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Sexton celebrates 50 years with local auction market

**By Beth Gaines-Riffel,
Editor**

From bookkeeper to owner of one of the longest-running livestock markets in eastern Kansas, Merv Sexton has seen a lot of changes in agriculture and after being at the Manhattan Commission Co. for 50 years as of June 14, he credits being willing to change with the times one of the reasons for his longevity.

"I don't like change, really," he said last week at the barn, located along Highway 24 just east of Manhattan. "But I learned that you've got to change if you're going to survive. You can't stop it."

And change he has. Sexton has seen business partners come, go and pass away yet he has remained steadfast in the business. John Cline, his current partner, came to work at the barn in 1980 and bought into the business in 1989.

Growing up on a farm near Abilene during the Depression, he learned the value of hard work early. In fact, during his teenage years he worked for a local dairyman for \$5 a day which included his room and board. "There is something about growing up on a farm, though, that gets in your blood," Sexton said, reflecting on his youth.

But times were tough and the young stockman questioned early on if there was the opportunity to make a living on the farm, so he enlisted in the service.

But ill fortune struck when he was home on a 30-day leave from the Navy in October of 1952. He contracted polio which left him unable to do much physical labor.

"It was probably one of the best things that happened to me," Sexton reflected,

adding that it took the passage of many years to come to terms with that reality.

Knowing that he wouldn't be able to pursue work on a farm, he enrolled in Brown Mackie in Salina, completing the courses necessary for a business degree.

He was hired early on as a temporary bookkeeper at the Abilene livestock market. The Reynolds family ran the business at that time. After a couple of years Sexton, along with his young bride Cecelia, put out word that they'd like to move along to a larger market.

"I really thought that I wanted to go Dodge City," Sexton recalled.

As fate would have it, a post opened up at the Manhattan barn, then operated by Vic Koenig. That was in 1958.

As years passed, Sexton's interest in the business grew and continued, resulting in him buying a portion of the business in 1969. He has been a fixture

since that time even as various other owners have come and gone, including Joe Raine, Wayne Dunafon, Don Wells and current-day partner John Cline.

During the past five decades, one of the most notable changes in the business according to Sexton has been in the size of the farms raising the cattle.

"We've seen the loss of the smaller producer, although we are still blessed with some wonderful pro-

ducers that come from a long ways," Sexton said.

Sexton credited the barns reputation for selling farm-fresh cattle, with no trader stock as a reason that producers are willing to travel a distance to do business with the firm.

"It's our job to work for the consignor," he said.

And from his regular perch alongside the phone in the sale barn cafe during the week, he takes frequent phone calls from farmers and ranchers telling him what will be coming to

"When we sold hogs, one of the things that I enjoyed the very most was visiting with the producers and finding out what was going on with them and their families," Sexton said. "The end of the hog sale was probably one of the biggest disappointments in my life when the hog market crashed and many of the little producers were run out of business."

But just as the animal agriculture has fluctuated



First as an employee and later as an owner, Merv Sexton has been affiliated with the Manhattan Commission Co. for the past 50 years. If not found in the auctioneer's block, you can find Sexton at his traditional spot in the cafe, close to the phone to take down information from consignors about cattle that will be brought to the market.

town for the next regular sale.

On sale days you'll find him in the block behind the sales ring, checking out the cattle that had been called in as consignments.

And it is that personal touch that Sexton credits as part of the success of the barn. And, as the industry moves to more electronic and Internet-based opportunities for markets, that has the 75-year-old marketer concerned about the future.

and changed, so has the physical appearance of the market.

Sexton indicated that there have been three major expansions, the last coming just a couple of years ago to be compliant with environmental regulations.

"We moved from wood to steel and from dirt to cement," Sexton said.

He noted that while the overall number of pens has actually decreased — due to the fact that the small pens

said. "Those people are a big part of the business — bringing the cattle in to us — and they probably didn't get the recognition that they deserve."

And although he's officially past retirement age, Sexton doesn't plan to slow down anytime soon.

"As long as I can make it out every day and be a part of it, I plan to," he said with a grin.

And somehow, I believe that he means it.

Head scab found on wheat in eastern and central Kansas

Some Kansas wheat producers are reporting above normal levels of head scab in their crops, according to a Kansas State University scientist.

"Head scab was favored by frequent rainfall that occurred just prior to and during the time of flowering," said Erick DeWolf, K-State Research and Extension plant pathologist.

"The disease is most common in the eastern third of the state, but can also be found at low levels in parts of central Kansas," DeWolf said.

"The symptoms of head scab include large tan or white lesions that encompass one or more spikelets. Heads infected by scab will often have a brown discoloration of the rachis (central stem of the wheat head) and the de-

veloping kernels will have a white chalky appearance. The base of diseased spikelets may also have a small pink mass that is produced by the fungus that causes head scab."

Nothing can be done at this point to prevent head scab, although it is important for producers to be scouting their fields for the disease, he said. The symptoms become most obvious as the wheat moves into late milk and early dough stages of development.

"It will be important to check multiple times during the grain filling period because the symptoms of head scab can change rapidly in just a few days," DeWolf said. "It is common to see the incidence of scab symptoms increase dramati-

cally in a three- to five-day period."

The infection typically takes place during flowering and the early stages of grain fill, and would require fungicide applications of products such as Folicur, Proline, or Caramba (all newly labeled products) to suppress the disease. Producers should also avoid using the most susceptible varieties and avoid planting wheat after corn, which is also a host of the fungus, DeWolf said.

Cropping systems and tillage systems have an effect on the development of head scab in wheat, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist. Corn residue and infected wheat residue are prime sources of head

scab infections in the spring near flowering time, he said.

Wheat planted into or near corn residue, or continuous wheat planted into fields with infected wheat residue or infected wheat seed, is often more likely to

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
Advertising deadline for the July 8 edition will be noon on Thursday, July 3.
The G&G offices will be closed on Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5.

The view from route 8.

Mess

By Jim Suber

Clearly we are in a gigantic mess, a ball of confusion and uncertainty and the scary voice-overs on urban television about food prices rising because of the floods in Iowa and Illinois may not be helpful.

The high grain prices of the last year or so have made it difficult to stay in the animal feeding business. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has reduced next year's corn for feed estimate by 1 billion bushels, down 16 percent to five billion or so. Obviously, the experts there expect that much reduction in animal feeding with only 200 million bushels more of wheat going to animal feeding to replace the high priced corn. Wheat, too, will still be a lot higher than its traditional price range of \$2 to \$3 a bushel. Put many more beef, hog and poultry finishing facilities

out of business and corn will have lost much of its foundation of support. Cattle industry watchers already note a wilting cow and heifer population by unexpected slaughters of those groups this spring.

Ethanol plants are gaining in ill will generated toward them by taxpayers and other corn users.

Floods have done significant damage to yield and crop prospects in the Corn Belt for both corn and soybeans. Just how much damage is yet to be determined. Much corn had already been replanted once, and some of that new stuff was recently flooded. Soybeans planted in July that far north will probably have reduced yield potential. Now, the question is not whether there was damage to the nation's stockpiles of grain, but how much. The debate whether crude oil prices are \$60 higher than true supply and demand would have them because

of literally unchecked numbers of contracts done in a loophole by speculators using index commodities funds or that the \$135 a barrel price is a reflection of the fundamentals continues, but most of the people talking about it and looking into it are dodging the core question about the index funds and the hundreds of billions of dollars in long positions of both oil and the grain commodities. If the funds were forced to liquidate too rapidly, the apologists say, the bubbles would burst too rapidly and the economy would suffer more than if the prices came down more gradually. Trouble is, nothing is coming down at this moment, and everyday people who live from paycheck to paycheck are truly having a rough time adjusting their life styles to meet this \$4 a gallon fuel tax we're all paying to someplace for no apparent good reason.

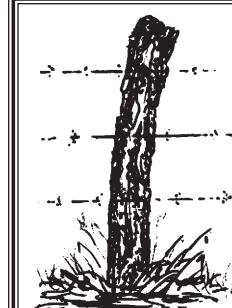
The left wing continues to ignore physical realities

they might have learned in school if they had been forced to take some hard math and science courses instead of social studies and political science and manipulating the mass media. As usual, their attorneys for their clubs and tax-exempt non-governmental organizations, just issue "do-it" mandates that are comparable to the ones the Egyptians used against their Jewish slaves known as "making bricks without straw." In other words, do everything the hard way or die. Thus, we ignore coal and nuclear energy and put up instead clumsy, inefficient, environmentally ruinous and even dangerous giant industrial windmills of which it takes more than 1,000 to come close to generating the electricity what one mid-sized coal plant puts out. So, we're in a mess on just about every front. I hope we don't sell out what is left of our liberty as Americans for a mess of pottage.

The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

We Need Leaders That We Can Follow



Eradicating musk thistles has turned out to be a longer and thus more costly job this year than I had anticipated. In fact, I am still fighting them. Yesterday I sprayed out three 25-gallon tanks of weed spray. I should be finished in another day or two, which is good because the purple flowers are becoming quite prominent. With the rains and cooler temperatures, they still respond to the spray and die.

It is a joy to be out in the green pastures when the sky is overcast and it is pleasantly cool. There is much to see besides thistles. Yesterday I observed the entire herd of 230 head of cows and calves moving, all bunched up and with a purpose in mind. A good looking black cow was in the lead, moving along at a steady gait. She was about five lengths ahead of all the others and looked back occasionally to see that they were all following. Her tag said No. 11, and she wore my brand.

I remember that she was also my lead or boss cow at the time I sold her almost four years ago. She is 12 years old and is still thinking for the herd. I wondered where she was leading them so I watched while continuing to spray thistles. All of them were moving out, following without reservation or question. None were meandering off or doing their own thing. I was impressed with how they stayed together and kept pace with her. I tried to determine what made her the lead cow. What characteristics did she possess to cause others to follow? She seemed to know where she was going and the rest of them were in full agreement. She expected the others to follow, and they did. I watched as they headed for a pond of fresh water. It was mid-morning and time for a refreshing drink. They were all in accord.

When I returned to the pasture

right after lunch with my second load of spray, I noticed Cow No. 11 had them all under a grove of trees, resting in the shade. There she was, still leading and doing what the herd wanted and needed — finding water and then shade and rest with a full rumen. That evening, when I went out with my third load of spray, she had them all grazing in the cool of the evening. I could tell she was a great leader and quite sensible. The entire herd trusted her judgment and were willing to follow.

I shut off the four-wheeler to sit and watch a beautiful sight: a herd of black cows grazing on rank green grass under a blue sky just as the orange sun was saying good night to our part of the world. It was all so peaceful and pleasant. The world and its animal inhabitants were content and fulfilled. I believe this is the ideal life and how it really should be — peaceful, tranquil, and full of purpose for what is good and right.

I ask this question: What is wrong with the human world? Are we too selfish, looking out for number one, ruled by greed, a desire for power, and grabbing all the gusto we can? The consequence of that goal is to be caught in a vise of discontentment. Our little planet could be a paradise with enough for all if we humans could learn the art of giving and sharing. While many in our country do have the attitude of caring and loving one's neighbor, there are too many who do not realize the need and importance of it. And, thus, we have discord, divorce, fighting, and killing.

Perhaps we need a leader like Cow No. 11 — someone who can and will lead us toward what is good and right. But we will have to be willing to cooperate and follow, sharing common goals and with each one pulling his or her fair share in the right direction.



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

In this business, it helps if you like people. Sounds kind of silly, I know, but it is a piece of advice that I always share with the freshman ag journalism classes that visit Ag Press each fall. What's more, it really is true. In this line of work if you don't like people you don't last very long — or at best you aren't very good at the task.

Through the years visiting with various individuals involved in various aspects of agriculture — whether it is the sale barn operator, the guy selling purebred bulls, the seed salesman or the equipment deal — success is generally largely dependent on the ability to deal with people in a positive manner. And if you look through the roster of those individuals and businesses that have stood the test of time, they have either had the fortune of great business acumen, tremendous customer service or a combination thereof.

Sadly, though, I find the notion of good customer service quickly disappearing with the next generation of business owners. You wouldn't think the ability to serve the customer to be such a big deal, but it really is.

Earlier this spring I had the opportunity to sit in on a planning session for Jim Bell's with various members of the Chase County community and the new owners. The piece of advice that was echoed over and over again was the need for efficient and effective customer service.

I think that is reflective of the state of affairs in retail shops in the era of the big box stores where you are told that the item that is being sought out is down on aisle 43 by a teenage-kid that has been on the job for maybe a month — oh yeah, you had to tap them on the shoulder to get their attention because they were too busy being "plugged-in" to their latest electronic device.

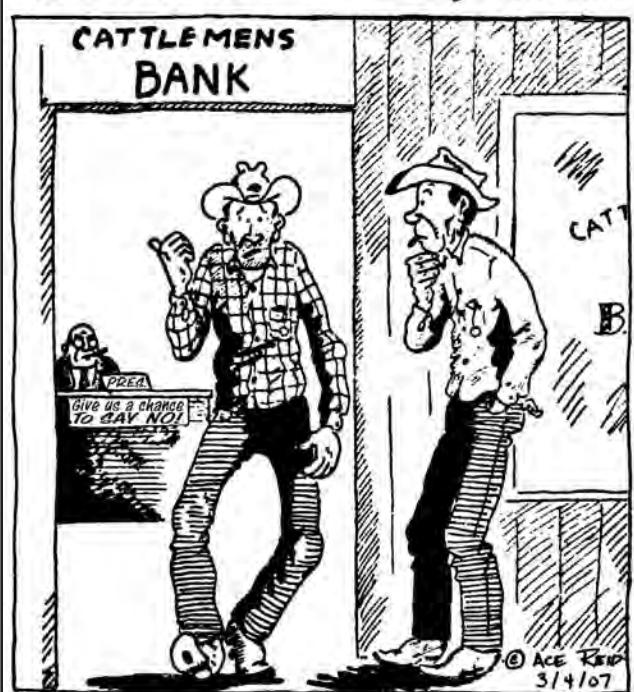
So, when I did the story about Merv and his 50-year tenure at Manhattan Commission Co., it was a stark reminder that those that successfully stick with a post for more than 10 years are becoming more and more rare.

Congrats on five decades, Merv. That is something to be proud of.

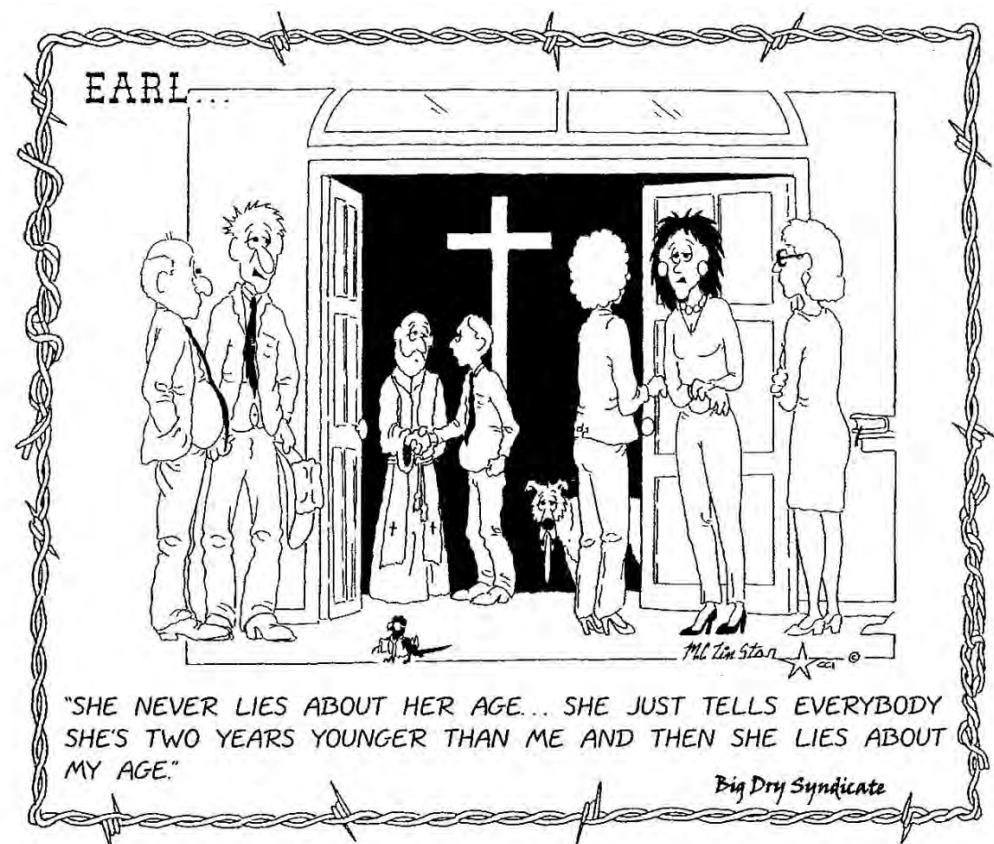
I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"

COW POOKS®

By Ace Reid



He sez if we're so dang smart, how come we're always borrowin' HIS money to stay in business?



Big Dry Syndicate

K-State scientists outline management options for head scab-infected wheat

Rain before and during flowering in some wheat this year led to head scab in parts of eastern and central Kansas, a Kansas State University plant pathologist said.

If wheat is infected with head scab, producers may need to handle the grain differently, depending on the level of infection, said

Scab

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broadleaf crop or grain sorghum may still get infected with head scab some years since the Fusarium fungus is airborne and may travel great distances from the original source of inoculum — corn, wheat, or grass residues.

Broadleaf crops such as soybeans, sunflowers, canola, and cotton are not hosts of the Fusarium head scab fungus, said DeWolf. Where scab has been a problem, producers may want to rotate to one of those crops the following year, added Shroyer.

Producers who irrigate wheat should avoid watering the wheat during flowering through early grain fill, said Shroyer.

More information on head scab in wheat is available on the Department of Plant Pathology Fact Sheet on the Web at: <http://www.plantpath.ksu.edu/> and type in Wheat Scab.

Erick DeWolf, with K-State Research and Extension.

"It is important to scout fields now to know which fields have the most damage," DeWolf said. "The disease incidence can be determined by simply counting the number of infected heads in five groups of 20 heads (100 total). The number of infected heads will give you a good estimate of the disease incidence. Fields with less than 2 percent incidence should not have significant yield losses, however, the likelihood of yield losses increases when incidence is greater than 10 percent."

The diseased grain may have a reduced test weight and some of the kernels will likely be light colored, he added. At harvest, growers should check the quality of the grain periodically. Although combines are not great at separating the grain by kernel density, it may be possible to remove some of the most heavily damaged grain by slightly turning up

the air speed on the combine. Severely damaged grain may be subject to price discounts upon delivery and the most severely damaged loads may also be rejected, DeWolf said.

At the elevator, grain inspectors will look for scab-infected kernels and treat them the same as any other kind of damaged kernel, said Randy McCormick, manager of the Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (KGIS). Wheat can have up to 2 percent damaged kernels and still grade No. 1; up to 4 percent to grade No. 2; and up to 6 percent to grade No. 3. "Beyond that, however, elevators and other grain buyers may choose to have the wheat tested for DON (vomitoxin) levels," McCormick said. It is not a requirement, but the KGIS can perform the test at the elevator if requested.

Producers should begin developing a plan now to deal with the diseased grain, and it might be wise to dedicate a portion of the

on-farm storage or equipment shed just in case a load of grain is rejected and needs to be handled separately in the middle of harvest, DeWolf said.

"It may still be possible to use this damaged grain as part of a cattle ration, or clean the grain to improve the test weight using seed cleaning equipment. Nothing is more frustrating than losing time during the grain harvest, and a little preparation may help you make good marketing decisions," DeWolf said.

If the grain will be used for seed, plan to clean the grain heavily to remove the damaged kernels, said Vernon Schaffer, K-State Foundation Seed manager. Commercial seed cleaning equipment should be able to remove most of the diseased kernels, because they are smaller and lighter weight than the healthy ker-

nels, he said. "The first level of cleaning for scabby wheat should be screening and aspiration," Schaffer said. "This primary cleaning method can take out much of the lighter-weight, scabby kernels, depending on the level of cleaning desired. The limitation of this method is that quite a bit of non-scabby wheat may also be removed, resulting in high cleanout rates in some cases."

Another option is to have the grain cleaned with a gravity table, said Daryl Strouts, executive secretary of the Kansas Crop Improvement Association.

Few seed cleaning operations have this equipment, but it can be efficient at removing light-weight kernels. A gravity table will take out low-test-weight wheat with relatively low cleanout.

After cleaning to increase the test weight to at

least 56 pounds per bushel, and germination to at least 80 to 90 percent, the grain can be used as seed if desired, Schaffer said.

This seed should be treated with a fungicide seed treatment, however, since the scab fungus can also cause seedling blight the following growing season, added DeWolf.

Scabby wheat, or even the cleanout from scabby wheat, also can be used as livestock feed, he added.

The relative feed value of scabby wheat is often very good, according to the K-State Department of Plant Pathology Fact Sheet titled "Wheat Scab." However, scabby wheat may contain the mycotoxins DON (vomitoxin) and zearalenone.

"Neither of these toxins is considered carcinogenic or highly toxic, but they both can reduce the performance of livestock."

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er, blocks, other); wood butter churn; Dazey churning (20,30,40,60 & 80); jewelry (14k gold pendant w/14k chain; Cameo hat pin, 4 gold rings, watch chains, sterling signed bracelet, gold watch pin, costume jewelry); Hallmark ornaments; marbles; Ed Sullivan & Queen For a Day tickets; Rockwell book & album; 1954 Marilyn Monroe poster; bakelite pencil sharpener; 1909 IHC ruler; oak seed box; Mr. Peanut items; Shaq Oneil clock & picture; 1930 Moline straw hat; spark plugs; hubcaps; stop light; wood butter molds; dice game; Jayhawk oil can; Sinclair match holder; viewer w/Holiday Dowdy cards; 1943 Varga calendar; movie posters; assortment of books (1938 Conoco atlas, Remington drawings book & prints, 1910 Sears catalog, 1910 Askew Saddlery price list; Little's salesman's catalog; Boys harness catalog; 1955 Inside baseball for Little Leaguers; 1935 Ballet theater programs; many other; coins inc. (1882 \$5 gold piece, 1/10th oz \$5 Saint, Peace dollars, 1920s half dollar, 1824 capped bust 1/2 dollar, seated liberty quarters, 50 Indian head pennies, Colt 125 commemorative coin, UP coin); keys & locks; chauffeur badges; porcelain pans; JD implement lids; marble game; canes; radiator cap; bookends inc.; Frankart; 1900 National Geo magazines; Barbie dolls; flour sacks; apple peeler; 50's microphone; Griswold ice shaver, sad iron; copper boiler; tire ashtray; mortar & pedestal in box; manuals (UMM tractor, Townley & Stowe hardware, Dempster windmill, 28 Plymouth, other).

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Victorian biscuit jar; fish at sea bowl; oil & vinegar set; 6 carnival bowls; pink pitcher & glassess; vaseline bowl; opalescent pieces; Heisey flower frog & bowls; tankards; Hywood Niloak cups, pitcher; chocolate pot; Roseville 670; Weller frog vase; Nippon vase; 80 Jadeite dishes; several Hoosier jars; glass candy containers; head vases; KKK oil bottles; glass ice cream sandwich maker; Christmas lights; glass mailbox; Tiffany stamp dispenser; depression toothpick holders; Shawnee owl salt & pepper; Hull Red Riding hood biscuit jar; Hummel boy; Rexall plate; glass fly trap; bakelite inkwell; Duncan Royale figurines; Bavaria china; Hires mug; 28 pc Desert rose; Cal. Art plates; assortment of other glass.

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Our Daily Bread

***** By G&G Area Cooks *****

Noel Miller, Maple Hill, Wins Recipe Contest & Prize In Grass & Grain

Winner Noel Miller, Maple Hill: "This is a nice summer side dish. Can be served with your favorite Mexican food or grilled meat. I serve it with sour cream and salsa."

CORN FRITTERS WITH CHILI LIME MAYO

3 cups corn kernels (you may substitute frozen corn kernels)

1 cup flour

1 cup yellow cornmeal

1/3 cup finely grated Romano cheese

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon chili powder

1 large egg, plus 1 yolk

1 1/2 cups buttermilk

1/4 cup chopped green onions (part of the greens)

1/4 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons butter

Chili-Lime Mayo:

2 limes

1 1/2 cups mayonnaise

1 tablespoon finely chopped jalapeno pepper

1 teaspoon salt

To prepare the fritters, fill a medium saucepan halfway with water and bring to a boil. Add the corn and cook until just tender, about 2 to 3 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water and set aside. Combine the flour, cornmeal, cheese, baking powder, salt and chili powder in a medium bowl. Whisk the egg, yolk and buttermilk together in a small bowl. Whisk the egg mixture into the flour mixture until well combined. Stir in green onions and 1 1/2 cups cooked corn. Heat 2 tablespoons oil and 1 1/2 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Spoon 3 tablespoons batter for each fritter. Cook until golden, about 3 minutes on each side. Repeat using remaining batter, oil and butter.

To prepare the Chili-Lime Mayo, zest and juice a lime. Stir the mayonnaise, juice, zest and jalapeno together in a small bowl until well blended. Slice the remaining lime into wedges. Serve the fritters warm with the Chili-Lime Mayo and garnish with remaining corn kernels and lime wedges. Makes 12 servings or fritters.

Doris Cripps, Auburn:
ITALIAN CREAM CAKE
Cake:

5 eggs

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened

1/2 cup vegetable shortening

2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 cup buttermilk

2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted twice

1 cup coconut

1 cup chopped nuts

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon coconut extract

Cream Cheese Frosting:
8-ounce package cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened

16-ounce package powdered sugar

1 teaspoon almond extract

Separate eggs and beat egg whites until stiff; set aside. Cream butter, shortening and sugar. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Dissolve soda in buttermilk; add alternately with flour. Beat well; add coconut, nuts and extracts. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into 3 bottom-greased and floured 9-inch cake pans, using 2 cups batter for each pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

For Cream Cheese Frosting: combine ingredients and beat well. Spread between layers and on top of cooled cake; refrigerate. Makes 16 servings.

Julene DeRouche, St. Marys:

BLUEBERRY SOUR CREAM SCONES

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup sour cream
Lemon zest
1/2 cup fresh blueberries

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a mixing bowl blend the dry ingredients thoroughly. Add sour cream and stir for 20 seconds or until the dry ingredients are damp. Gently fold in zest and blueberries (this dough will be very light). Turn out onto a floured board and knead, very gently, 8 to 10 times. Roll into a round 1/2 to 3/4 inch thick. Flour a spatula or bowl scraper well and cut into quarters. Flour your spatula again and gently lift each scone onto a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden.

Marcia Emig, Goodland: "This is the most popular lunch entree at the Teller Room at Oberlin. Enjoy!"

TELLER ROOM CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH

1 deboned chicken
1 1/2 cups red grapes, halved
1 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup red onion
1/4 cup crushed pineapple, drained
1/3 cup chopped pecans
1/4 to 1/3 cup mayonnaise
Salt & pepper
Swiss cheese, shredded

Mix together all ingredients. Place large spoonful on top of sliced buttered French bread that has been pre-toasted in oven. Top with shredded Swiss cheese. Bake in a 350-degree oven until cheese is melted. Serve with fresh fruit.

Rita Hay, Herington: "We liked this when camping."

MEXICAN SKILLET SPAGHETTI

1 pound ground beef
15-ounce can tomato sauce
4 3/4 cups water (2 1/2 tomato sauce cans)
(2) 1 1/4-oz. packages taco mix
2 tablespoons instant minced onion

Salt

8 ounces uncooked spaghetti
1/2 cup natural cheddar cheese, shredded

In a 12-inch skillet brown the ground beef (350 degrees if you use electric skillet). Add tomato sauce, water, taco mix, instant minced onion

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and salt. Bring to boiling. Add 8 ounces uncooked spaghetti. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until the spaghetti is tender, stirring constantly, about 25 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup shredded natural cheddar cheese.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "This is a recipe I've had for a long time. It's easy to make."

HASH BROWN CASSEROLE

2 pounds frozen hash browns
1/4 cup melted oleo
1 tablespoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons minced onion
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 pint sour cream
2 cups grated cheddar cheese
1 cup crushed cornflakes

Mix together all ingredients. Place large spoonful on top of sliced buttered French bread that has been pre-toasted in oven. Top with shredded Swiss cheese. Bake in a 350-degree oven until cheese is melted. Serve with fresh fruit.

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Lorene Fengel, Oak Hill:

MOIST COFFEE CAKE

1 package yellow cake mix

1 small package instant

vanilla pudding

3/4 cup oil

3/4 cup water

4 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 teaspoon butter flavoring

Chopped pecans (optional)

Cinnamon-sugar mixture

Beat first 7 ingredients at high speed for 8 minutes. Grease a bundt pan and sprinkle nuts and cinnamon-sugar in bottom. Pour 1/3 of the batter into the pan. Cover with nuts and cinnamon-sugar. Pour in another 1/3 of batter and cover again with cinnamon-sugar and nuts. Add remaining batter. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Can bake in oven at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes or heat in crock-pot until warm.

4 tablespoons molasses
4 tablespoons mustard
1 teaspoon chili powder
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
28-ounce can baked beans (any flavor)

15-ounce can Great Northern beans

15-ounce can black beans (frijoles)

15-ounce can red beans

Saute beef and onion together until the meat is browned. Drain off excess grease. Drain all beans except the baked beans. Add the beans and the rest of the ingredients to the browned beef. Can bake in oven at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes or heat in crock-pot until warm.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:

SALAMI ROLL UPS

8-ounce carton whipped cream cheese
1/4 pound hard salami, finely chopped

2 tablespoons dill pickle relish

(4) 10-inch flour tortillas

In a bowl combine cream cheese, salami and relish. Spread over tortillas. Roll up tight and wrap in plastic wrap. Put in refrigerator at least 15 minutes. Unwrap and cut into 1-inch slices.

Julia Bergman, Seneca:

SETTLER'S BEANS

1 to 2 pounds ground beef

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Miriam Schumm, Manhattan:

GREAT AUNT BESSIE'S FARMER COOKIES

1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar, packed
1 cup shortening (not oil)
1/2 cup peanut butter
2 eggs

2 cups white flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups oatmeal
2 cups crisp rice cereal 1 cup flaked coconut

Nuts or raisins, if desired

Mix until creamy: white sugar, brown sugar, shortening and peanut butter. Beat in the eggs. In a separate bowl sift together the flour, salt, soda and baking powder. Mix the wet and dry ingredients together then fold in oatmeal, crisp rice cereal, coconut and nuts or raisins, if desired. If too dry, add a very little amount of milk. Drop by spoonful, pat flat and shape with floured fingers. Bake for 12 minutes at 350 degrees.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
BANANA BREAD

6 very ripe bananas, medium size
2 tablespoons vanilla
2 cups brown sugar
1 1/2 cups oil
1 cup sour cream
4 eggs
3 1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup ground pecans
2 cups mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease (2) 6-by-9-inch loaf pans. In a bowl mash bananas with vanilla. In another bowl combine brown sugar, oil, sour cream and eggs, stirring until com-

bined. In another bowl combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Gradually add to sugar mixture, stirring until just combined. Stir in banana mixture, ground pecans and mini chips. Pour into pans and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool in pans for 15 minutes. Remove to racks to cool.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:

PINEAPPLE-RHUBARB PIE

3 cups chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed
(2) 8-ounce cans crushed pineapple, drained
1 1/2 cups sugar
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
15-ounce package refrigerated pie pastry

In a bowl combine the

rhubarb, pineapple, sugar, tapioca, lemon juice and lemon peel. Let stand for 15 minutes. Line a 9-inch pie plate with bottom pastry. Add the filling. Roll out remaining pastry to fit top of pie. Cut slits or make decorative cut-outs in pastry. Place over filling, trim, seal and flute edges. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool on a wire rack. Refrigerate leftovers. Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
BERRY JELLY ROLL CAKE:

1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
Pinch salt
4 large eggs
3/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 tablespoons powdered sugar

Coat a jelly roll pan with nonstick spray. Line bottom

with waxed paper. Spray paper. In a bowl stir the flour, baking powder and salt. In another bowl beat the eggs with mixer for 5 minutes or until very light yellow. Add granulated sugar in batches beating until smooth. Beat in vanilla. Fold flour mixture into egg mixture until no lumps remain. Pour into pan spreading level. Bake at 350 for 12 to 14 minutes or until lightly browned. Meanwhile dust a clean kitchen towel with powdered sugar. When cake is done, turn out onto towel. Roll up towel and cake. Cool completely. Unroll cake and spread with filling. Roll up again, without the towel. Transfer to a platter and spread with thawed whipped topping. Slice and serve.

Filling:

1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3/4 cup blackberries, halved

water and heat over medium heat. Cool 9 to 10 minutes until thickened, bubbly and most of the berries have popped. Break up remaining berries with a spoon. Remove from heat and cool.

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Survival of Flint Hills rests with burning, grazing

COTTONWOOD FALLS (AP) — It's been called the "vast grassland empire" — an expanse of rolling prairie, blackened in the spring by burning, brightened by green growth after the fire and aged to a rusty tan by autumn.

The Flint Hills — chiseled from sandstone, limestone and shale by the wind and water nearly 200 million years ago — is an area from 30 to 50 miles wide stretching from Marshall County near the Nebraska border into Oklahoma, where the state line changes the name to the Osage Hills, according to Emporia State University biology professor Tom Eddy.

Outcrops of chert — a hard, gray stone also known as flint — top the hills.

"The prairie grasses and wildflowers that clothe the Flint Hills today began their assemblage merely 10,000

years ago" after the melting of an ice sheet that covered the area, Eddy wrote in a 1998 article for Midwest Streams, Trails and Tales magazine.

Plants have come and gone since that time, with about 400 to 600 different species rooted in the 4.2 million-acre native tallgrass prairie.

"There are five major grasses that make up the landscape: big bluestem, little bluestem, Indian grass, switchgrass and sideoats grama," said Mike Holder, Chase County Extension agent in Cottonwood Falls. "These grasses make up 60 to 70 percent of the plants."

For the prairie to survive, Holder said, two things must occur: burning and grazing.

When the prairie was uninhabited, lightning strikes ignited fires in the grasslands. After the prairie

burned off, bright green grass would sprout from the charred vegetation and attract bison, antelope, deer and other wildlife to the area.

American Indians who came to the area observed the lightning-induced burning and its effect on the wildlife that made up their food supply.

"They set fires for survival," Holder said.

As the Indians learned from Mother Nature, Europeans who settled in the Flint Hills heard about or observed how prairie burning was used by the Indians. The settlers figured if bison thrived on the grass springing from the burned land, then similar grazers — like cattle — would do well, too.

"We developed a culture of grass burners," he said.

The settlers also discov-

ered burning would control woody plants, such as hedge, locust, cedar, dogwood and sumac. Holder said research has shown, depending on the weather, the prairie would become a mixed woodland within 40 years if burning was stopped.

Under the Homestead Act, settlers could have 160 acres of government land free if they built a home and farmed the land for five years.

"Some found they couldn't farm the terrain (of the Flint Hills) because of the steepness of the hills and the rockiness on the top of the hills," Holder said. "It was considered a wasteland in the 1850s-1860s because they couldn't use it to farm."

The settlers, he said, homesteaded on the east and west edges of the Flint Hills

and farmed in the river and creek bottoms where they could easily till the soil.

It wasn't until Texas ranchers began driving their cattle through Kansas to reach railroads that the terrain's potential for grazing was realized. Eventually, farmers living in the Flint Hills became custom grazers. Today, Holder said, ranchers and cowboys who don't own pasture will rent land in the Flint Hills and take in cattle owned by others for grazing.

"They are caretakers for a fee," he said. Holder said research has shown cattle grazing on burned pasture will gain 10 percent more weight so "ranchers have an economic incentive to burn and graze."

"It's all lush, fresh, highly nutritious growth," he said. "It's more palatable.

The animal eats more and everything he eats is of higher nutritive quality."

Holder said, on average, about 1 million head of cattle are grazed in the Flint Hills during the summer months. In addition, about 200,000 cow/calf pairs graze year-round on the grassland.

"It's a big industry," he said.

At one time, the tallgrass prairie encompassed about 100 million acres in North America. While efforts are being made to preserve the Flint Hills, threats to the prairie exist.

Holder points to two long-standing factors: new development, with houses, roadways and public utilities, which fragment the hills and hinder burning and

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grass production; and absentee landowners who buy pasture land for recreation or pride of ownership and don't understand how the land should be managed.

Brian Obermeyer, director of the Flint Hills Initiative for The Nature Conservancy in Cottonwood Falls, said a third factor exists: sericea lespedeza, a perennial legume that aggressively competes with native prairie plants.

A Kansas State University study showed native grass production was reduced up to 80 percent in areas infested with the legume. Obermeyer said spot spraying of herbicides is used to control sericea.

The newest obstacle to prairie burning is "air quality," Holder said.

The smoke from burning

in the Flint Hills not only can cause a safety hazard along the Kansas Turnpike and other roadways, but it also can drift as far as Kansas City and add to its air quality problems.

Holder said he and others are working with the Environmental Protection Agency, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and other agencies to address the environmental concern.

"My goal is to make people understand air quality is important, but preservation of the ecosystem of the tall-grass prairie and the grazing industry is important, too," he said.

A person living in Kansas knows he'll have to deal with floods and tornadoes.

"If you live in the Flint Hills, you know you'll have smoke every once in a while," he said.

K-State climatologist tracks state's twister history

After a tornado leaves town, Mary Knapp knows her phone will ring. Knapp, an associate agronomist with Kansas State University Research and Extension, is also the state climatologist.

"I keep the archives of weather records in Kansas, so I have all sorts of weather data," she said.

Knapp fields inquiries from researchers of diverse topics, from the expected — plant and insect development — to the unusual — the correlation between weather and children's activity at recess.

But since the June 11 tornado, most callers are asking Knapp about the last time Manhattan and K-State hosted a twister. That was June 8, 1966.

"It didn't get as much notice because that was the same day that Topeka got hit by its tornado," Knapp said. That outbreak started in

western Kansas, just as this storm did, with brief touch-downs in the southwest before arriving in Manhattan.

"The 1966 track was north and west of this tornado," Knapp said. It touched down north of the Amherst neighborhood, and on campus it struck the Jardine complex, which was married student housing at that time, and St. Mary's Hospital, which is now Mercy Regional Health Center. After crossing the North Agronomy Farm and Tuttle Creek Boulevard, the 1966 tornado hit Strong Avenue in the Northview area. Houses and mobile home parks were badly damaged. The storm caused about 40 injuries, but no deaths.

"What's interesting to note is how much development has occurred since

then in that area," Knapp said. Bramlage Coliseum, the grain science complex, the fire station on Kimball Avenue and Meadowlark Hills all would have been in the path of the 1966 tornado.

"It's easy to think of what might have happened," she said.

The post of state climatologist originally was a federal job. When the National Weather Service divested itself of state climate programs in the late 1970s, Dean Bark, a professor of physics, persuaded K-State administrators and the National Climate Data Program of the job's continuing importance.

Knapp, an expert on computerized decision-making, assumed the post in 1992, the year after the massive Andover tornado killed 13

people and caused \$250 million in damage.

Sedgwick County really gets hit a lot, Knapp said, because of its favorable — or unfavorable — combination of Gulf moisture and jet stream patterns.

"The other factor that comes into play is that tornadoes get noticed when they intersect with populations," Knapp said. A storm that destroys 30 center-pivot irrigators in the middle of wheat country won't generate much news coverage, but the economic effects are considerable. Each destroyed pivot could halve the yield of an entire section of wheat, so at \$9 a bushel, "very, very conservatively" a farmer stands to lose \$250,000 per section, plus \$100,000 for the lost equipment, she said.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 29 — 11:00 AM

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: (11:00 a.m.) Oak wall mirror w/4 brass hooks; oak wall plate rack; Seth Thomas T&S mantle clock Rosewood effect w/celluloid columns; celluloid cover photo album; pr. silhouette pictures; pr. small tapestry pictures; other pictures; 3 German wood carved mountain scene pictures by Garantiert Handarbeit; old violin w/wood case; LP's, 78 & 45 records;



Mariage style lamp pink & gold; sewing basket; French silverplate jewelry box parlor scene; German Silver 1909 mesh purse; Cameo wood look compact; sterling handle baby comb & brush set w/ box; gold eyeglasses; **BOOKS:** Life of Wm. Tecumseh Sherman 1891; "Thirty Year War" Chas. True 1879; Indian Horrors of Massacres by the Redmen" late 1800's; Gene Stratton Porter books; Zane Grey; Childrens lg. paperbacks 1906-1930's; 9 vol. Time-Life "Old West Series" books; old books; Clyde, Ks. Milling flour sacks; Hoosier Want List chart; Griswold iron cov'd dutch oven; 15' x 21' oriental area rug; 1937 Paris Grand Prix crock mug; Hummel figurines: 12/1 Chimney Sweep, 14 A&B Bookworms bookends Full Bee mark; other Hummels As Is; Goebel Friar Tuck items decanter KL91, condiment set, creamer, sugar & tray; Andrea Bluebird & Cardinal lg. figurines; Royal Meridian Boy & Girl in Donkey cart figurine; Rose Fenton opalescent Hobnail bowl; pk. whip cream pail; Depression era glass; crystal & gold Pattern Glass water pitcher; glassware; Cloisonne smoking set; 8" Northwood purple Carnival Rayed bowl; **PORCELAIN:** 6" JPL France hand painted grape clusters pitcher; 9 1/2" cov'd pitcher possibly unmarked Prussia; 8" Coach Scene Czech pitcher; Laughlin Art

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grazing season," Hoy clarified.

"Cattle sure have changed, too," Hoy pointed out. "When exotic cattle breeds, such as Charolais, Limousin and Simmental, started showing up, some of them hadn't ever seen a horse, and it took a lot of time getting them used to being around horses."

Full season grazing from mid-April to October started changing in the late '70s, according to the panelists.

"Now several of the pastures we look after are double stocked for one-half of the season," Muller related. "These cattle go out at the same time, but there are twice as many on the same acreage, and we take them off in July."

Flint Hills grasses, Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Indian grass and switchgrass, are most nutritious in those three months, and cattle will gain faster during

that period than on any other grassland anywhere in the world, Hoy contended. Cow herds are grazed year-round on some pastures, but the bulk of Flint Hills grazing is with growing cattle.

Hoy emphasized that the Flint Hills is the largest remaining native prairie under private ownership. "The other big native range-lands are government owned," he stated.

Modernization and changes have caused decreased use of horses. "We used to ride our horses to

the pastures and ride them home. Now, we haul our horses everywhere in a trailer. They stand around more than being ridden," Muller revealed.

"A horse has to be ridden to know anything. It's a long, slow process," recognized Wayne Alexander, who like each of the panelists has raised and trained many horses during his career.

"Wet saddle blankets make good horses, and I've trained some top horses," continued Wayne Alexander, an all-around rodeo

champion many times over. "I really craved that roping."

All of the group had rodeo experiences to relate. "If you're a cowboy, you like rodeos," admitted Gieswein, who's been a member of champion ranch rodeo teams along with the others. The Alexander boys participated in amateur and Old Timers rodeos successfully throughout the Midwest.

Although all members of the group have bought and sold horses consistently throughout their lives, each

took the most pride in the ones they've raised and trained entirely themselves.

"When horses have cattle working ability in their genes, that makes them easier to train sometimes," commented Gieswein, who's owned champion cutting horses and won the cowboy cutting competition several years at Council Grove.

"Still, there's nothing that beats riding a horse every day checking and gathering cattle to get trained," Muller clarified.

Sensing endangerment of the future for the Flint Hills cowboy, the group of five cautiously discussed infringement of four-wheelers.

"Ten years ago, I would have said that these things would never beat a horse for working cattle, and I'd still like to think they won't," Muller countered. "However, more people are using them all of the time. I even have one myself. I don't use

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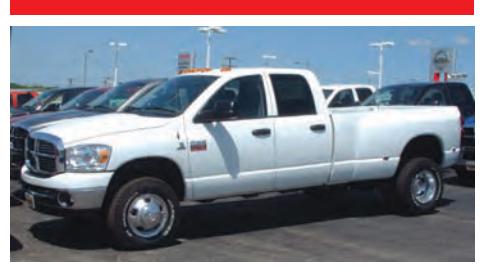
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Crowing survey suggests more nesting pheasants in 2008

Each spring, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) conducts a survey of pheasants throughout their statewide range. As the mating season approaches, roosters increase crowing, and KDWP staff drive routes, stop at established stations, and listen for birds. Data from this survey, combined with the summer brood count survey in August, helps determine the outlook for the fall pheasant crop. A windy spring made surveying difficult this year, but last year's production combined with good winter carry-over appears to reveal an increased number of breeding pheasants over last year.

This year's spring survey period was April 25 through May 20, five days later than normal due to windy conditions that made hearing calls difficult. All 63 established routes were assigned for 2008, and 59 were successfully run. Forty-eight of the routes were completed in both 2007 and 2008 by the same observers. Rangewide, the 2008 Pheasant Crowning Survey (PCS) index was 18.4 crows per

station, up 35 percent from 2007. Overall, 40 of the 47 comparable routes increased in counts this year.

In the northwest, all 12 routes were run, 10 by the same observers as in 2007, and the crowing birds counted increased 36 percent from 2007. Nine of the 10 routes run by the same observer in both years increased. The Sherman County route sharply decreased but was not used to calculate regional change because this decrease was likely due to substantial irrigation-engine noise this year compared to no such noise in 2007.

In northcentral Kansas, all 12 routes were run, eleven by last year's observers. Ten routes increased, one decreased, and the average count increased 40 percent over last year.

In the northeast, eight of the 10 routes were run and

seven were completed by 2007 observers. Four of the seven comparable survey routes increased; two decreased; and one was unchanged.

In southwest Kansas, 16 of 18 routes were completed, and 13 of those were run by the same observer as last year. Eleven of the 13 comparable routes increased, and two decreased, yielding an average increase of 37 percent over 2007. In south-central Kansas, all of nine survey routes were successfully run, and seven of those had the same observers as in 2007. This yielded an increase of 32 percent over last year. Five of the seven comparable routes increased, and two decreased.

"This spring's increases in the PCS index appears to reflect the good production that occurred in 2007," says Randy Rodgers, KDWP upland game bird research biologist. "Much of the state's

2007 wheat crop was set back about two weeks by a late hard freeze. This provided a longer time-frame for nests to hatch and chicks to grow large enough to evade harvest machinery. Although heavy late-May rains appeared to have hurt 2007 pheasant nesting in central Kansas, increases in the PCS index this spring, even in these areas, suggests the heavy cover that resulted from those rains provided good re-nesting

opportunities last summer.

"And last winter did not appear to put unusual stress on pheasants," Rodgers adds. "Some areas of western Kansas currently have excellent breeding populations, but highly variable moisture this spring will probably dictate 2008 production success. Parts of southwest Kansas are currently experiencing severe drought, and some areas in northwest and northcentral Kansas have

had exceptionally heavy rains with large hail that has probably hurt pheasant production locally. Outside these extremes, most of the 2008 wheat crop has had good moisture and temperature conditions and has developed relatively slowly, all of which are beneficial to pheasant reproduction. Wheat harvest will also occur late in most areas, further increasing the potential for good pheasant production."

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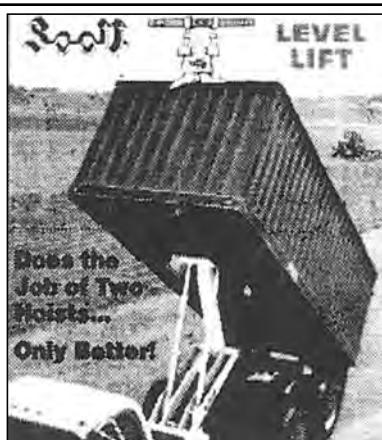
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The 2008 Agricultural Technology Field Day will be Aug. 5 at the Airport and Expo Grounds in Great Bend.

"This is the second time for this location. It has ample room for the popular 'ride and drive' and demonstration portions of the field day," said Bob Wolf, a field day coordinator and agricultural engineer with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Agricultural technologies are advancing rapidly, Wolf said. For producers and agribusiness persons to stay informed about the latest developments is a challenge.

"But, actually learning about the possible applications and benefits of those technologies can be even more difficult," he said. "In some cases, finding out about the technical support you can reasonably expect may be difficult, too. That's why the kind of opportunity this field day represents is so important."

The Kansas Agricultural Research Association (KARA) and several corporate sponsors are helping K-State Research and Extension host the event.

"It's one of the largest ag technology shows in the High Plains. Plus, the field day's leaders are people who actually have developed, evaluated and used the technologies," said Wolf, who serves as an application technology specialist for K-State's Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

Just as important, though, the field day allows participants to test-drive equipment with the features they're learning about. This year, that will include their being able to operate "many of the premier guidance and sprayer systems available today," the engineer said.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 4 p.m.

The day's discussions will cover automated guidance, yield mapping, data logging, data analysis, and other automation and precision-application technologies. They'll include a new focus on planting systems with swath control and other automatic components. Another feature will be systems with automatic turning.

Multi-topic demonstrations on sprayer technologies will show automatic boom leveling, automatic boom-swath control, and variable-rate applications. Educational sessions featuring university experts are planned.

"If you are considering or you're getting ready to upgrade precision agricultural technologies for your farm or application business, you should attend this

event," Wolf said. "The program is designed to be 'hands-on' and very applied in nature."

More information and the event's registration form are available on the KARA website at www.ksagresearch.com (click on "Ag Tech Field Day" in the left side column). During most work hours, Wolf also is available to answer questions by phone (785) 532-2935 or e-mail rewolf@ksu.edu.

For those who preregister by July 25, the fee for all handouts and the field day's on-site lunch is \$25 per person. (Preregistered KARA members receive one free admission.) Registration at the door will be \$50, with no guarantee that an extra lunch will be available.

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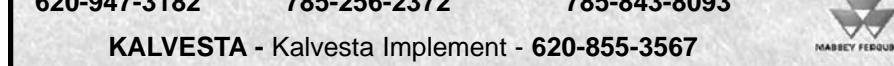
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The Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition (KGLC) is hosting two range schools in August — one for eastern Kansas at White Memorial Camp in Morris County and one for western Kansas at Camp Aldrich in Barton County. The eastern school is set for August 12-14 and the western school for August 19-21. "Principles of Rangeland Management and Grass and Animal Ecology in Kansas" is this year's theme. "We'll have a major emphasis on 'firing up' grassland management using prescribed burning as a focal point," says Tim Christian, KGLC coordinator. "These schools are directed at landowners, operators, outdoor enthusiasts, hired hands, agency and natural resource organization staff, and others interested in learning rangeland ecology, wildlife, and livestock management. The focus is on understanding the basic ecology of Kansas rangelands and the interconnection between a healthy landscape and a healthy, profitable livestock or wildlife enterprise.

"With a growing interest of ranchers and others in prescribed fire and patch burning as a grassland management tool, we hope to provide useful tools for attendees to incorporate into their operations," Christian explains. "Much of the study is hands-on in the field, and participants will learn from their counterparts."

Along with ranchers, instructors include USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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staff, Kansas State University (KSU) range and grazing lands specialists, and KGLC staff.

Registration includes two nights lodging, meals, and materials for \$250, and if a second or third person from the same group attends, the fee is reduced to \$200. Deadline for registration is August 1 for the eastern school and August 8 for the western school. Space is limited to 30 participants in each school. Scholarships are available to virtually anyone interested in attending, reducing the fee to \$100 per person (and \$50 for multiple attendees).

Anyone interested should go to the KGLC website, www.kglc.org, fill out a scholarship form, and submit it by July 18. More detailed information about the schools may also be found on the website. For more information, phone Christian at (620) 241-3636, email him at tchristian@kglc.org, or phone Ken Sherraden at (785) 922-7061 or email him at ksherraden@kglc.org.

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Wayne Alexander, Jack Gieswein, Jim Hoy, Kenneth Muller and Bob Alexander are lifelong Flint Hills cowboys, who remain active in the profession looking after grazing cattle on the native rangelands. They reviewed the cowboy lifestyle and talked of its future during afternoon programs that were part of the recent Symphony in the Flint Hills. Over 6,700 people participated in the afternoon and evening activities.

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it for doctoring or gathering; but if a steer is missing, I sometimes take the four-wheeler to find him, instead of riding my horse."

"There are some cattlemen who don't have horses any more and seem to get along. Yet, when something needs doctoring or a stray gets away, there's nothing that will beat a good horse," Bob Alexander defended. All of the group conceded to that consensus.

Likewise, there was discussion about the younger generation of cattlemen to fill these senior cowboys' boots. "My son has always wanted to be a cowboy, and he's a rancher now," Muller noted. Hoy's son is heavily involved in ranching, with entrepreneurship endeavors tied to the Flint Hills.

"One of my sons has a small cow herd, and likes the ranch life, but it's not possible for him to make a living," Bob Alexander stressed. Wayne Alexander's boy is a race horse trainer, still with ties to ranch life, but Gieswein's sons have no interest in being cowboys.

Low pay scale of the cowboy was reviewed, along with high expenses. "It will have to be for the love of the lifestyle, rather than the

money, for young men to want to be cowboys," Bob Alexander asserted.

"Life as a cowboy sure doesn't make a person rich money-wise, but it's a way of life I wouldn't change for anything else anywhere," Muller summarized. "There's absolutely nothing in this world like riding a good horse across the Flint Hills to look after a herd of steers."

If these old-timers know anything or have any say

about the future in the Flint Hills, there will always be cowboys mounted on good horses.

Proof was in the pudding as a herd of cattle was being herded across the pasture during the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra's evening presentation. One steer started to run off, and the others immediately began to follow. Quick action by well-mounted cowboys brought the herd back into control, to much apprecia-

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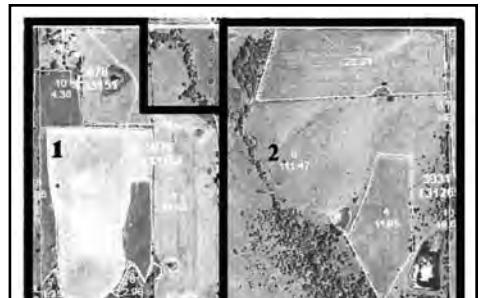
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Evaluate trees damaged in recent storms

The recent parade of back-to-back, gully-washing storms also tested the area's trees with unusually strong winds and frequent lighting.

For safety's sake, homeowners should evaluate any damaged trees for soundness, said Jennifer Smith, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Whether a damaged tree seems likely to survive isn't the most important factor, she said. Even lightning rarely kills trees immediately.

"By definition, a damaged tree is a weaker tree," Smith said. "It's also more susceptible to other problems, such as insects and disease and further weather-related injury. So, the first thing to think about is the outcome you'd have if a weakened tree were to fall at some time in the future."

A damaged tree in the middle of a large, open area, for example, is probably less of a risk than one next to a child's play set or a home driveway.

"Tree species and condition are also important," she said. "A previously healthy oak tree is likely to have better odds for healing than a hackberry that already had some disease problems."

The type and extent of damage matter, although internal effects might not be obvious. Both relate to how much energy the tree will have to put into trying to heal its new wounds.

"Recovering from a lightning strike is much more stressful than recovering from wind damage, even if the outcome in both cases is a lost branch," Smith said. "If a tree has to compensate for a particularly severe injury,

over time it may begin to lose some of its healthy branches, too — as if the tree is drawing in all of its resources for the fight of its life."

Whether a tree's damage allows for some health- and appearance-promoting pruning can be a deciding factor, as well. Illustrations and information about proper pruning techniques are available at any county or district Extension office, she said. Another good resource is on the Web at <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/hort2/c550.pdf> ("All About Pruning").

"If you're still unsure about what to do with a damaged tree, contact a certified arborist and ask for an evaluation," Smith said. "Or, if you're certain you're going to need help, get more than

one evaluation and estimate for doing the work, because costs can vary greatly from company to company. Also verify whether the companies have liability insurance for their workers and your property."

The horticulturist advises homeowners to do no pruning on their own that requires a ladder or rarely used power equipment. Either makes pruning too dangerous to attempt without special training.

"Yes, tree work can be expensive," Smith said. "But, hiring a professional can easily cost less than doing the repairs needed after a damaged tree crashes onto your house — not to mention the cost of the hospital bills after your family's amateur arborist falls from a full-grown sycamore."

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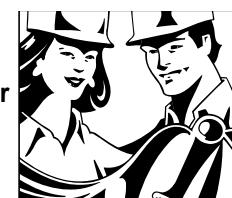


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 July 17 — Real Estate at Council Grove for Donald & Peggy Althoff. Auctioneers: Hallgren Auctions.
 July 19 — Consignment machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.
 July 22 — Dickinson Co. CRP pasture, cropland at Abilene. Auctioneers: Farmers National Co.
 July 26 — Antiques & collectibles at Greenleaf for Jane Miller. Auctioneers: Uhlik Auction.
 July 26 — Antique furniture, antiques, glassware & misc. at Morganville for Wayne & Carol Rowh, DBA "This 'N That". Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.
 July 26 — Development land at Holton for Ruth Ann



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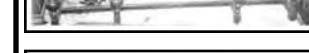
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Food Crisis

At the top of the agenda for reporters this news cycle is the global food crisis. Jay Leno observed that the world is suffering from a food shortage and obesity at the same time! Pundits, who seem to have the attention span of a Bartlett pear, are busily looking for someone to blame! The conservative bloggers are plotting a conspiracy theory which blames the environmentalists. It goes like this:

As recently as the '90s a squadron of green politicians were clamoring to place a federal surtax on gasoline to raise it up as high as \$5.00 a gallon. Their logic assumed that Europeans pay that much, why shouldn't we? The high price of gas, they postulated, would make people limit their driving, buy more gas-efficient automobiles, and seek alternative energy sources.

At first, they were thrilled with the production of ethanol.

They assumed it would cost more than the gasoline that it replaced. Therefore the price of fueling your car would go up no matter what, which was their original unspoken intent. However, because of the overwhelming response of farmers who switched to growing corn instead of wheat, biofuel soon cost less than gasoline! The opposite of what the environmentalists wanted, so they have taken extreme measures.

They continue to protest against nuclear power plants, against oil exploration in Alaska, to building more oil refineries, even fighting wind power in Nantucket. The green Europeans are encouraged to resist the import of genetically modified foods which reduce production costs and makes food cheaper. They continue to enlist the help of celebrities to promote extravagant energy use; Robert Redford's SUV, Arnold Schwarzenegger's Humvee, Al Gore's Tennessee castle, Condoleezza's trips to the Mideast, and corporate jets flying movie stars and C.E.O.'s around the world.

And if the conservative's theory is right, it seems to be working; the price of gas continues to rise. The liberal bloggers, on the other hand, blame the oil companies' greed and point out that subsidized farmers produced more corn just to make money, but under the guise of producing environmentally friendly fuel. And in the prices of over-production, they use more oil and gas to plant and harvest! Thus the oil

companies make money on both ends which isn't fair. Who says you can't have it both ways? It appears to me that both sides want the price of gas to stay high, but for their own reasons.

Which still doesn't explain how we can blame the global food shortage on the oil companies OR the environmentalists.

Here's my convoluted reasoning: Gas prices go up. People drive less, they stay home and eat more, thereby getting fat and simultaneously reducing the world's food supply which then stimulates farmers to grow more grain to meet the demand, use more fuel, so the price of gasoline stays up, forcing people to drive less, to stay home more, eat more, and get fatter which reduces the world's food supply which then ...

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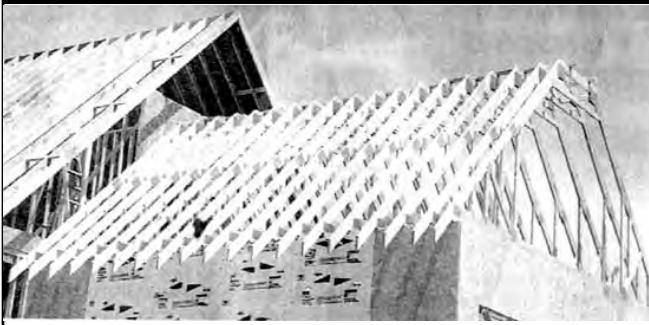
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