specifically questioned about how the "very expensive government-funded wild horse program can be justified," Spencer conclusively responded, "It's the law. The BLM manages, protects and controls wild horses and burros under the authority of the 1971 Wild Free-Roam-

ing Horses and Burros Act."

Dr. Lenz summarized, "There is a problem on two fronts. They are the continued population increase seen in the wild, and the difficulties in placing the horses after they've been captured and put in the adoption pipeline.

"The Extreme Mustang Makeover is helping on the adoption end, but they need

to increase funding to find a birth control solution that would dramatically decrease the birth rate in wild horses and burros," concluded Lenz.

In the future, For The Love Of Horses will individually feature the Flint Hills long-term grazing program, the Hutchinson Correctional Facility training course and the Wild Horse Foundation.

430-ACRE LAND AUCTION HOLTON/JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS TUESDAY, JUNE 17 — 5:00 PM

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TRACT 3: 80 acres M/L. Approximately 71 acres enrolled in *CRP. Terraced with some being tiled.

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brush/treed; the other half has an income producing, cleared brome field. Buyer would be responsible to build entrance. Buyer to receive \$346.40 credit for cash rent for 40 acres at closing.

*CRP Data: CRP fields are in compliance with the FSA Office. The CRP contract at \$55.00 per acre expires September 30, 2012. Buyer shall receive a portion of the 2008 payment (closing date to September 30, 2008) directly from the FSA Office. Buyer required to report transfer of ownership to FSA office.

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This home was the major construction project of the Abilene High School Carpentry Class under the supervision of Mr. Greg Dutt.

DESCRIPTION: this home has 3 bedrooms, interior oak trim, oak doors, cabinets, vaulted ceilings, tub and shower, Heritage shingles, vinyl clad casement windows with oak wood interior, 3/4" tongue and groove flooring, Manifold plumbing, Cable and phone line wired to every room.

LOCATION: This house is located just south of the Vocational Building at Abilene High School.

CLASS MEMBERS: Travis Brandt, Luke Cole, Chase Dozler, Michael Hansen, Phil Howie, Nick Koch, Jacob Marters, Nick Peterson, Cody Riffel, Tony Tovar, Ethan Backhus, Tony Breeden, Jerod Forester, Miles Lindsay, Zeke McKee, Bill O'Rourke, Taylor Wolfing, Caleb Woodcox, Nick Bronson, Shane Huse, Colten Kohman, Colter Kraft, Dylan Luthi.

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Frigidaire 16 cf refrigerator; Gibson upright freezer, 14 cf; Mastercraft Sofa/sleeper, floral stripe; Lane Recline, blue; 3-Glide Rockers; Power-lift chair, tan; Oak 48" Pedestal table w/1-18" leaf; 4-Oak arrow back side chairs; Lane cedar chest w/pop up tray; Full size bedroom set, six pieces; 2-Full mattress sets; 2-Chest of drawers, one is oak; Small dropleaf table w/4 kitchen chairs; Toshiba 27" color TV; Oak hall tree, newer; Small china hutch; White sewing machine in cabinet; Bior portable sewing machine; Other misc. pieces.

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Mardi Gras/Granada Vase, 49-9" unmarked Hull; Embroidered quilt; Quilt blocks; Craft books

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70+ Lots sell approx. 11:45 am
1901s \$5 Gold Coronet; 2004 Gold American Eagle UNC set: \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50; 1921 Peace silver Peace dollar; Silver American Eagles; 9-Morgan dollars; 1852 Silver three cent coin; 1866 Shield nickel w/rays; 1883 Liberty nickel w/o cents; 1883 Indian head penny; Susan B & Sacagawea dollars; 6-Barber quarters; 15-Franklin silver quarters; Kennedy halves; 90%, 40%, clads; 55-Buffalo nickels; Bulk Wheat pennies; 90-Crisp/New \$2 bills, numbers consecutive; Several \$1 silver certificates; U.S. wartime nickel set; U.S. 1987 Prestige set; Other misc. coins.

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As a Kansas State Officer for FFA, he traveled the state with a team of six that presented workshops on leadership, motivation and personal development to fellow FFA members.

The experience, he says, served him well as a high school agricultural education teacher at Hugoton High School in the mid-1990s, and as an instructor at Kansas State University from 1998 to 2001.

In August, Washburn will return to his roots. He has been named the new associate professor of agricultural education at K-State, after six years in a

similar position at the University of Florida.

"I'm a product of agricultural education in Kansas," said Washburn, a native of Norton. "I'm thrilled to be getting this opportunity to return to my home state, to the Midwest, and to serve agricultural education in Kansas."

"People in Kansas have a firm appreciation of the agricultural industry," he added. "Therefore, I think Kansans see the value of agricultural education in the public schools."

Washburn earned bachelor's and master's degrees from K-State in 1995 and 1999, and the doctoral degree from the University of Missouri in 2002.

"We're very excited to have Shannon joining the faculty," said Kris Boone, head of the Department of Communications, which houses the agricultural education program. "His background and his experience are great assets to the university, but even more important, to the agricultural education teachers in Kansas."

Daryl Buchholz, the associate director for Extension and Applied Research at K-State, said Washburn's hiring will benefit Kansas' Extension agents, as well.

"Agricultural education is a natural fit for Extension agent (professional) development, and his

experience . . . will bring great benefits to both the College of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension," Buchholz said.

In addition to his teaching duties, Washburn has conducted research to understand factors that help teachers stay in the profession; and studies that have helped develop agricultural curriculum in Egypt and Haiti.

But, he says, Kansas is home.

"I've been a long way from home for a very long time," he said. "We are looking forward to being back, close to family, and working with teachers in Kansas."

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Clay Center native establishes center for rural studies at K-State

Mark A. Chapman, Cat Spring, Texas, has made a gift of \$495,000 to the College of Arts and Sciences at Kansas State University to establish the Chapman Center for Rural Studies. His gift includes funds both to renovate a space for the center as well as to make the center fully operational over the next three years.

The center will be devoted to the study of Kansas' rural communities and their history. At the heart of the center will be an undergraduate research classroom/laboratory in which students in history and other disciplines can earn scholarships while doing hands-on research. In

the process, those students will contribute to projects — including articles, books, videos and web-based presentations — that will enhance understanding and preserve the memory of rural communities that are still existing and those that have been lost to time and circumstances. The idea for the Chapman Center for Rural Studies grew out of an earlier pilot project, also funded by Mark Chapman. For the last four years, students in history and other disciplines have researched the history of Broughton, a Clay County community that was Chapman's hometown.

Broughton was lost to the Milford Dam project in the early 1960s. Under the direction of M.J. Morgan, assistant professor of history at K-State, more than 40 students recovered the history of this small community and, this summer, a book on Broughton will be completed. The Chapman Center for Rural Studies will expand these efforts with the goal of making K-State the repository of many other "lost" histories while providing students in the humanities and social sciences the opportunity for research experiences.

"This is a natural extension of the Broughton Project," said Chapman. "What surprised us was the groundswell of emotion and passion around that project. It was obvious that the need for rural studies should and could be satisfied by the Department of History at K-State."

Chapman is a native of Clay Center. He is a 1965 graduate of K-State with a dual bachelor's degree in history and political science from the College of Arts and Sciences. While at K-State, he was involved in Acacia fraternity, Army ROTC and athletics including football, track and softball. Chapman later earned a juris doctorate degree from the University

of Texas. Chapman is a self-employed investor, who works in the areas of real estate, stocks, oil and gas.

His wife, Cheryl Mellenthin, an inactive registered nurse, has numerous business activities. Her passion is serving as the president and founder of PUPS, Prevent Unwanted Pets, a spay and neuter assistance program. Chapman and Mellenthin are members of Presidents Club, a KSU Foundation philanthropic leadership organization for friends and alumni of K-State. They have been donors to K-State for more than 15 years, and he recently established a bequest to K-State of more than \$5 million.

"This is a truly visionary gift to this department," said Sue Zschoche, chair of the Department of History. "The possibility of creating an undergraduate research center and simultaneously forging a connection with rural communities in Kansas represents an unprecedented opportunity, not only for students in history, but also in rural sociology, in geography, in ethnic studies and other disciplines. It is the ultimate land grant project, and we are incredibly grateful to Mark Chapman, not only for his generosity, but also for his unwavering devotion to enhancing the educational experience of K-State students."



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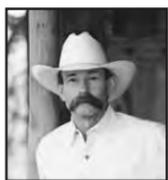
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Horse Slaughter Ban A Year Later

"You can die of good intentions."

That is the best summary I can give of an editorial I read recently about the bill to ban horse slaughter that was passed last year.

The editor and I had discussed the issue when it was a hot topic. At the time she could not imagine "a horse being dragged across a kill floor with chains around its legs." A gruesome description that elicits a sickening feeling in the heart of any sensitive being. But a few short months later, some of the bill's supporters are taking a new look.

One of the factors that hastened the disintegration of the bill's good intentions has been America's economic pinch. Most horses in civilized countries today are

luxury hobbies. Backyard horses are an expensive pet, easily thousands of dollars a year for most owners. Today, gas is over three dollars a gallon. Food is up. Essentials like cell phones, Ipods, computers, big screen televisions, video games, golf course fees, and movies are up. A triple-shot large latte five times a week now costs over twenty dollars! And you have a real estate license and have been trying to sell your house for a year!

The kids have gone or outgrown the horse in your backyard. The hay, fly control, regular vaccinations and worming continues and the vet says your 18-year-old equine has ring bone (diagnosis including radiographs, nerve blocks and advice was \$325). You'd love to sell the horse, but people aren't stupid. You make a call or two to the horse rescue and retirement pasture. They're either full or they want money from you to feed it. The thought of a professional euthanasia, then a winch truck or front end loader to haul it to the dump ... "a chain around the horse's legs being dragged across the field."

The editor said all the reader response to her editorial was negative. On her follow-up she found the majority of callers she talked

to didn't own a horse! Couldn't afford it! But they thought slaughtering horses was cruel and you shouldn't eat them.

Good intentions, no responsibility. We see it a lot. Critics, columnists, movie stars, reporters, politicians. We've now gotten into the mess the good-intentioned created and it's getting worse. And where are they now? Offering to pay your euthanasia and burial fee? Offering to take your horse and care for it? Not a peep.

It's no secret whose going to be cleaning up after them. The same people who always clean up after the well-intentioned. In this case, the real animal lovers; the humane, the sympathetic and the practical ... and they'll do it with no thanks or recognition. That's not why they do it. They do it for the horses.

Food shortages, grain use to be focus of field day

Kansas State University will host a rather uncommon field day at its Northwest Research and Extension Center in Colby on Thursday, June 5.

"This is not your garden variety field day," said Freddie Lamm, K-State Research Irrigation Engineer and center coordinator. "This field day will focus on both wheat and forage production with a view of how shortages and prices are affecting farming in 2008 and beyond."

The event, titled "Busy Harvests in a New Economic Era," will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the program at 8:45 a.m. The center is located at 105 Experiment Farm Rd. From Range St. (Highway 25) in Colby, turn west on 4th St. (U.S. Highway 24) for one-half mile to Experiment Field Rd. and turn left (south).

With the approaching wheat harvest and as forage production and handling gets under way," Lamm said, "it may be wise for producers to consider that worldwide food shortages and competing uses for grains and forages present a new economy."

Bob Gillen, head of K-State's Western Kansas Agriculture Research Centers, will welcome participants at 8:45 a.m.

Lunch will be served at noon.

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Passing of 1968 Dr. Pepper bottle an OSU ag economics tradition

By Ashley Schnoor

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As the oldest major soft drink in America, Dr. Pepper has not only a history of slogans but also a 40-year-old tradition of "passing the bottle" within the department of agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University.

"I really started it," said Gerald Doeksen, OSU Regents professor of agricultural economics and a Cowboy alumnus, having earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the university.

The tradition began in 1968, when 10 to 15 graduate students gathered nightly to study in Agricultural Hall. Nine o'clock served as break time to get a Coke or Pepsi from the pop machine.

"One night we took our break and went to get our pops," Doeksen said. "Dale Kalbfleish put his money into the machine and, instead of a Coke or Pepsi, he got a Dr. Pepper."

Kalbfleish did not like Dr. Pepper and did not drink it. Rather, he sat it on his desk, starting the 40-year-old tradition. When Kalbfleish graduated in 1969, he typed his name and graduating year on a black label, placed it on the Dr. Pepper bottle and put the bottle on Doeksen's desk. Upon his own graduation, Doeksen followed

Kalbfleish's lead and stuck his name and year on the bottle and passed the bottle to Harry Mapp. Like Doeksen, then graduate student Mapp also would go to be a longtime faculty member in the OSU department of agricultural economics.

Doeksen said the bottle is an antique and is older than his office in Agricultural Hall. When the tradition began, Ag Hall was two separate buildings. The north and south wings were not connected as they are today.

"I'm almost scared to touch it," Doeksen said of the bottle. "It might blow up."

Doeksen has worked on the OSU campus ever since his graduation. Although his titles have changed, he has not ventured far from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, allowing him to watch the bottle travel among 27 graduate students.

Of those who have possessed the bottle, only two currently teach at OSU: Doeksen and Kim Anderson, the Charles A.

Breedlove agribusiness professor who also serves as Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service small grains marketing specialist.

"I was glad to get the bottle, it was a status symbol rather than a bottle of shame," said Anderson, who earned his doctorate in 1980.

He and many others were bestowed the honor of housing the Dr. Pepper bottle after attending OSU for more than six years. Some years have more than one name. Anderson said this was because students left as soon as they finished their dissertations. Anderson is not the only name for 1980; also listed is Tom "TT" Harris.

"When you became the senior graduate student who had been here the longest, you received the Dr. Pepper bottle and you got your name on it," Anderson said. "When you graduated, you found the next oldest (student) to graduate and passed the bottle on to him."

The department of agricultural economics kept a log of seniority used to assign office space to gradu-

ate students. The list was used for the "passing of the bottle" because names were listed by seniority. It was the bottle holder's job to determine who the next student to receive the bottle was and then pass it on.

Anderson said the defense dissertation marked a graduate student's last project before handing the bottle to the next student.

"You were the senior person," Anderson said. "It was a big deal to get the bottle."

Whoever housed the bottle placed it on the next student's desk. Anderson still has the same desk he sat at 25 years ago and can point out the exact home of the bottle while in his possession.

Mike Woods, agricultural economics department head, currently houses the 39-year-old bottle of pop that has close to 35 names taped to it. The bottle remains intact and has never been broken or opened.

Woods is not sure what to do with it and joked it may be a little too flat to drink now.

"It was just a way to acknowledge that graduate school takes longer than you think," Woods said. "It's also a way to recognize and slightly poke fun at who was here the longest." Although Woods earned his doctoral degree in 1981 as a graduate student in the OSU department of agricultural economics, he never received the bottle. That year was skipped.

"I think there was a scandal," Woods said with a grin. "I'm not sure why there is not a name for 1981, but Harris skipped me."

Since the 1968 bottle of Dr. Pepper is full of names, Woods purchased a six-pack of Dr. Pepper bottles, which await the continuation of the tradition.

Woods said one of the more recent names on the bottle is Rob Hogan, who earned his doctoral degree in 2004 and works as a professor and Extension economist for Texas A&M University.

Hogan works in District 6 of Texas and serves as the link between research economists and research centers at TAMU and producers. He also teaches farm and ranch management and marketing management to producers within his district.

Rita Carreira, a 2004 graduate, is the most current name on the bottle.

"It's a lighthearted tradition that ties (OSU agricultural economics graduate students) together," Woods said.

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May 20 — Car, truck, tractor, machinery, tools, household & collectibles at Salina for Mr. & Mrs. Don Hamilton. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 22 — Real Estate at Concordia for Wayne Jones. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 22 — Vehicles, furniture, tools & misc. at Concordia for Cork Widen Estate & Cora Bray. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 22 — Lyon Co. land at Olpe for Todd & Dodd Wighton. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates Auctions.

May 23 — Carpentry-cabinetmaking dept. at Beloit for North Central Kansas Technical College.

May 23 — Motor home, car dolly, lawn & garden items, shop items at Manhattan for Frank O'Neill. Auctioneers: Gannon Auctions.

May 24 — Show Pig Sale-Number 3 at Abilene for The Wuthnow Family Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

May 24 — Real Estate, tools, equipment, collectibles & household items NW of Clifton for Creative Evangelism Inc. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 24 — Lyon County real estate, tractor, equipment & collectibles at Council Grove for Marvin & Jackie Skinner. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

May 24 — Tractors, crawlers, vehicles, stationary engines & farm machinery at Newton for Alvin & Ann Thiesen. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

May 24 — Osage Co. land & improvements at Carbondale for Marty Metzler. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates Auctions.

May 24 — Nail guns, compressors, bench, power, hand, cordless, drywall, tools & misc. at Hanover for MHI Construction. Auctioneers: Don Prell Auctions.

May 24 — Furniture, household, tools, riding mower, guns & misc. at Lawrence for Roy & Donna Axline. Auctioneers: Paxton Auctions.

May 24 — Show pig sale at Manhattan for Prairieland Genetics.

May 24 — China, pottery, glass, toys, signs, collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 24 — Lyon Co. real estate, tractor, 4-wheeler, mower, equipment, stationary engines, buggy, collectibles, tools & misc. at Council Grove for Marvin & Jacqueline Skinner. Auctioneers: Hallgren Auctions.

May 24 — Cooling items & misc. at Topeka for GMG Cooling, Inc. Auctioneers: Kooser Auctions.

May 24 — Advertising signs, pictures & frames, tools, bottles, toys, old flags, primitives, farm tools, outdoor items & more at Ottawa for Area Estate. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

May 24 & 25 — Household goods, glassware, steins, jardinières, pottery, decanters, coins, stamps, pictures, collectibles, books & misc. at Beatrice, NE for

Irene Hormandl. Auctioneers: The Auctioneers.

May 25 — Tools, household, antiques, collectibles & house at Blue Rapids for Karen & George Corkins. Auctioneers: Don Prell Auctions.

May 25 — Advertising, collectibles, glass & pottery at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 26 — 15th annual Memorial Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

May 26 — Furniture, toys, collectibles & glass at Salina for Dan & Rosemary Morris & Bob & Jean Rose. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 27 — Coffey Co. land at New Strawn for Heirs of Anna Olney & Sarah Alice Mallon. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates Auctions.

May 27 — Real Estate at Aurora for Doris Walker Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 28 — Marshall Co. land at Blue Rapids for Tony & Rhonda Trimble. Auctioneers: Steve Murray Auctions.

May 28 — Nemaha Co. land at Corning for Donnie & Kenny Alexander. Auctioneers: Countrywide Realty & Auctions.

May 29 — Coffey Co. land at New Strawn for Eugene & Isabel Lang. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates Auctions.

May 30 — Tractor & farm machinery at Hesston for Wilbur Goertz. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

May 31 — Large collection of collectible dolls, doll furniture, doll clothes, doll houses (large doll auction) at Junction City for Mona Kessinger Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

May 31 — Commercial building at Herington. Auctioneers: Bina Auctions.

May 31 — Household, antiques & vehicle at Abilene for Gordon "Pete" Schmutz. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

May 31 — Collectible dolls, Barbie dolls, miscellaneous dolls, doll houses, toys, accessories & furniture at Junction City for Mona Kessinger Trust. Auctioneers: Brown Real

Estate & Auctions.

May 31 — Farm sale, antique tractors, horse equipment, tools at Abilene for Mr. & Mrs. Gale Rufener. Auctioneers: Thompson & Shivers.

May 31 — Automobile, guns, ammo, appliances, furniture, collectibles, watches, coins, baseball trading cards at Sabetha for Lois Dandliker Estate, etal. Auctioneers: Hartter Auctions.

May 31 — Cars at Beloit for Lorn Gates Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 31 — Carpentry class house at Abilene for USD 435. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

June 1 — Antique tractors, other equipment & vehicles at Washington for the Washington Swap Meet & Tractor Show. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

June 2 — Real Estate, vehicle, mobility chair & personal property at Topeka for Jim & the late Bettyanne Wade. Auctioneers: Gannon Auctions.

June 2 — Tractors, trailers & equipment at Pratt. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

June 5 — Real Estate at Aurora for Larry Ouellette & Sheila Collins. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

June 7 — 13th Annual Wilson Co. Wildflower Tour at Fredonia for Wilson Co. Conservation District & Conservation.

June 7 — Restaurant & bakery equipment at Washington for Schooky's Deli. Auctioneers: Uhlik Auctions.

June 7 — Household & collectibles at Barnes for the Estate of Betty Wesche. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

June 7 — Quality glassware & antique & misc. household at Clay Center for George & Edythe Slade Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

June 7 — Farm sale, tractor & equipment, shop tools S. of Abilene for Felix Strauss. Auctioneers: Thompson & Shivers.

June 7 — Shop equip., antiques, collectibles, boats,

4-wheeler, cars, motor, truck, tractors & misc. at Holyrood for Kenneth Barta Estate. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auctions.

June 7 — Real estate, vehicles, farm items, tools, household & guns at Delia for Veradean Lewman. Auctioneers: Dan Harris.

June 7 — Tractors, machinery, shop equip. & antiques at Auburn for Frank & Ada Kelly. Auctioneers: Everett Hoobler & Dennis Rezac.

June 8 — Collectibles, guns & tools at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

June 10 — Real Estate at Manhattan for Farmers National Company.

June 10 — Chase Co. land at Cottonwood Falls for Carole A. States & the late Joe States. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Auctions.

June 14 — 7th annual consignment auction at Abilene for The Mid-America Pony & Miniature Ponies. Auctioneers: Don Chegwiddden & Charley Konig.

June 14 — Loader-backhoe, dump trucks, dozer, semi's, trailers, dirt working equip. & shop tools at Plainville for Plainville Trenching & Backhoe LLC. Auctioneers: Ashley's Auctions.

June 14 — Victorian furniture & glassware at Junction City for Mona Kessinger Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 14 — Consignment auction at Washington. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

June 14 — Real estate, livestock equip. & misc. at

Leonardville for Anderson Farms. Auctioneers: Gannon Auctions.

June 14 — Antique furniture, antiques, glassware, silver & collectibles at Junction City for Mona Kessinger Trust. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auctions.

June 17 — Jackson Co. land at Holton for Jack & Karen Beightel. Auctioneers: Dan Harris.

June 21 — Lots of vintage clothing, primitives, book collection & misc. at Junction City for Mona Kessinger Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 21 — Vehicles, mower, furniture & misc. at Concordia for Marikay Hull Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

June 21 — Miscellaneous, antiques at Abilene. Auctioneers: Thompson & Shivers.

June 21 — Antiques & collectibles, vintage clothing, military items, old newspapers at Junction City for Mona Kessinger Trust. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auctions.

June 28 — Farm sale with tractor at Elmo for Don Guthals. Auctioneers: Thompson & Shivers.

July 15 — Pasture, wildlife habitat & cropland near Miltonvale for Wendell McConnell Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

August 2 — Consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

August 16 — Annual Hanover Firemans con-

signment auction at Hanover.

August 23 — Leather & tack shop items, antiques & collectibles, general household at Clay Center for Paul Williams. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

August 23 — Leather shop, household & collectibles at Clay Center for Paul Williams. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

September 1 — 13th annual Labor Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

September 6 — Fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

September 21 — Murray Ranches Production Horse Sale at Alma. Auctioneers: Steve Murray.

October 11 — Quarter Horse foal & riding horse sale at Alta Vista for Buchman's Double B Ranch. Auctioneers: Dennis Rezac with Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auctions cooperating.

November 1 — Consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

November 10 — JD farm equipment, livestock feeding equipment, trucks, trailers & misc. farm items at Clay Center for B&K Livestock Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

November 15 — Late fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

January 1, 2009 — 24th annual New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

CAR AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 31 — 11:00 AM

Auction will be held at the North Central Kansas Technical College in
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1955 Chrysler 300 electric windows & seats, 300 Hemi, dual carbs
1951 Studebaker Champion 2 door, 19,251 miles
1957 Thunderbird power steering, 54,582 miles
1956 Chevy 2 door sedan restored
1965 Corvair Coriscia, 6 cy. 4 carbs, 57,462 miles
1963 Avanti, 62,294 miles, power brakes
1959 Ford 2 door, post, 96,465 miles
1957 Thunderbird convertible & hardtop 73,329 miles, PS, PW, Air
1958 Edsel Citation, 4 door, 61,010 miles, PB, 410 engine
1961 Corvair wagon, 83,000 miles, 6 cy
1962 Corvair wagon, 12,956 miles, 6 cy
1955 Ford 6 cylinder, 86,167 miles 223 engine
1955 Crown Victoria 2 door, some rust 85,741 miles, 292, air
1957 Thunderbird 56,345 miles, very sharp, add on air, auto
1949 Willys pickup, 10,234 miles
1961 MG
1957 Packard 4 door 66,248 miles PB, electric seat, automatic
1942 Lincoln Coupe V12, nice 61,200 miles, standard
1962 Corvair Van sharp 28,162 miles, 6 cy
1956 Thunderbird sharp (Grogory Peck's car), 92,286 miles, air, power, elec.
1957 Thunderbird 31,917 miles, 292 engine
1964 Avanti, (super charger missing) 47,404 miles, V8, automatic, power, electric
1956 Lincoln Marc 2 (William Randolph Hearst bought for Marian Davies) 93,264
1978 Chrysler LeBaron, 135,938 miles, auto, power, electric
1962 Monterey, 72,847 miles, 390 engine, power
1957 Chevrolet 2 door 6 cy 235 engine, 100,690 miles
1969 Lincoln Mark 3, 70,950 miles, power, air, elec
1965 Cushman motor scooter Meter Maid version
1957 Lincoln Mark 2 good condition 30,515 miles, auto, power, elec, air
1962 Studebaker Lark 4 door nice 82,338 miles, auto, power, air
1969 BMW 2002, 78,940 miles, auto, air
1968 Ford pickup 3/4 ton 74,683 miles, 390 engine, air
1955 Thunderbird 81,135 miles, 312 engine, power seat
1962 Studebaker Lark 4 dr station wagon, 92,456 miles, auto, air
1964 Grand Tursimo, Avanti powered 8,463 miles, auto, air
1971 Ford Pinto 84,979 miles, 4 cy
1959 Ford Ranchero 115,237 miles, 292 engine, air

1968 AMX 23,382 miles, auto, power, 390 engine
1963 Corvair Spider w/Turbo 150 hp engine 51,628 miles
1975 Vega Cosworth 18,685 miles
1966 BMW motorcycle w/side car R-69-5, 5,420 miles
1972 Ford F150 pickup 124,000 miles, auto, air, Power
1956 Cadillac 2 door 62 Series Club Coup, Power, auto dimmer, Wonder bar radio, 67,344 miles very clean extra nice
1973 Chev. Cheyenne 10 pickup, 454 engine, 400 trans, steering, air, brakes, 46,670 miles, like new (43 & 44 belong to the Winkle estate)
1955 Buick Special 2 dr hardtop, auto, very clean
1955 Buick 2 door, one owner
1958 Whitehouse boat
1988 Ford F150 XLT Lariat pickup, 43,000 miles, V8 auto, air
2001 Ford 4 door Harley Davidson edition pickup, 737 miles, loaded
1956 Thunderbird hardtop, auto, radio, heater
1950 Chev 5 window pickup, 6 cy, 4 speed
1955 Ford 6 cy. good sheet metal 1957 Thunderbird rolling chassis no motor.

NOTE: Lorn lived in Las Vegas for many years, he purchased many of them there. The first 42 cars belong to the estate and are in original condition, most have no rust. They have been stored inside for over 20 years. No. 43 & 44 belong to the Winkle estate from Glen Elder, they are in very good condition. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. All cars are sold as is there are no guaranties of any kind. Payment will be cash or checks with a letter of credit in advance, we do not take credit cards. There is no buyer fee. The cars will be available for viewing on Friday afternoon and evening.

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The Kansas Ranchland Trust was formed in 2003, and with the assistance and guidance of other conservation trusts — including the Nature Conservancy, Kansas Land Trust, and Sunflower Land Trust — has worked to establish itself in a manner that recognizes the specific desires of ranch families and to protect the resource which is at the heart of the operation.

Mike Collinge was the first chairman of the Ranchland Trust board of directors and was on hand for the announcement.

“It is a responsibility to hold that easement and the obligation to take care of the land as the family wishes,” he said.

Alan Pollom of the Nature Conservancy spoke briefly to the group. “It is important to keep the ranch lands alive and well or the land will go to those interests that are less friendly to

ranching and agriculture,” Pollom said. He noted that in the past the conservation easement has not necessarily been recognized as friendly to agriculture and was pleased to see that opinion was changing.

“I can’t believe that I convinced them to do something that was my idea,” Josh said, joking after the presentation was made.

Jim said that it really was not a difficult decision to make (to apply the easement) but a matter of getting the work done with all the parties on board.

“It was an opportunity to preserve this great land that is not only under threat, but is disappearing. This will make a difference for all time,” Jim Hoy said.

Former governor and conservation enthusiast Mike Hayden was also at the event and shared his belief that protection of the land is critical.

“We have to have the grassland and open spaces if this way of life is going to survive,” Hayden said.



Gwen and Josh Hoy, with daughter Josie in the background, look out over the land that will be forever protected under the conservation easement.

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