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## Old ways, old tractors, old friends



**By Beth Gaines-Riffel,  
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Everything old was new again last week just south of Lindsborg. For the eighth year running, Richard Patrick opened up his wheat field and invited friends, family and neighbors to join in an old-fashioned plowing bee. The afternoon was perfect as a number of the old tractors with engines purring and popping away

turned the rich, dark soil over the top of the golden wheat stubble. Patrick's wife, Delrena, a nurse by trade, manned the refreshment table, providing cool drinks and tasty watermelon to the group that gathered. Six-year old James Hamus of Cincinnati, Ohio was all too happy to ride along with grandpa Dale Flynn.

Ewald Lofdahl, pictured left, was the oldest member of the tractor brigade at 84.



# The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator

## We Need More Good Teachers

I would rather sit under a shade tree and be taught by an inspiring, gifted teacher than to sit in a multimillion dollar lab or classroom and be taught by a teacher that has little enthusiasm and imagination, who is poorly prepared and has few disciplinary skills. A common phrase that I believe is pretty true is "As the teacher goes, so goes the class."

Here are some of my observations concerning teaching. Teaching is a God-given gift, which some people have and some do not. To try to teach without the gift can make the classroom situation ineffective and miserable for the teacher as well as the students. After a few years of trying to succeed at teaching, they usually move on to another vocation to which they are better suited.

In becoming a classroom teacher, the first step is to master the subject matter and the second step is to get the concepts across to the students so that they will be able to apply the knowledge and skills gained. In the classroom the teacher-student ratio on the average is about 1 to 20 or 30. It takes much more skill to communicate with a class of 25 talkative individuals than it does in a one-on-one situation such as with a doctor and patient or counselor and client.

Schools are regulated and controlled by a board, whose members are taxpayers. For many years, the pay scale for most teachers tended to be on the low side in an endeavor to keep taxes down. One way to justify the pay scale was to reason that it is only a nine-month job with many vacations. However, the family still has to exist the other three months, and good-paying summer jobs may be difficult to find.

Because of low pay and possible discipline problems, many talented young people with great potential for being a teacher have selected vocations that offered more advancements and greater income. Fortunately, there are many who chose teaching as a career and remained in the teaching field because it was their gift and they aspired to teach the youth, regardless of the pay.

Labor unions have played an important role in this country's history. The beginning of the Industrial Revolution brought factories with assembly lines for mass production. To maintain efficiency and keep profits high, employees were often underpaid and expected to work long hours in unsanitary and unsafe environments. Children especially were exploited and hired to work in these "sweatshops" without proper training and sometimes around dangerous machinery. Child labor laws were then passed to protect these endangered children who were being overworked, underpaid, and denied the privilege of attending school. Soon labor unions were organized to give adult workers bargaining power in demanding the right to fair

treatment and a fair wage. A high percentage of employees in workplaces with organized unions joined — railroad workers, dock hands, coal miners, and factory workers for example. In recent years the unions' abuse of power and attempts to force employees to join has caused a decline in numbers.

While organized labor originally was made up of workers in crafts and industries, it eventually moved into the teaching profession. In the 1940s and 1950s, the Kansas Teachers Association (KTA) was quite effective in this state. Each fall, two-day sessions of state teachers' meetings were held in six major cities around the state. The programs of excellent speakers were designed to inspire teachers to meet the needs of their students. They were quite worthwhile. In the decade of the 1960s the Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) moved in to replace the KTA. The emphasis at the state meetings was no longer on being a better teacher and helping students learn. It functioned more as a union for teachers — working to increase salaries, regulate work loads, provide tenure, all through a negotiation process. Merit pay was pretty much abandoned. While the organization has accomplished some changes for the better, the shift in emphasis and philosophy has caused a great many teachers to drop out of the association.

To earn tenure, one has to complete three successful years of teaching with the same employer; then one's job is pretty secure. If one is discharged without good reason, KNEA may provide an attorney to defend the teacher. Merit pay has been pretty much abandoned. While tenure does provide protection from unjust firings, it also has some disadvantages. It makes it more difficult for school boards to fire ineffective teachers and can be a refuge for below-the-standard teachers.

KNEA says that if teachers' salaries are raised, better qualified people will be drawn into the ranks of teachers. That may be true to some extent, but we still need a means to remove ineffective teachers from the classroom. There is a process for evaluating teachers that is used by many districts that can be quite beneficial to the school and the teacher. Evaluations may be done by administrators, peers, and students so that strengths and also weaknesses can be realized and improved on. A course of action is recommended if expected standards are not met within a reasonable time period.

There is now a shortage of teachers in America. I wonder why, but I don't have the answer.

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.



## Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

There are many aspects about the job of working for a farm newspaper that I love. I count myself lucky that I've had the opportunity for the past decade and a half to spend time visiting with folks about issues that concern them, developments in the industry and changes coming that will impact their operations. But when you boil it all down, it really is the people that make all the difference.

When I arrived at the field to take photos of the old tractors plowing, I was greeted by a number of folks who promptly told me they were subscribers of G&G and looked forward to getting the publication each week. Now that's the kind of welcome that a newspaper writer likes to hear.

But visiting with some a bit more about their tractors and who was coming to plow, who wasn't able to, who had been looking forward to the opportunity to get the tractor out of the shed after a long, hard winter — it was clear that while the tractors might have been the feature, the people were what made the day.

I sat down in the trench, cut by a steel moldboard plow and watched for a while, waiting for the tractors to reach the end of the 40-acre field, turn and make their way back to my location.

The smell of the freshly turned dirt was intoxicating. While I recognize that the no-till approach to farming has many benefits — the one thing it takes away is that just-tilled scent that fills the air after a plow has cut its way through. That aroma is closely followed by the fragrance of freshly cut alfalfa and the fresh odor of a late-summer rain.

When you pick up a handful of that rich, black soil and work it through your fingers, it rekindles that connection to the earth that each of us who toils in agriculture posses. Because without the bounty of the earth and the rich natural resources found there — agriculture simply wouldn't exist.

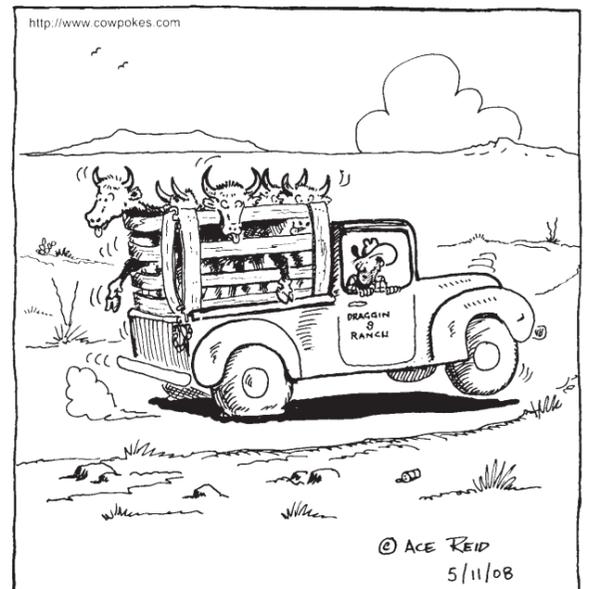
I don't think I'm alone in that appreciation. At least on this particular day, there was no doubt that Richard Patrick and friends were soaking it all in.

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

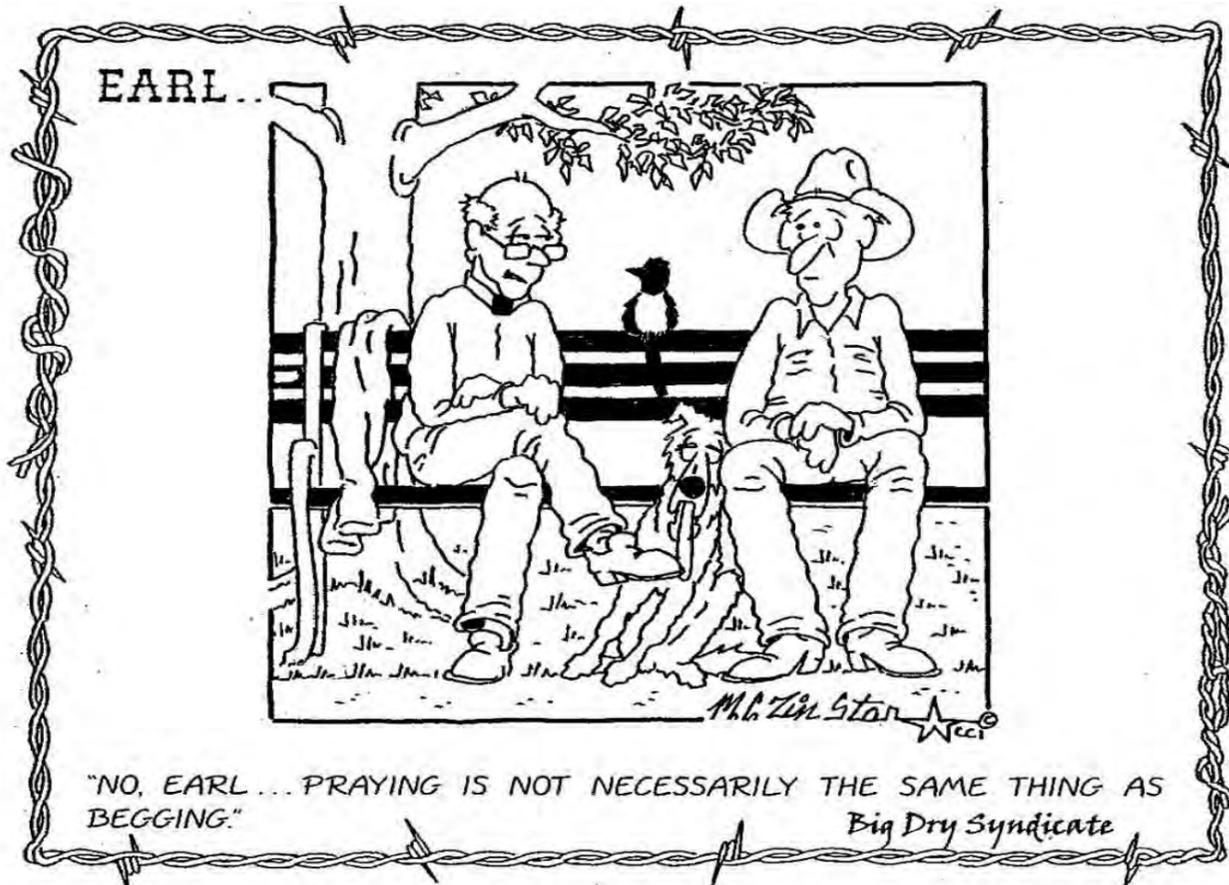
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# Pickens wants more emphasis on alternative energy options

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens said he'll spend \$58 million on a multimedia campaign designed to bring more focus to solving the nation's energy crisis.

The former wildcatter, who now heads the Dallas-based hedge fund BP Capital Management LP, kicked off the media blitz with a news conference in New York.

It will include television, newspaper and radio advertisements — as well as a hefty online presence that includes a Facebook page and a dedicated YouTube channel — to spotlight an issue Pickens calls the biggest problem facing America: its dependence on foreign oil.

"It's 100 percent Boone's money," Pickens said in a meeting with reporters and editors at The Associated Press' headquarters. "I don't have any partners in this."

The ad campaign is centered around a proposal the octogenarian is calling "The Pickens Plan," which aims to cut U.S. dependence on foreign sources by more than a third over the next decade.

The plan calls for the installation of thousands of wind turbines straddling the middle of the country that Pickens said would generate enough power to meet 20 percent of the nation's elec-

tricity needs. New power lines would be needed to connect them to cities in the Midwest, South and Western U.S.

Meanwhile, natural gas that had been used for electricity production would be turned into a transportation fuel that could replace some gasoline and diesel fuel.

Last year, Pickens, an Oklahoma native and Oklahoma State University graduate, announced plans to build the world's largest wind farm in Texas. The cost of the project could grow to \$12 billion before its scheduled completion in 2014.

Wind power benefits from a 2-cents-per-kilowatt-hour tax credit. Pickens recently called on Congress to enact a long-term extension of the credit, which is set to expire in December.

Pickens dismissed a question about political or business motives for his plan.

"I don't have any profit motive in this. I'm doing it for America, that's my point," he said in the meeting with the AP.

He said, however, that the United States has "earned the right" to an agreement that would effectively give the U.S. the opportunity to buy Iraqi oil at market prices. The Middle Eastern country, he added, "has a real opportunity" to increase its output by up to 5 million barrels per day — twice what it produces now.

Pickens said the cost of oil, which fell sharply Tuesday but remains within range of all-time highs, could yet rise further. That is because he expects global supplies will remain constrained even as demand continues to rise.

"This whole thing, all it can do is get worse. ... The only thing that could turn it around is global recession," he said.

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**SELLING FRIDAY: Die Cast Cars, Collectible Knives, Bronze statues by Frederic Remington, Vehicles (sell at 7 p.m.): 2000 Chevrolet S10 3-door extended cab, 1999 Ford F-250 Super Crew, 2000 Mitsubishi Fuso: Scooter, Collectible Indian Artifacts & Arrowhead collections includes a Clovis spear point; Miscellaneous Silver, Tools, Mounted Heads, Cowboy Chaps & Saddles, Collectible Spurs, Collectibles, Collectible prints from Oklahoma, Cigarette Lighters & Jewelry, Miscellaneous.**

**PREVIEW DATE: Friday, August 15th.**

**SELLING SATURDAY: Rifle Scopes & Binoculars, Reloading Equipment, Reloading Supplies, Miscellaneous Gun Supplies, Antique Gun Related Miscellaneous, Miscellaneous Ammo, Bullets, Shotgun Shells, Miscellaneous.**

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- #2 Remington, Model 550, 22 Caliber rifle
- #3 Browning, Model A5, 12 gauge shotgun
- #4 Marlin, Model 66, 22 caliber rifle
- #5 Westernfield, Model 560, 12 gauge shotgun
- #6 Stevens, Model 124, 12 gauge shotgun
- #7 J.C. Higgins, Model 5837, 12 gauge shotgun
- #8 Remington, Model 10-A, 12 gauge shotgun
- #9 Kessler Arms, Model 30-C, 16 gauge shotgun
- #10 Mossberg, Model 500C, 20 gauge shotgun
- #11 Mossberg, Model 500C, 20 gauge shotgun
- #12 Coast 2 Coast, Model 267, 12 gauge shotgun
- #13 H & R, Model 158 Topper, 20 gauge shotgun
- #14 Westernfield, Model 175, 20 gauge shotgun
- #15 Mossberg, Model 500A, 12 gauge shotgun
- #16 Stevens, Model 151, 12 gauge shotgun
- #17 Marlin, Model 66, 22 rifle
- #18 Mossberg, Model Plinkster 377, 22 rifle
- #19 H & R, Model 25, 22 rifle
- #20 Mossberg, Model 500A, 12 gauge shotgun
- #21 Euro Arms, Model Colt Navy, 44 caliber pistol
- #22 CNC, Model SS, 44 caliber pistol
- #23 H & R, Model 32 Tip-up, 32 caliber pistol
- #24 Ruger, Model P85 MKII, 9mm pistol
- #25 Ruger, Model Blackhawk, 357 magnum pistol
- #26 Cimarron, Model 38 Colt, 38 caliber pistol
- #27 Ruger, Model Bear Cat, 22 caliber pistol (NEW)
- #28 Ruger, Model Single Six, 22 caliber pistol
- #29 Rohm, Model R/G 10's, 22 caliber pistol
- #30 High Standard, Model B, 22 caliber pistol
- #31 Ruger, Model old Bearcat, 22 caliber pistol
- #32 Smith & Wesson, Model Highway Patrolman, 357 magnum pistol
- #33 Freedom Arms, Model Pocket Derringer, 22 pistol
- #34 High Standard, O/U Derringer, 22 pistol
- #35 Beretta, Model 950 BS, 25 auto pistol
- #36 Colt, Model 25 automatic, 25 auto pistol
- #37 Styer, W/German capture papers holster, 25 auto pistol
- #38 UAMA, Model IX-B 1911, 45 ACP pistol
- #39 Kel TEC, Model P-11, 9mm pistol
- #40 Smith & Wesson, Model 4046, 40 S&W pistol
- #41 Rossi undercover, 38 special pistol
- #42 Smith & Wesson, Model 4046, 40 S & W pistol
- #43 Ruger, Model Super Blackhawk, 44 magnum pistol
- #44 Sig Sauer, Model P-239, 357 Sig pistol
- #45 Springfield, Model XD45, 45 ACP pistol
- #46 Norinco, Model 1911-A1-45 ACP pistol
- #47 Smith & Wesson, Model 422, 22 caliber pistol
- #48 Ruger, Model MKI, 22 caliber pistol
- #49 Heritage Arms, Model Rough Rider, 22 caliber pistol
- #50 Ruger, Model MKII, 22 caliber pistol
- #51 H.4. Hunter, Model Western Six Shooter, 22 caliber pistol
- #52 Rohm, Model RG-63, 22 caliber pistol
- #53 Colt, Model Frontier Scout, 22 caliber pistol
- #54 Iver Johnson, Model US Carbine, 22 rifle

- #55 Ruger, Model 96, 22 magnum rifle
- #56 Marlin, Model 81-D2 Target, 22 caliber rifle
- #57 Ruger, Model 10/22, 22 caliber rifle
- #58 German Mauser, Model 22 trainer, 22 caliber rifle
- #59 Ruger, Model 10/22 with scope, 22 caliber rifle
- #60 Merwin Hulbert, Model rolling block, 32 RF rifle
- #61 Stevens, Model 22/410 O/U, 22-410 combo
- #62 Stevens, Model Junior-11, 22 caliber rifle
- #63 CVA, Model Wolf, 50 caliber rifle
- #64 Remington, Model 700 M1, 50 caliber rifle
- #65 Thompson, Model Hawken, 50 caliber rifle
- #66 Traditions, Model Inline, 50 caliber rifle
- #67 Mossberg, Model 500, 20 gauge shotgun
- #68 Sears, Model 200, 12 gauge shotgun
- #69 Charter Arms, undercover, 38 Special pistol
- #70 Ruger, Model Blackhawk, 45 L/C pistol
- #71 Taurus, Model Hammerless, 38 special pistol
- #72 Commanche, Model III, 357 magnum pistol
- #73 Ruger, Model Blackhawk Vaquero/guns Ammo, 45 L/C pistol
- #74 Charter Arms, undercover, 38 special pistol
- #75 Ruger, Model single six, 32 H&R magnum pistol
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- #80 Colt, Model 1911-A1 compact, 45 ACP pistol
- #81 Kimber, Model Custom II, 45 ACP pistol
- #82 Glock, Model 22, 40 S&W pistol
- #83 Smith & Wesson, Model 5906, 9mm pistol
- #84 Magnum Research, Model Desert Eagle, 357 magnum pistol
- #85 High Standard, Model Crusader compact, 45 ACP pistol
- #86 Smith & Wesson, Model SW40V, 40 S&W pistol
- #87 Smith & Wesson, Model 4046, 40 S&W pistol
- #88 Glock, Model 17, 9mm pistol
- #89 Ruger, Model P89, 9mm pistol
- #90 Smith & Wesson, Model SW40F, 40 S&W pistol
- #91 Springfield Armory, Model Champion, 45 ACP pistol
- #92 Colt, 1911-1918 Mfg, 45 ACP pistol
- #93 Colt, Model MKIV 70 series Gold Cup Match, 45 ACP pistol
- #94 Remington, Model 511 Scoremaster, 22 rifle
- #95 Norinco, Model SKS, 762X39 rifle
- #96 Yugoslavian, Model SKS w/scope, 762 X 39 rifle
- #97 Norinco, Model SKS, 762 X 39 rifle
- #98 Romanian, Model SKS, 762 X 39 rifle
- #99 Norinco, Model SKS, 762 X 39 rifle
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- #101 New England Arms, Model Pardner, 12 gauge shotgun
- #102 Winchester, Model 59, 12 gauge shotgun
- #103 Ithica, Model 37, 12 gauge shotgun
- #104 New England Arms, Model Pardner/NWTF, 12 gauge shotgun
- #105 Mossberg, Model 500 C, 20 gauge shotgun

- #106 Iver Johnson, Safety Automatic, 32 caliber pistol
- #107 Smith & Wesson, Model No.1 third issue, 32 caliber pistol
- #108 Colt, Model 1849 pocket 6" barrel, 32 caliber pistol
- #109 Bacon Pistol Co, Model 1851 nickel engraved, 32 caliber pistol
- #110 Whitney, Model Pocket, 31 caliber pistol
- #111 Allen Wheelock, side Hammer, 32 caliber pistol
- #112 Remington, 1861 Army, 44 caliber pistol
- #113 Colt, 1851 Army, 44 caliber pistol
- #114 Colt, 1849 Pocket, 32 caliber pistol
- #115 Merwin Hulbert, SA/Army, 44 caliber pistol
- #116 Merwin Hulbert, SA/Army, 44 caliber pistol
- #117 Smith & Wesson, Russian - engraved, 44 caliber pistol
- #118 Colt, Lightning D/A, 38 caliber pistol
- #119 Colt, 1877 Lightning D/A, 38 caliber pistol
- #120 Old Civil War marked rifle, Black powder
- #121 Old Civil War marked rifle, Black powder
- #122 Old Civil War marked rifle, Black powder
- #123 Colt, SAA 1st Gen Early BP, 45 caliber pistol
- #124 Colt, SAA 1st Gen Mfg 1882 71/2" barrel, 45 caliber pistol
- #125 Colt, SAA 1st Gen Intermediate PB, 45 caliber pistol
- #126 Colt, SAA 1st Gen Intermediate PB 44/40 caliber pistol
- #127 Colt, SAA 1st Gen Mfg 1877, 44/40 pistol
- #128 Colt, SAA 1st Gen/mfg 1901/engraved/never fired, 45 caliber pistol
- #129 Colt, SAA 1st Gen Artillery/Custer Era/ 45 caliber pistol
- #130 Colt, SAA 1st Gen 71/2 barrel - Intermediate - PB - Bone Grips, 45 Caliber pistol
- #131 Colt, SAA 1st Gen, 41 caliber pistol
- #132 Colt, SAA 1st Gen - Bone Grips - Mfg 1883, 45 caliber pistol
- #133 Colt, SAA 1st Gen - Frontier Single Six, 44/40 caliber pistol
- #134 Colt, SAA 1st Gen, 41 caliber pistol
- #135 Colt, Bixley- 71/2 barrel - Deputy Sheriff gun Texas w/papers - holster/knife rig, 32/20 caliber pistol
- #136 Springfield, 1873 Trapdoor/with bayonet, 45/70 rifle
- #137 Springfield, 1873 musket, 52 caliber shotgun
- #138 Smith, Civil War Carbine, 52 caliber rifle
- #139 Spencer, Carbine Civil War, 50 caliber rifle
- #140 Winchester, 1890 Gallery, 22 short rifle
- #141 Remington, Model 12-A, 22 rifle
- #142 Remington, Model 12, 22 WRF rifle (NICE)
- #143 Colt, small frame lighting, 22 caliber rifle
- #144 Colt, medium frame Lighting, 32/20 rifle
- #145 Winchester, 1873, 32/20 rifle
- #146 Winchester, 1873 Case color, 38 WCF rifle
- #147 Winchester, 1873 SRC, 44/40 rifle
- #148 Winchester, 1873 Rifle, 44/40 rifle
- #149 Winchester, 1892, 32WCF rifle
- #150 Winchester, 1886/w Cody letter, 40-65 rifle
- #151 Winchester, 1886, 38/56 rifle
- #152 Winchester, 1873, 32 WCF rifle
- #153 Winchester, 1892, 25/20 rifle

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# GRASS & GRAIN Our Daily Bread

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

## Kelly Moore, Topeka, Wins Recipe Contest & Prize In Grass & Grain

Winner Kelly Moore, Topeka, guarantees these tangy lemon cookies will be a hit at your next summer cookout.

### LEMON WHIPPERSNAPS

- 1 package lemon cake mix
- 4 1/2 ounces frozen whipped topping
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup sifted powdered sugar

Thaw whipped topping. Grease 2 cookie sheets. Combine cake mix, topping and egg with a large spoon. Mixture will be sticky. Carefully drop by teaspoon into powdered sugar and use second spoon to help roll and coat. Place 1 1/2 inches apart on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or if making larger cookies, bake 10 to 15 minutes. Fill the second cookie sheet while these bake.

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Kristie Dressman, Frankfort: "Fun for kids to make."

### CINNAMON-RAISIN ROLL-UPS

- 4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- (4) 7- to 8-inch whole wheat or regular flour tortillas
- 8 thin apple wedges

Combine cream cheese, carrots, raisins, honey and cinnamon in a small bowl; mix well. Spread tortillas evenly with cream cheese mixture, leaving 1/2 inch border around edge of each tortilla. Place 2 apple wedges down center of each tortilla; roll up. Wrap in plastic wrap

and refrigerate until ready to eat.

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Rita Hay, Herington: "We had these for a snack this 4th of July weekend and as we say, 'they are pretty yummy.'"

### OAT 'N' TOFFEE GRAHAMS

- 12 whole graham crackers (rectangles)
- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup butter, melted
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 12-ounce package semisweet chocolate pieces
- 1/2 cup smoke-flavored whole almonds, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 de-

grees. Line a 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan with foil. Arrange whole graham crackers in a single layer in prepared pan. In a large bowl combine oats, sugars and flour. Stir in melted butter, egg and vanilla until well combined. Spoon over graham crackers and spread evenly to edges of pan to cover graham crackers. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until oat mixture bubbles and is lightly browned on top. Remove from oven and sprinkle with chocolate chips. Return to oven for 1 minute. Spread to cover top. Evenly sprinkle with chopped almonds. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Use foil to lift them from the pan. Then remove foil and cut or break into bars.

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Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

### BURGER-BEAN CASSEROLE

- 1 pound ground beef, browned
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 16-ounce can pork & beans
- 3/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tube regular-size biscuits
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

Combine ground beef, salt, beans, barbecue sauce and brown sugar and heat through. Put mixture in a 2-quart casserole dish. Cut each biscuit in half. Place cut side down around edge of casserole. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees until biscuits are browned.

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Mary Hedberg, Clifton: "I make this fruit pizza for all my friends at work. There is never one slice left over."

### FRUIT PIZZA

- Dough:
- 1/2 cup oleo
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 3/8 cups flour (3/8 cup = 6 tablespoons)
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Cream oleo and sugar. Add egg and beat. Add dry ingredients and mix. Press into 14-inch round pizza pan or use a 10-by-15-inch cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes.

- Sauce:
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 teaspoons pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup sugar

Mix ingredients and spread onto cooled crust. Arrange on top several of the following fruits:

- Pineapple chunks
- Mandarin oranges
- Bananas
- Strawberries
- Peaches, etc.

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Marcia Emig, Goodland: "This was my husband's mom's recipe and dates back to the '50s. Enjoy."

### BAKED BEANS

- 3-pound, 4-ounce can pork & beans
- 1 medium onion, sliced

- 4 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses or dark pancake syrup
- 1/4 cup tomato ketchup
- Salt & pepper to taste

2 to 3 slices bacon (if you don't have bacon, you can add bacon bits)

Mix all together and add bacon slices to top. Bake at 350 degrees for 90 to 120 minutes, or until hot and bubbly.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "The colorful salsa is bursting with zesty flavor."

### GRILLED CHICKEN WITH SALSA

- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 boneless skinless chicken

breast halves (4 ounces each)

- Tomato-Pineapple Salsa:
- 4 plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup cubed fresh pineapple
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet red pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded & finely chopped

In a large resealable plastic bag, combine the first 8 ingredients; add the chicken. Seal bag and toss to coat. Refrigerate for 4 hours. Meanwhile in a small bowl combine salsa ingredients. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Drain and discard marinade from chicken. Grill, covered, over medium heat for 5 to 6 minutes on each side or until juices run clear. Serve with salsa. Yield: 4 servings (3 cups).

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Noel Miller, Maple Hill:

**CHOCOLATE OATMEAL COOKIES**

- 1 3/4 cups old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened but still cool
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 ounces milk chocolate, melted & cooled
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped

Adjust oven racks to upper-middle and lower-middle positions and heat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Place 1 cup oats in food processor or blender and process well ground, about 30 seconds. Transfer to large bowl and stir in flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. With electric mixer beat butter and brown sugar together on medium-high speed until well blended and lumps are gone, about 1 minute. Scrape down sides of bowl. Add egg and vanilla and beat until light and fluffy, about 30 seconds. Add melted chocolate and beat until incorporated, about 20 seconds. Add flour mixture

and beat on low speed until just incorporated, about 15 seconds. Add remaining 3/4 cup oats, chocolate chips and nuts and beat on low speed until evenly distributed, about 10 seconds. Roll 2 tablespoons of dough into balls and space 2 inches apart on baking sheets. Bake, rotating and switching position of pans halfway through baking time, until cookies are cracked and set on top but look moist within cracks, 14 to 18 minutes. Cool cookies on baking sheets on wire racks for 5 minutes then transfer to wire rack to cool completely. Makes 24.

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Kellee Rogers, Topeka:  
**PINEAPPLE COLESLAW**  
3 cups shredded cabbage  
3/4 cup shredded carrots  
8-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained  
1/3 cup mayonnaise  
4 teaspoons sugar  
3 teaspoons white vinegar  
Mix cabbage, carrot and pineapple. In a bowl whisk the mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar and pour over cabbage mixture; toss to coat.

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Mary Rogers, Topeka:  
**CHICKEN SALAD**  
4 cups torn-up lettuce  
1 cup chow mein noodles  
2/3 cup cubed cooked chicken breast  
2 green onions, chopped

- 4 teaspoons sliced almonds
- 4 teaspoons sesame seeds
- Dressing:**
- 1/4 cup oil
- 4 1/2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

In a large bowl combine all ingredients but dressing. In a jar with lid, combine dressing ingredients and shake well. Drizzle over salad and toss to coat. Serve immediately.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh, shares the next two:

- CHICKEN SPAGHETTI**  
1/2 cup butter  
1 large green pepper, chopped  
1 large onion, chopped  
3 cups chopped cooked chicken  
(2) 10-ounce cans diced tomatoes with green chiles, drained  
(2) 4.5-ounce jars sliced mushrooms, drained  
15-ounce can peas (English ones if you can find them in the store)  
15-ounce can chicken broth  
10.75-ounce can cream of mushroom soup  
3.8-ounce can sliced black olives, drained  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
(2) 8-ounce packages shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
(2) 7-ounce packages vermi-

celli, broken into 2-inch pieces, cooked & drained  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 4-quart baking dish. In a large Dutch oven melt butter. Add pepper and onion and cook for 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in chicken, tomatoes, mushrooms, peas, broth, soup, olives, salt and pepper, until combined. Add cheese, stirring until melted. Add vermicelli, tossing gently to combine. Spoon into prepared dish. Bake for 30 minutes or until bubbly.

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- COOL VEGGIES**  
3 cups thinly sliced cucumbers  
3/4 cup chopped red onion  
1/2 cup green pepper  
1/2 cup sweet red pepper  
1/2 cup yellow pepper  
1/2 cup vinegar  
2 tablespoons sugar  
Combine vegetables. Whisk together vinegar and sugar then pour over vegetables.

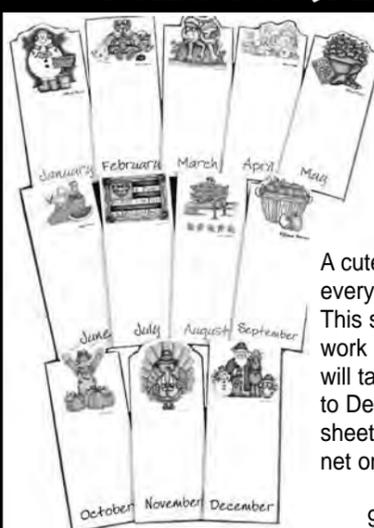
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# Groesbeck remains 'fiddlin' central' after 40 years

GROESBECK, Texas (AP)—Cowboy's fiddle, like most fiddles, is ordinary. It is moody, delicate and worn — a scarred spruce and maple body married to a frayed horsehair bow.

Often imperfect. Sometimes beautiful.

Groesbeck, near the birthplace of Bob Wills, is fiddle country. And Wilmer "Cowboy" Little, a 73-year-old semi-retired plumber, is its master of fiddlers.

The third Saturday in May is his day.

On this morning, he arrives as he has for 40 years to the fiddle contest he started just east of Waco, driving an old Ford XLT Lariat pickup up State Highway 164 to Groesbeck City Park.

He moves over to an unremarkable metal pavilion and climbs up the Astro-turf-wrapped stage.

"OK, fiddle players, listen up," he says, soft green-gray eyes and a kindly face twinkling under a straw hat.

The crowd is thinner than years past — 16 fiddlers and a hundred or so spectators. Gas prices just keep rising, and the Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association only claims about 500 members to begin with. They travel weekend to weekend along the fiddle circuit, stopping at contests rooted for decades in small towns across the state.

In Groesbeck on this Saturday morning, wildflower girls again mingle with old men in Wranglers with monogrammed leather belts.

There's Bill May, a 77-year-old who ran over his fiddles with his truck a few years back. Bill first came here in the late 1960s, when Cowboy started the contest on a half-moon of concrete outside the Limestone County courthouse. He still travels the circuit even though he says his budget is tighter than any string on his fiddle.

There's Earl Garner, king of today's over-65 crop, wiry and weathered and smoking a cigarette off on the grass. Cowboy has known Earl for decades.

There's Mia Orosco, a 14-year-old classically trained whiz from Lorena, and Jordan Franklin, kin to champion fiddle player Lewis Franklin.

Cowboy left his fiddle at home. He's master of ceremonies on this day.

"Anybody can't just get up there and keep a crowd

alive all day long," he says. "If you let a crowd slump off, first thing you know they're going to be half-asleep."

The crowd will tell you fiddle music is about a lot of things. Memories. Links between fathers and sons and daughters. The rhythm of a place.

But the violin's country twin won't make you rich. Old-time Texas fiddle music doesn't pay much anymore. The winner of the Groesbeck contest in each age division takes \$125, barely enough for gas to get home in some cases. The state champion, named each April in Hallettsville, gets \$1,500.

By 10:30 a.m. in Groesbeck, bows are again flyin' over steel strings in a blur of wrists, forearms and fingers. Cowboy hollers in the microphone and boots start tapping. The 40th annual Southwest Fiddlers Championship is under way.

"It kind of talks to you," 67-year-old Odell Saunders says of the music.

"Just brings back memories. It'll calm me down after a hard day."

Groesbeck (pop. 4,291) was built by hard days; by oil and cotton fields, Indians, railroads and music.

The town's legend dates to May 1836, when Comanches raided a frontier settlement at nearby Fort Parker, capturing a nine-year-old girl named Cynthia Ann Parker. The girl, raised by the tribe, gave birth to the last great Comanche chief, Quanah Parker.

A half-century later, in 1905, Bob Wills — the King of Western Swing — was born onto the same Limestone County prairie to a family of renowned fiddlers. He moved away about seven years later, but Wills stories still float through these parts like ghosts.

Cowboy, growing up nearby, and his mom would fire up the old battery-powered radio on Saturday nights, sticking a wire out the window for an antenna to listen to the Grand Ole Opry. He soon wore out her broomsticks, so he got a real Silvertone guitar.

"When I was in high school, we had a little jam-boree down in the country at an old church house. They got me up there singing a song, and this guy says, 'Look here, we've got a cowboy in the house,' looking down and seeing my cowboy boots, you know. That's where it started."

Cowboy had a pretty

good run back in the day, playing honky tonks, night-clubs, dances and beer joints from Bryan to Waco. He opened his plumbing business to pay the bills, got married and had a son who still lives in town.

"I learned how to play on this other guy's fiddle. He would say, 'Keep my fiddle over the weekend, Cowboy. I'm gonna go get drunk and I don't want to break it.'"

The fiddle Cowboy plays today lives inside an old duct-taped case. It was his father-in-law's.

Things of late have gotten a bit more lonesome. Cowboy's wife died five years ago. He lives alone, in the house they built, with a Chihuahua named Chico.

On an old piece of Mutual of Omaha life insurance junk mail, he's scribbled titles of songs written in his head. Mostly unadorned country ballads, stripped to the bone, of everyday loves and deaths. They're about horses with big red wings flyin' through clouds of gold and silvery beams. Of meeting his wife. Of sitting on a front porch swing listening to the whippoorwill sing:

A sad song from high up in the tree

I wonder if he's lonely.

Life alone it ain't so great.

And I wonder if that old whippoorwill is half as lonesome as me.

The music is a tonic for loneliness in this part of Texas. Cowboy travels most Saturday nights to small-town country music jamborees.

But the fiddle contest remains his lifetime's work.

"Man, if he ever drops out of this thing or anything ever happens to him, it will just devastate it," says Ernest Hoffpauir, who works the local oil fields and has known Cowboy for years. "He's the heart."

Karl Shiflett, who grew up in Groesbeck and is leader of the bluegrass band The Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show, first came to the contest as a boy.

It's where he discovered the fiddle.

"At one time, fiddlers came from everywhere to come to Groesbeck," he said.

They came from as far away as Oklahoma and California. Fiddlers like Texas Shorty, world champions Carl and E.J. Hopkins, and Sleepy Johnson, who played with Wills.

"Bob Wills said there's a difference between a fiddle and a violin.

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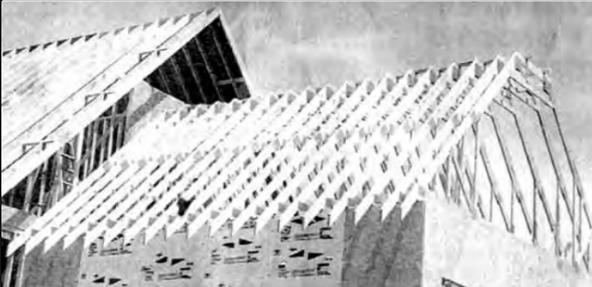
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## Program to offer degree option in biofuels production and management in fall

The department of grain science and industry at Kansas State University is addressing industry needs by introducing a degree option in biofuels production and management.

"There is a high demand for degrees in plant management or supervision in biofuels," said Fred Fairchild, a professor of grain science and industry. "We've been made aware of the industry needs and we've adjusted our feed science and management degree to address this."

Starting this fall, students enrolled in the feed science and management program at K-State have the option to focus their majors in either feed production or biofuels production.

The classes offered for the biofuels production degree will cover all principals of processing grains, turning them into fuels and finding uses for the by-products of the fermentation process. When a student has completed the course work for the degree, they'll be prepared to operate and manage biofuels facilities, Fairchild said.

"Students have expressed an interest in this degree option. Currently, the need for operations and management trained personnel in the biofuels industry far exceeds the number of persons available," Fairchild said. "Some current students in the program are already following the new option and will be graduating in May 2009."

## K-State partnership encouraging kids to make healthy choices

Kansas State University's School of Family Studies and Human Services and Kansas 4-H are teaming up to deliver a health and wellness program to middle school students in the state, a Kansas State University youth development specialist said.

Why middle school students?

"At this age, students are beginning to make decisions that can impact the rest of their lives," said Elaine Johannes, an assistant professor in youth development and Extension specialist based in family studies at K-State.

Middle school students typically begin spending more time away from home, with friends who may — or may not — be going out for school sports, choosing electronic entertainment over school, community or physical activities, and deciding whether to experiment with tobacco, alcohol

or sex, Johannes said.

Reaching them — and encouraging choices that lead to a healthy lifestyle — is critical at this time, she said.

Working with Johannes is Shane Oram, a K-State student who also is president of the Kansas 4-H Youth Council. The council's members include teens skilled in leadership, citizenship and program development and delivery from across the state.

The health-promotion effort is dubbed "Health Rocks," and is funded by a grant from the National 4-H Council. The goal, said Oram, is to train teen leaders, including 4-H members and others, to lead health promotion efforts in their local clubs, organizations and communities.

The training curriculum, which was written and evaluated at the University of Nebraska, covers six topical lessons that can be integrat-

ed into after-school programs or activities, school and community events: Keeping Healthy, which includes health facts;

You Choose!, which focuses on building decision-making skills; Dealing with Difficult Situations, which introduces stress management techniques; Oh, the Pressure!, which focuses on peer pressure and reinforces decision-making skills; Technology and Media Messages, which focuses on marketing and consumerism; and Commitment to Caring, which focuses on citizenship and community.

The educational approach is interactive and incorporates portions of the

Coordinated Approach to Child Health Program that is recognized by the National Institutes of Health as an effective approach to increasing physical activity levels, Johannes said.

To date, youth from Cloud, Edwards, Ellsworth, Franklin, Meade, Morris, Osage and Pottawatomie counties have completed Health Rocks training.

More information on the Health Rocks health and wellness program for middle school students is available by contacting a K-State Research and Extension county or district office, or by calling Johannes at (785) 532-5773 or Oram at (785) 532-5800.

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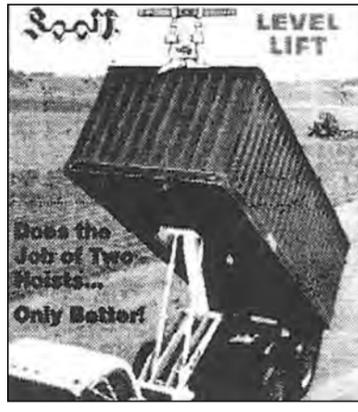
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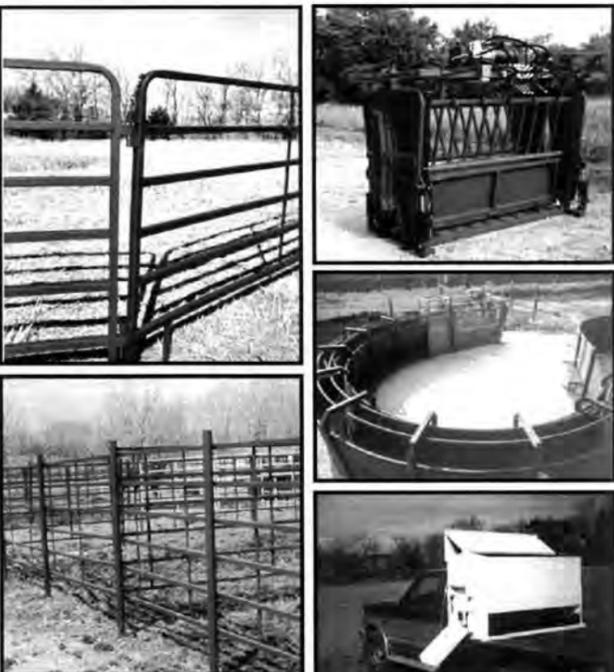
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The Risk and Profit Conference, sponsored by K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics and K-State Research and Extension, is designed to give agricultural producers and affiliated businesses a competitive edge in their operations, according to James Mintert, professor of agricultural economics and state agricultural econom-

ics leader for K-State Research and Extension. Presentations on farm management, technology, marketing, and policy issues in agriculture will be given by agricultural economics faculty.

Without a scholarship, the regular early registration fee for the conference is \$195 for the first attendee from an organization and \$175 for a second or more if paid by Aug. 6. After Aug. 6, the fee is \$220 for the first attendee and \$200 for the second or more. The fee includes all sessions; meals (two lunches, one dinner and one breakfast); conference proceedings on compact disk and parking.

More information about the scholarships and the conference itself is available on the Web: <http://www.agmanager.info> or by contacting Rich Llewelyn at (785) 532-1504 or [rwl@ksu.edu](mailto:rwl@ksu.edu). More information on "Women Managing the Farm" is available on the program's website: <http://www.womenmanagingthefarm.info>.

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# Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

## Purple Ribbon Entries

Local fairs are in full swing right now. The Riley County fair is Thursday, July 24 through Monday, July 28. Open class events are open to anyone in Riley County and adjoining counties. Gardening and flower exhibits need to be brought to Pottorf Hall between 8 a.m. and

noon on Thursday, July 24. Exhibits are released at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 28.

There is a lot to see and do at the fair. Carnival rides, take in the rodeo, listen to music, enter the Riley County Idol contest and everyone will want to see the 4-H'ers biggest zucchini. A list of activities can be found at the fair website [www.rileycounty-fair.com](http://www.rileycounty-fair.com).

Vegetable exhibits are judged on five criteria. The judge looks at the exhibit's condition, quality, uniformity, typical of variety and size. Unless it is a

class for the biggest specimen, size should conform to market demands.

The two most important criteria are condition and quality. Everyone would choose produce that was clean and without any bruises. Quality indicates that the specimen is ready to eat. Overripe is not desirable.

Uniformity and typical of variety are the other criteria. Attractiveness of an exhibit is enhanced when all specimens are similar in size, shape and color. Avoid using unusual specimens for exhibits.

Flowers are judged

## Annual Youth Rodeo August 2

Entries are now being accepted for the annual youth rodeo Saturday, Aug. 2, at Council Grove.

Sponsored by the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association, the action for cowboys and cowgirls 19 years of age and under will begin at 6 p.m., at the arena 1 1/2 miles east of Council Grove.

With age groups for juniors eight and under, intermediates 9-13, and seniors 14-19, there will be awards for the all-around cowgirl and cowboy in each division.

Events include steer riding, goat tail tying, goat tying, breakaway roping, barrel racing, pole bending, chute dogging, tie down roping and team roping. Entry fees are \$3 per event, with awards presented to the top four contestants in each event.

A signed release must be signed and accompany entries by July 28, to secretary Kristi McDaniel, 1935 Dunlap Road, Council Grove, KS 66846. Phone is 620-787-2223.

mainly on the quality of bloom. It should be just peaking at full bloom. Cleanliness is also important. Give your specimen a bath before you enter it.

The container is part of the exhibit but you don't generally want to draw attention to it. It should be clean, plain and around 1/3 of the height of the overall exhibit. Remove any leaves that would be in the container.

I hope your garden has some purple ribbon specimens for the fair. Contact the Extension office for the publications "Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables" and "Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibit." It is also

available on the web at [www.oznet.ksu.edu](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu).

You can find out more information on gardening by going to Riley County's K-State Research and Extension website at [www.riley.ksu.edu](http://www.riley.ksu.edu). And you may

contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension by calling (785) 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: [geyeston@ksu.edu](mailto:geyeston@ksu.edu).

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# Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith



## More Memories

I was in the pasture feed-More Memorizing cattle not long ago when a red pickup turned in off the road. The driver didn't get out, just sat and waited until I finished what I was doing. I drove the tractor out and shut the gate, and then he approached and spoke to me.

I didn't know him, but after he verified who I was, he reached in his pocket and pulled out an embroidered circular patch of orange cloth. "Ever see anything like that?" he asked.

I certainly had. It was the insignia I'd worn in World War II, a tank in the jaws of a black panther ... Tank Destroyers. We talked a little while. He'd been in the 601st Tank Destroyers in Europe, while mine was the 637th, in the Pacific. Neither of us knew how many Tank Destroyer Battalions there were, but he thought his was the first. It probably was, with the 601 designation.

I've heard from a lot of World War II veterans since I wrote the "Fifty Years Ago" columns. It's still happening, as it did with my Tank Destroyer neighbor. One of the interesting letters I received was about mules. This man had been a tanker in Italy, and had been interested in my columns about the mule pack artillery. He'd seen pack mules used extensively there.

He had questions about the mules he'd seen hauling supplies in Italy. He didn't mention gun mules carrying out mountain howitzers. His impression, especially in the muddy winter of 1944-45, was that "They were manned mostly by Italian military personnel, who had become our allies."

He wasn't sure what the animals should be called, he said. "We called them mules, but they were smaller than our domestic mules.

They resembled a burro but were considerably larger."

I've heard similar stories from other men who fought in Italy. My guess is that the ones he saw were mostly Italian mules, used by Italian troops, and strictly for packing supplies.

We did have pack artillery units in Italy. Our 10th Mountain Division had mountain howitzers like the ones on which I trained. The gun was broken down into nine parts, packed on six mules. The wheels and breech mechanism were packed on one mule, the barrel or "tube" on another, and

so on. Each Phillips pack saddle had special fittings to clamp onto that particular piece of equipment, except for the "cargadore" platoon, which did carry supplies for the gun battery. Mules and men were highly specialized. Some of the men I trained with were killed in the Po Valley in that Italian campaign.

The impression that the animals my reader described were "smaller" than a domestic mule but "considerably larger" than a burro is probably right, whether they were American or Italian. At that time, a lot of farming in the United States was done with horses and mules. A mule, of course, is a hybrid animal. Its mother is a horse, and its father a donkey. We were used to seeing big, heavy draft mules, out of Clydesdale, Belgian, or Percheron draft mares. A pack mule

should be somewhat smaller.

Our gun mules were especially selected for the part of the howitzer they'd carry. The mule packing the "tube," for instance, had a load that was high and heavy. His center of gravity was high and the balance poor. This had to be a stocky animal with legs set wide apart. The wheel and breech mule, by contrast, had a wide load ... a wheel hub sticking out on each side,

but a low center of gravity. It could be a tall, rangy animal. These mules were also highly trained to run to position on command. I rather doubt that even in a combat situation they'd be used to pack supplies. There would be no way to transport the howitzer if even one of those specialist mules became a casualty.

That, of course, was one of the major disadvantages of the pack artillery.

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# Assistive technologies add quality to life

Perceptions and misunderstandings about assistive technologies may prompt many who could benefit from using them to overlook them, a Kansas State University specialist said.

While it's true that some assistive technologies involve high-end electronics, such as motorized wheelchairs, voice-activated computer software, or memory devices designed to help those with brain injuries, many are low-tech, relatively inexpensive and easy to use, said Deb Sellers, a K-State Research and Extension specialist on adult development and aging.

An electric can opener, floppy rubber jar opener and colorful little grippers added to make a pen or pencil easier to hold all qualify as assistive technologies, Sellers said. A long-handled shoe horn and hands-free card holder also fall into that category.

Such gadgets can be helpful to older adults or others who may have a chronic illness or health condition such as arthritis, but aren't limited to any one population or group, said Sellers. She is working to introduce a new, interactive program to promote understanding of assistive technologies and how to access — and use them — to improve daily living.

Sellers is partnering with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Chapter of

the Arthritis Foundation and Assistive Technology for Kansans Project to develop (and fund) 12 kits that each contain 30 assistive devices for a show-and-tell-like educational session that will be offered through local and district Extension offices, beginning this fall.

Many of the technologies — ergonomic garden or kitchen tools or oversized key-grips that make identifying and using keys easier for children and older adults — are inexpensive and readily available, Sellers said.

Others, such as a cutting board with suction cups on the bottom of the board to hold it in place, edges on two sides to reduce spills and a spike to hold a potato or tomato in place to simplify cutting, may not be as familiar, Sellers said.

One of Seller's favorites is a cart on wheels that has multiple uses. While she uses it to transport educational materials easily, others might find it handy for transporting groceries or doing laundry without having to carry a load.

A plastic sock aid with rope handles that makes it possible to put socks on without bending, stooping or sitting and crossing a leg is proving popular with those who have previewed the kits, she said.

Many assistive technologies are readily available in local stores. More costly devices, such as those devel-

oped for a specific impairment, may require a recommendation or consultation from a health care professional, Sellers said. More sophisticated technologies can be more costly, but may be covered by insurance or other benefits plans.

The Assistive Technology for Kansans (ATK) Project has five sites within the state to support individuals

with disabilities via assistive technology. The assistance available includes identifying appropriate technologies, training, information about short-term loans and help in identifying funding sources. More information is available on the ATK Project Web site: <http://www.atk.ku.edu/> or by calling 1-800-KAN-DO-IT or 1-800-526-3648.

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# Hey Neighbor For The Love Of Horses

By Frank J. Buchman

## Horses Need 12th Grade Education To Be 'Broke' For Training, Hall Of Famer Says

"No horse should be blamed for anything that they do wrong. When a horse makes a mistake, it's because of the way they've been treated and handled."

While those statements may be strong for some, Dean Smith insists that's the way it is.

Certainly Smith is qualified to make that analysis. The trainer has shown champions throughout the country for over 50 years and continues in that capacity today at his stables west of Council Grove.

While proud to show albums filled with photographs of his winning horses, today Smith is much more concerned about training people how to ride and care for their own.

"It seems everybody loves horses, and many want

to own them. That's great, but problems arise because they don't have any idea what it takes to care for or ride a horse," Smith maintains. "People must be educated to handle horses, just like the horses themselves are trained."

With that objective, Smith spends much of his time now working with students and conducting horsemanship clinics. Last winter, Smith was inducted into the Kansas Quarter Horse Hall of Fame for his lifetime achievements and service to the horse industry.

Quick to clarify his profession, Smith emphasizes, "I don't classify myself as a cowboy. I consider myself a trainer. My objective has always been to make good horses."

However, not all horses

are winners, or have the potential to be such, and Smith readily declares: "Good horses are born; and as trainers, it is our objective to develop them, and try not to mess 'em up."

Although Smith has trained literally thousands of horses, collecting many titles and the respect of owners, judges and other trainers around the country, he professes, "I can honestly count the really great horses I've had on my two hands."

Training takes time. "Everybody wants a quick fix, and that's not the way it is," Smith evaluates.

People require at least 12 grade levels of education, and Smith contends horses are exactly the same way. "It takes at least a year to get a horse broke," he explains. "The first month is the same



Among the long list of accomplishments of horses trained and shown by Dean Smith of Council Grove was Miss Sue Skip, winner of both the National Reining Horse Association Futurity and Maturity. She is the only horse to have ever been champion in both divisions.

as the first grade, and a horse must pass the first grade before he goes to the second grade."

At the time of high school graduation, or after a year of "breaking," Smith expects his horse "to do about anything I ask of him. The horse should move with a level

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head set, be relaxed at a walk, jog and lope, turn and back readily upon request." They are typically ready to continue their college education, in pleasure, reining, cutting and other diverse riding principles.

"To be 'broke,' a horse must instantly do what the rider requests without dwelling," Smith says. "It takes repetition of the action a minimum of 2,000 times before a horse can get to this state."

A rider must first ask or cue the horse for an action and release pressure upon response. "I don't expect any resentment, and the horse must flex at the poll and give to my request," Smith describes. "If a horse can feel a fly land, he can sure feel the movement of a rider's hands and body."

Too many riders squeeze with their knees, according to the trainer. "Balls of the feet should ride on the stirrup with the lower leg used to help guide the horse," Smith continues. "I even use the tree of the saddle, pressuring with my upper leg to get the horse to move in the opposite direction, with that leg and foot away from the horse's side."

Riders take even longer to develop than horses, according to the trainer. "It requires at least five years for a horseman to understand how to ride, and ten years is even better," Smith claims.

Readily noting horses he's ridden in his career, Smith is anxious to credit those horsemen who've worked for him and now train on their own. "I've had a lot of good people work for me, but it was those who wanted to spend the time trying to improve who be-

came the best. I've never fired anybody, but some of them just didn't have the necessary patience," Smith qualifies.

Two of his students who have hung out their own shingles are his daughter Tricia Hickey, who now trains out of her dad's stable, and his grandson Jessie Pritchard, who trains in Tennessee. "To be a trainer, a person has to have a desire to be a trainer and educate himself to be a trainer," critiques Smith.

This is not only on the horse's back, but in everything that is done with and around it. "The stall must be cleaned, a horse groomed

and exercised daily, and my tack is always cleaned and carefully stored away in the same way after every ride. Not all trainers feel this way about it, but that's the way I am, and that's what I instill in those who work for me," Smith defends.

Horses need an hour of riding every day, except Sunday, according to the trainer.

This seemingly unending equine knowledge didn't come to Smith easy. "It's taken a lifetime. Yet, horses have always been a thing with me. They're in my blood," he avows. Raised on a farm near Valencia west of Topeka, Smith remembers

driving the farm work team, and they were also his first mounts. "I liked the feel of those lines and reins in my hands," he exclaims.

Smith's ability showed through, and neighbors began calling him to train their horses. "I got a book called 'Hackamore Reinsman,' by a renowned trainer in California, and started learning more," Smith relates. "There wasn't anybody around to teach a person, like there is nowadays. I read the book at night and then would try it the next day."

Making a living with horses wasn't initially possi-

ble for Smith. "For a while, I was milking cows, working at Goodyear and training horses," he recalls. When an opportunity to train for a Morgan breeder developed, Smith showed several winners including a top fine-harness horse.

Before long, Smith became manager of the Bar S Quarter Horse Ranch at Eureka, exhibiting champions in all events throughout the Midwest. Then Smith started training on his own, first at Topeka and then Hutchinson. "I was one of the first full-time horse trainers in the country," he notes.

An opportunity to pur-

chase a 320-acre ranch near Council Grove in 1967 was the turnaround in Smith's career. As leading breeders and owners brought their best to him, he made them into champions.

Smith's name became synonymous with winners around the world. He rode Miss Sue Skip to be the National Reining Horse Association Futurity champion in 1969 and the maturity winner in 1970. "She is the only horse to ever win both events," Smith acknowledges.

Titles were collected in many events. "In those days,

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we showed our horses at halter, then rode in pleasure, reining and cattle classes," Smith emphasizes. For 16 years, Smith exhibited the high point horse in the Kansas Quarter Horse Association.

Smith reflects, "It was probably a mistake showing so much in Kansas. I should have traveled further from home more, like some other trainers. I always contended that I had to get back home to ride my horses."

In peak years, 40 horses were usually at Dean Smith Training Stables. "I had four men working for me, but I still was involved in the training of every horse here," he comments.

As trends in the industry changed so did Smith's operation. "It got so there weren't very many entries in the halter, pleasure and reining classes, so I turned my emphasis to cutting," he recognizes. "I'd always liked the cattle classes anyway."

Records are not definite but Smith has trained a minimum of 18 AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association) Champion and 30 Register of Merit Quarter Horses, in addition to world champions, AQHA Congress titlists, superior award recipients and uncountable state event winners. Many dollars have been accumulated in both reining and cutting circles. He had a world champion nine years

in the American Buckskin Horse Registry.

The list of champions in every endeavor includes a variety of bloodlines. "To me it's not so much the way the horse is bred, but the individual horse itself," Smith verifies. He's ridden horses of many breeds. "There are good ones in every breed, if they're trained right," Smith analyzes.

Patience is the key to training, and most people don't have that necessary ingredient. "Everybody is always in a hurry, and that's just not the way it works," he emphasizes. "However, people today have many more resources to learn how to

train. There are clinics available, and even the RFD television programs. I agree with most of the principles used there, if people will put them to use."

Along with training, Smith has usually also been in the breeding business, raising horses out of his own mares and mating his and other owners' stallions at public service to mares. "Now, I think the best way to breed horses is either by pasture mating or using artificial insemination," recommends Smith. "I never had trouble showing stallions. They learned their manners at home. If there was a stallion with a bad disposition, I

tried to convince their owners to geld him."

Although he's had several of his own stallions, Imapeppysandoc was owned, shown and stood at Smith's place all of his adult life. "He passed away last year at age 27," Smith states. Daughter Tricia Hickey inserts, "Dad showed Imapeppysandoc some, but I won the state two years and a lot of other competitions on him. He was the first cutting horse I ever hauled and showed. He was one of a kind."

Smith's other children, Cathy and Rick, did not have interests in showing, but along with Donna, his wife of 53 years, all have strongly supported his horse training. Although Smith doesn't own any horses today, Tricia owns three in training and showing. Assistant Matt Lange trains also at the facility.

Concerning the future of the horse industry and showing, Smith admits, "Market for elite horses is very high. There are horses selling for nearly a million dollars. Well-trained horses

in most disciplines are in demand." Mediocre and low-quality horses, as well as untrained animals, are at a surplus, and Smith sees their future as bleak.

"It costs so much to own a horse. The purchase price is the least part of expenses now. Training is increasing in cost, and traveling to shows is as high as it's ever been. I'm really concerned about where the industry is headed," Smith reveals.

One area where he sees demand is for trail riding horses. "These horses don't

have to be trained for a specific event, just so they are gentle and people can ride them once in a while when they want to. There is a market for that kind," Smith believes.

Dean Smith's name has been in the limelight, and he remains recognizable and highly sought after for his input towards bettering horses and training. "My entire objective now is to help people understand what it takes to improve themselves and their working with horses," he concludes.

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July 22 — Walk-in cooler, small appliances, misc. at Junction City for Allan Trochim (formerly Dairy Queen). Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.  
July 23 — Real Estate and Inventory at Junction City for Bargain Barn Furniture, Inc. & Showcase Furniture. Auctioneers: Bud Palmer Auctions.  
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 Osmun & Feona Kamer. Auctioneers: Dan Harris.  
July 26 — Farm machinery & equipment at Herington. Auctioneers: Bina Auctions.  
July 26 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, household items, tools, yard, garden & coins at

Greenleaf for Jane Miller. Auctioneers: Uhlik Auctions.

July 26 — Pottery, jewelry, animal skins, plaques & misc. at Lyons for Santa Fe Traders. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

July 26 — Tractors, truck, combines, machinery & equipment, antique machinery & misc. at Lincoln for Steve & Pam Meier. Auctioneers: Post Rock Auctions.

July 26 — Vehicles, boats, gun, shop items, furniture, household, misc. at Woodbine for Kenneth Stout Estate. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

July 26 — Farm equip., antique tractors, collectibles & personal property at Madison for Vicki D. Schroeder. Auctioneers: Nute Rucker Auctions.

July 26 — Furniture, appliances, household, hand, shop & garden tools, mower, gun, jewelry, misc. at Osage City for Ralph Swanson. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

July 26 — Harvey Co. land, tractors, vehicles, shop & household at Halstead for Ivan J. Schirer Estate.

Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

July 26 Summer Consignment contractor's material at Augusta. Auctioneers: Korte Real Estate and Auctions.

July 27 — Coins at Manhattan for Kenneth Stout Estate. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

July 29 — Furniture, appliances, household, decorations & misc. at Manhattan for Wilton Thomas & Larry & Diane Erbe. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

July 31 — Lyon Co. real estate at Allen for Duane & Dorothy Mounkers. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

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

August 2 — Wabaunsee Co. Real Estate, Eskridge home & personal property at Eskridge for LaMoyné Converse & Converse Ranch. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

August 2 — Construction & farm toy, belt buckles at Sabetha. Auctioneers: Hartter Auctions.

August 2 — Car, household, antiques, collectibles & misc. at Jewell for Annabelle Cross. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Real Estate & Auctions.

August 2 — Osborne Co. farmland & personal property at Alton for Everett & Eda Jean Hildreth Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

August 3 — Antiques & collectibles at Clay Center for Phyllis Kerns Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions, LLC.

August 4 — Tractors, combine, machinery, farm primitives, tools, trucks, mower & irrigation equip. at Geneva, NE for Ronald & Alice Tatro. Auctioneers: Schoenholz Auctions.

August 4 — Tractors, trucks, machinery, shop equipment, tools, irrigation equipment, boat & misc. at Sublette for Edward Frey. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auctions.

August 5 — Camper, boat, tools & misc. N. of Clay Center for Charles "Chuck" Scheer. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

August 6 — Land-McPherson County-Top Farms at McPherson for Farmers National Co.-Chris Ostmeyer, Agent.

August 6 — Farm & industrial consignment at Beatrice. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auctions.

August 7 — Land-Chase County, Flint Hills-Buck Creek at Cottonwood Falls for Michael & Bernice Spinden. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Real Estate & Auctions.

August 9 — Car, household, collectibles & antiques at Maple Hill for Wilma Brewer. Auctioneers: Bill Raine Auctions.

August 9 — Real Estate & personal property at Havensville for Larry S. & Barbara K. Hefty Estates. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

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August 9 — Tractor, farm machinery, shop & power tools, lawn equipment & tools, livestock equip., sheds, toys, guns & misc. at Scandia for Keith Allen Estate. Auctioneers: J&L Auctions.

August 9 & 10 — Antiques, furniture, collectibles & glassware at Council Grove for Wayne & Joan Gatewood. Auctioneers: Hallgren Auctions.

August 14 — Lyon Co. real estate at Allen for Duane & Dorothy Mounkes. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

August 15 & 16 — Die cast cars, collectible knives, bronze statues, collectible Indian Artifacts & Arrowhead collections, rifle scopes & binoculars & Guns at Douglass. Auctioneers: Swenson Real Estate & Auctions.

August 16 — Annual Hanover Firemans consignment auction at Hanover.

August 16 — Farm equipment SW of Marquette for Willard Ericson. Auctioneers: Roger A. Johnson & Sons.

August 16 — Real Estate, household & collectibles at Mayetta for Mr. & Mrs. Charles Renfro. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

August 16 — Very lg. assort. of Snap On tools & lg. Snap On tool boxes, lg. assort. of other tools & misc. at Concordia for Tony Eaton. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

August 16 — Tractors, ma-

chinery, trucks, truck parts & misc. at Fall City, NE for Property of the late Paul O'Grady. Auctioneers: Fleskoski Auction.

August 16 — Wabaunsee Co. pastureland with home N. of Alma for Larry & Elsie Holz. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

August 21 — Button collection, dolls, furniture & misc. at Concordia for Joan Demannette & Buehlah Nobert. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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

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August 23 — Greenwood County land at Eureka for Wallace R. Hall Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auctions.

August 30 — Farm sale, tractors, trucks, machinery & tools N. of Scandia for Gary Goodwin. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

August 31 — Evans 26th Annual Production Sale AQHA & ABHA Performance Breed Horses at Emporia for George & Sue Evans. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

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 8 — Liquidating livestock operation, late model machinery, livestock equipment, bulk bins & lots of hay near Longford for Doug & Evelyn Matson. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

September 20 — Furniture, antiques & misc. at Concordia for Howard & Mary Kenworthy. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

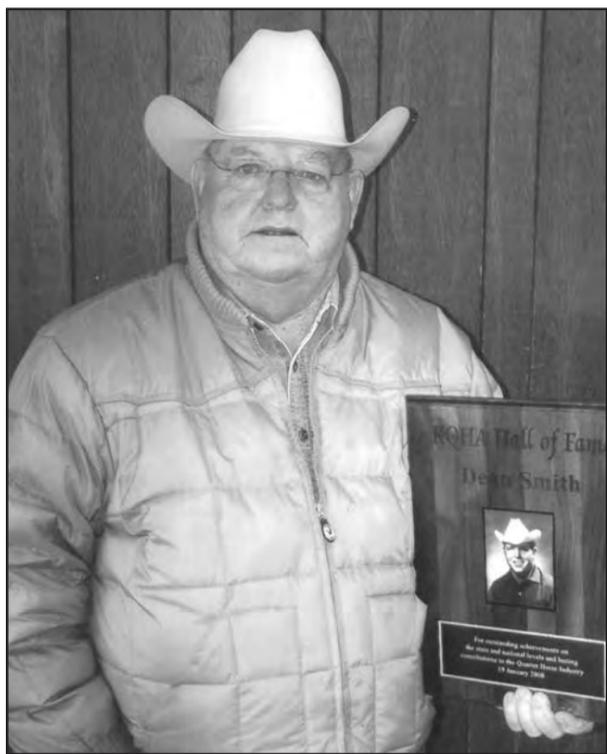
September 21 — Murray Ranches Production Horse Sale at Alma.

September 28 — 28th annual Quarter Horse sale at Emporia for Cooper Quarter Horses. Auctioneers: Carey Macy.

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.

October 25 — Household goods, antiques, misc. at Clay Center for Edmere (Mrs. Elmo) Steffen Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

October 29 — 18th annual Fink Beef Genetics Angus & Charolais bull sale at Randolph.



Dean Smith of Council Grove was inducted into the Kansas Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame earlier this year for his lifetime of achievements and service to the horse industry around the world.

## AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 26 — 10:00 AM  
WOODBINE, KANSAS

VEHICLES: 1972 White 2-44 forklift, 8,000 lb., running.; BOATS; GUN; Lawn Boy zero turn mower; Dynamight K900 generator.

NOTE: Many, many more items. Many unique items. NOTE: Day No. 2 will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Manhattan, Kansas, selling coins.

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Ridgeway Grandfather clock, 7 ft. tall; Benchcraft loveseat and divan; matching end and coffee tables; White cabinet sewing machine; Frigidaire Gallery auto washer; Maytag dryer, older; Raddock dining room suite; Whirlpool upright freezer; Angelina maple 2 piece bedroom suite; five piece bedroom suite; game table; 3 easy chairs; 3 china sets; drop front chest/book shelf, old; antique smoke stand/floor lamp; Hurricane style lamp, nice; umbrella stand, 80 in. tall, nice; small heavy duty safe; Jones dairy box; Plymouth mantel clock; good selection of old books; hall tree stand, old; 3 hand tied

quilts; small stone pitcher; enamel wash pan; 2 very old milk cans; approx. 25 fishing poles; aluminum extension ladder; Craftsman top tool chest; Ariens 5 hp. push mower; Yard Machine 18 hp., 46 in. riding mower; Echo chain saw; good assortment of hand, shop, garden tools; bedding; linen; kitchen items; glassware, etc.

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NOTE: The Rowhs have been dealers and collectors for many years. Sale order will be determined on sale day. This is a large auction. Sure to be surprises. Come prepared to spend the day and bring a truck. Dealers please bring tax number.

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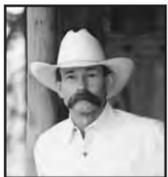
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To rope and win consistently you have to pay the price.

Eliminate the little things that busy up yer life,

Those bothersome distractions like house payments and a wife.

Quit yer job! Forsake the kids! Sell everything you own

And buy a dually goose-neck so you'll never be alone.

Then enter every jackpot where the fools'll take yer check

And practice 'til yer ropin' dummy's got a crooked neck!

Survive on beer and road food. Never falter, never fail

'Cause fingers will grow back, ya know, just like a lizard's tail.

Keep ropin' 'til yer spoken word degenerates to grunts

Or simply, "I'm a heela ... but sometimes I wope the fwonts."

And maybe you might beat the odds but be prepared because

Each dally man will have to face the roper's mental-pause.

Eventually the time will come when nothin' reconciles.

You'll be burnt out from front to back with cavities and piles,

Yer rope won't reach out like it did, yer loop just won't quite fit.

You can't remember if yer can is filled with beer or spit!

There's only one place left to go, to change your sad condition,

Find yourself a catchy phrase and become a horse clinician!

## Wilson named assistant ag dean

Kansas State University's College of Agriculture has selected Christine Wilson as its assistant dean for academic programs, effective Aug. 1, 2008. For Wilson, the move to Kansas will be a homecoming.

A native of Jetmore, Wilson has been on the faculty of Purdue University since 2001. She earned a bachelor's degree in agribusiness, and master's and Ph.D. degrees in agricultural economics — all at K-State.

"We feel fortunate to have someone of Christine's caliber fill this role at Kansas State," said Don Boggs, K-State College of Agriculture associate dean. "Through her work at Purdue, she has demonstrated a commitment to students and teaching and that makes her an excellent fit for this position."

As the assistant dean for academic programs,

Wilson will be responsible for oversight of K-State's College of Agriculture student records, for the college's course and curriculum committee, for coordinating the College General Scholarship Committee, and advising the College of Agriculture Student Council. She will also be responsible for the instruction of Ag Orientation and will teach courses in the University Honors and College Scholars programs, among other duties.

Prior to joining the Purdue faculty, Wilson worked as a senior grains and oilseeds market analyst for Koch Agriculture Co., a division of Koch Industries, Inc. in Wichita, and as an associate extension agricultural economist at K-State, while completing her Ph.D. At Pur-

due, she was an assistant professor and more recently, an associate professor in agricultural economics.

In addition to routinely teaching five to six undergraduate classes a year at Purdue, Wilson served as director of its agricultural economics honors program — taking it from two students to a current total of 13 students.

She has served as an academic advisor to students, as well as advisor to Purdue's Agricultural Economics Academic Bowl Competition Team, the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) Competitive Team and the Agribusiness/NAMA Club.

Wilson has also taught courses in China, The Netherlands, Russia, and Ireland.

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