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Answer Plot provides learning lab for area agronomists, producers

By Cindy Baldwin

It's a scratch and sniff demonstration area. A place where agronomists and customers can dig to the root of a plant and see how it is affected by fertilizer, herbicide, pesticide, soil type and genetics. A living laboratory and outdoor classroom that promises to give farm cooperative agronomists and their customers an edge in selecting the right genetic mix to manage risk for the customer's bottom line. Answer Plots are all that and more.

are both dryland and irrigated plots across the country. Plot size ranges from 12 to 20 acres.

The Greeley plot, which is a cooperative effort with Midwest Fertilizer out of Paola, has corn, soybeans, sunflowers and forage sorghum, which is pretty standard for Kansas plots, Wrestler said. In addition, the Wamego site has sorghum sedan and turf grass and the Buhler site, in cooperation with Mid-Kansas Cooperative, Moundridge,

parent-family genetics developed for different regions of the country can be used to breed hybrid characteristics adaptable to the climate, growing conditions and varying soil conditions of Kansas and other Corn Belt states. Answer Plot plantings include parent genetics from all four regional corn types: north, east, south and western, as well as tropicals, and provide a visual comparison of how different regional crosses will react to a specific climate and soil conditions.

"There is no such thing as a perfect hybrid," Brobst said. "We need to match the genetics of a hybrid to the local conditions. We also can plant different varieties that will react differently to a set of conditions, thereby minimizing risks of weather affects on yield... The Answer Plot allows us to provide education for seed sales persons so they can better serve their customers. They dig up roots. They look at the development of the plant and figure out what is going on out there."

The training sessions allow the agronomists to better advise their customers when it comes time to make cropping and management decisions. By understanding how a variety will react to different conditions, rather than just what it yielded last year, agronomists can help their customers minimize risks by planting the right variety mix, according to Brobst. Plots are also open to area producers for learning events, such as the one held at the Wamego Answer Plot last week, which drew attendees from as far away as Humboldt, Neb., Hope and Emporia. Cooperatives sup-



John Watts, Farmers Cooperative of Manhattan agronomist and Winfield Solutions LLC seed and agronomy advisor, explains the planting area featuring different regional genetic families and what characteristics each brings to a hybrid cross to area producers at the recent Wamego Answer Plot tour. Traits discussed included disease resistance, days to maturity, heat tolerance and growth habits among others.



Jesse Ploeger, Morrill, left, and Aaron George, Sabetha, examine the roots of a soybean plant during the recent Answer Plot producers' tour at Wamego.

The Answer Plots are projects of Winfield Solutions LLC, a wholly owned, limited liability company of Land O'Lakes, and local farm cooperatives across the United States. The company has established 174 Answer Plots for the 2008 growing season, five of which are located in Kansas at Greeley, Wamego, Buhler, Brewster and Deerfield. The goal, according to Dave Wrestler, manager of the Greeley plot, is to eventually establish an Answer Plot every 90 miles throughout the Corn Belt.

A plot will be planted in an area for three to five years and is then moved to another area in the region. This is the first year for both the Wamego and Greeley plots and the third year for the Buhler plot. An Answer Plot was previously located near Seneca. Each plot is planted by a full-time crew from Winfield Solutions/Croplan Genetics®, which is also responsible for all fertilizer and crop protection applications. The crew is assisted by agronomists, field marketers and staff from the associated partner cooperative for that plot. "That gives us a really big data set across the United States, allowing us to see how different seed varieties and treatments will react in a lot of different environments and weather conditions," Wrestler said.

Crops in a plot reflect what is typically grown in that particular area, and there

has grain sorghum and has had an alfalfa planting in past years.

There are distinct differences between an Answer Plot and seed test plots with which most ag producers are familiar.

"A typical test plot is designed for yield only. It's often planted in the very best ground. The information you receive from it is based on one year's conditions, which may be very different the following year," Bryce Brobst, Winfield Solutions LLC regional product manager for Kansas, said.

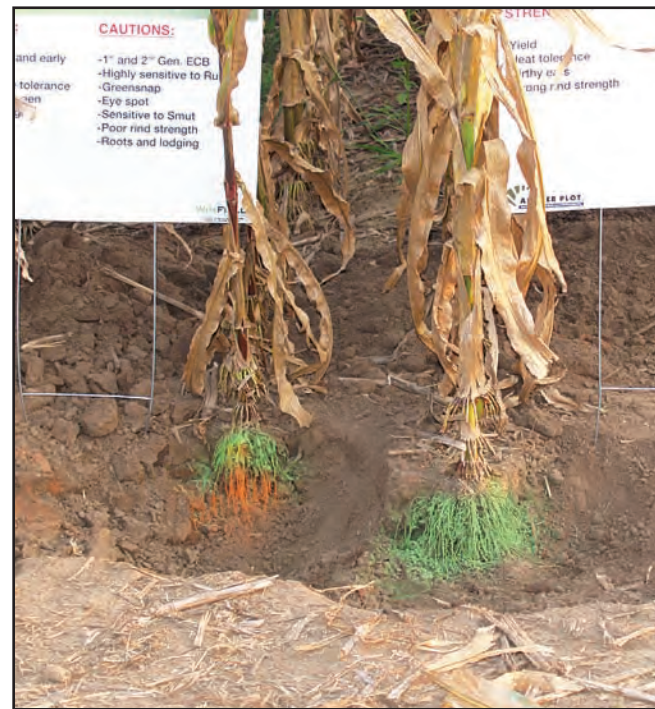
In contrast, while the Answer Plot does have an area that is harvested for yield, it is designed as an outdoor classroom for agronomists where they can see in side-by-side replications how different varieties grow and mature out during the season and the effects of different treatments, management practices and weather conditions. Partnering cooperatives, as well as others in the region, bring in their agronomists at various times during the growing season for teaching sessions in the plots. They observe the growth above ground, but also dig up root systems to learn what is going on below the surface. One of the more unusual features of each Answer Plot is a side-by-side planting of genetic and regional corn families, which provides an up-close and personal look at how corn

porting the event were Farmers Co-op at Manhattan, the partner cooperative; Beattie Farmers Union Cooperative Association, Beattie; Farmers Cooperative Elevator, Sabetha; Nemaha County Cooperative, Seneca; and North Central Kansas Cooperative, Hope.

It was the second visit to an Answer Plot for Ron Eis, who had made the trip from Humboldt, Neb.

"I attended the event at Seneca last year and found it well worth it," Eis, a member of the Sabetha co-op, said. "I came back for information about corn varieties. What (the agronomists) present is really interesting."

Producers attending the



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Bryce Brobst, Winfield Solutions regional product manager, shows producers at the recent Wamego Answer Plot event how a male parent from a northern genetic family cooked in the heat while its genetic offspring crossed with a more heat tolerant female variety survived. Producers were able to see how the genetic background of a hybrid cross affected its tolerance to weather and disease in the plot plantings.

Producers at the Answer Plot tour were able to see root structures of standing corn in one area of the plot.



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

There are those moments in life that I firmly believe are meant to challenge each of us. Just as a horseshoe tempered by fire results in a superior product, there are those times when things that are difficult or at best, uncomfortable serve as a subtle reminder to improve ourselves. That is a reason to tell ourselves "This too will pass," as my grandmother has been fond of reminding me when I shared with her my trials and tribulations.

The recent discussion about the potential arrival of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan I would contend is one of these "through the fire" moments.

There is no doubt that this facility has stirred the passions on both sides of the fence. The supporters point to the economic engine this facility could bring to the region. Assuredly, if Manhattan would win the "bid" for NBAF, it would put Kansas' bioscience industry on the fast track to world recognition considering the strides that are already being made along the I-70 corridor. It undoubtedly would also provide a tremendous recruit-

ment tool for Kansas State to be able to tout the ability of research collaboration when courting distinguished scholars to the institution.

But there is something that niggles at my gut that doesn't feel quite right with the notion of this facility sitting in the middle of farm country.

During the media sessions the week of the NBAF hearing I asked Sue Johnson, who heads up the BRI on campus, about tornados and how the facility would or could be able to withstand such an event. Her response, by the way, was that the operating procedure is to put their people in the containment part of the building. While the peripheral offices and structures might not survive, the disease pathogens would be safe. Good to know, in my books although if I had a spouse working in the facility I might feel differently about "heading for cover" in the area where such materials were stored for safekeeping.

Just last weekend during Beef Fest I had the opportunity to visit with Rep. Tom Moxley on the subject. He said that while it had taken him a great deal of time and consideration of the issue, the factor that brought him around to supporting the Manhattan bid was the notion that a similar facility had been built in downtown Atlanta (with a veritable sea of humanity surrounding it) that wouldn't be dealing with animal diseases — but rather human afflictions. And if this facility was safe there, sure-

ly the animal equivalent would be no less dangerous in the heart of cattle country.

Dr. Jerry Jaax pointed out that with the diagnostic lab now operating in Manhattan, there was a greater possibility of a rancher bringing a critter with an undiagnosed illness to Manhattan all the way from southwest Kansas, having a greater potential to spread disease than a release from a lab setting.

But all that being said — and I do firmly believe that project supporters have no interest in seeing harm come to the animal agriculture community — they can't guarantee that a pathogen release won't happen if NBAF comes to town.

I'm sure that the scientist that recently committed suicide was not suspected early on in the Anthrax attacks — but as news accounts have detailed, he was under investigation and was going to be brought into custody — except that he took his own life instead. What if some unstable researcher who was on the cusp of developing a fmd vaccine wanted to try a test run at the beef research unit?

There are generations of stockmen within hours of Manhattan that have spent their entire lives building the best cow herds they knew how. Genetics that can never be replaced with a check from the government if a herd is required to be destroyed because it falls within the quarantine zone of an FMD outbreak would be lost forever.

We have a vibrant animal community within this state and an attack on that sector would wreck havoc on our entire economy.

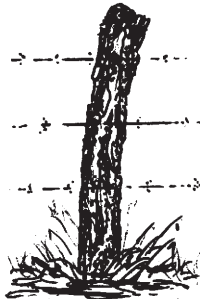
As for those that say that this stance will stymie progress — I'm fairly sure that the even though collaboration might not be as easy or as convenient for the development of new drugs to help combat these horrific animal diseases to take place on Plum Island versus Manhattan, Kansas — kid yourself not, it will continue to happen.

I know that this is a serious subject, and my opinion will not resonate well in some circles. Farm groups have been split on this subject — some against, some for and some stuck in the middle. I also know that innovations and progress doesn't happen in a vacuum — but I also know that there are a lot of failures before success is reached when you work to open up new frontiers.

The Wright brothers crashed a number of "airplanes" before they got one to fly.

In my opinion, our livestock industry should not be put in harm's way — no matter how small the risk.

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



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Discipline

There is work to be done, and I need more power and speed. I can't get the herd in by myself, so I need the horses; but they don't want to leave their pasture of freedom and a carefree life to work and sweat. To get them in to the corral, I would have to coax and trick them with grain. They don't want to leave their life of leisure for one of discipline and usefulness.

Millions of students are ending their days of vacation and freedom to sit in a classroom and become subjected to a discipline that will make them more useful and better prepared for life. There are a few students that enjoy the rigid rigors of the classroom, but most are like my horses; they have to be enticed by greater returns, be it grains or bigger salaries and positions of greater responsibility. There is work to be done out in the world, and students must prepare themselves to accomplish it. This takes discipline.

I will discuss two experiences in which I was disciplined; both are somewhat embarrassing to me, but I will relate them anyway to make a point.

When I was ten and attending a one-room country school, I had a first-year teacher, a young woman with no experience in teaching. It was in the fall of the year, and all the students were sitting on the concrete porch, eating their sack lunches. I had finished eating and wanted to go play ball, but the teacher wanted all of us to finish and then be excused. In my boredom, I began flipping tiny stones on the concrete with my index finger. She told me not to do it, but I flipped one more stone after her order.

To discipline me and perhaps to impact the rest of the students, after classes had resumed after lunch, she called me up to the front of the room to face the blackboard. Her next move was to take a piece of chalk and make a small circle on the board about three inches above my nose. Then she told me to put my nose in the circle. To do so, I had to stand on my toes. I stood in this position in front of everyone for what seemed like hours. I am sure she was using me as an example to show the rest

that disobedience could have serious consequences. However, the students felt my embarrassment and were in sympathy with me. She had a very tough year of teaching and, I believe, must have been relieved when her contract year ended. She did not return the following year. Years later, when I became a teacher, my policy was that the extent of punishment should not exceed the seriousness of the infraction and should be done in private. Through this personal experience in grade school, I learned an important lesson on discipline.

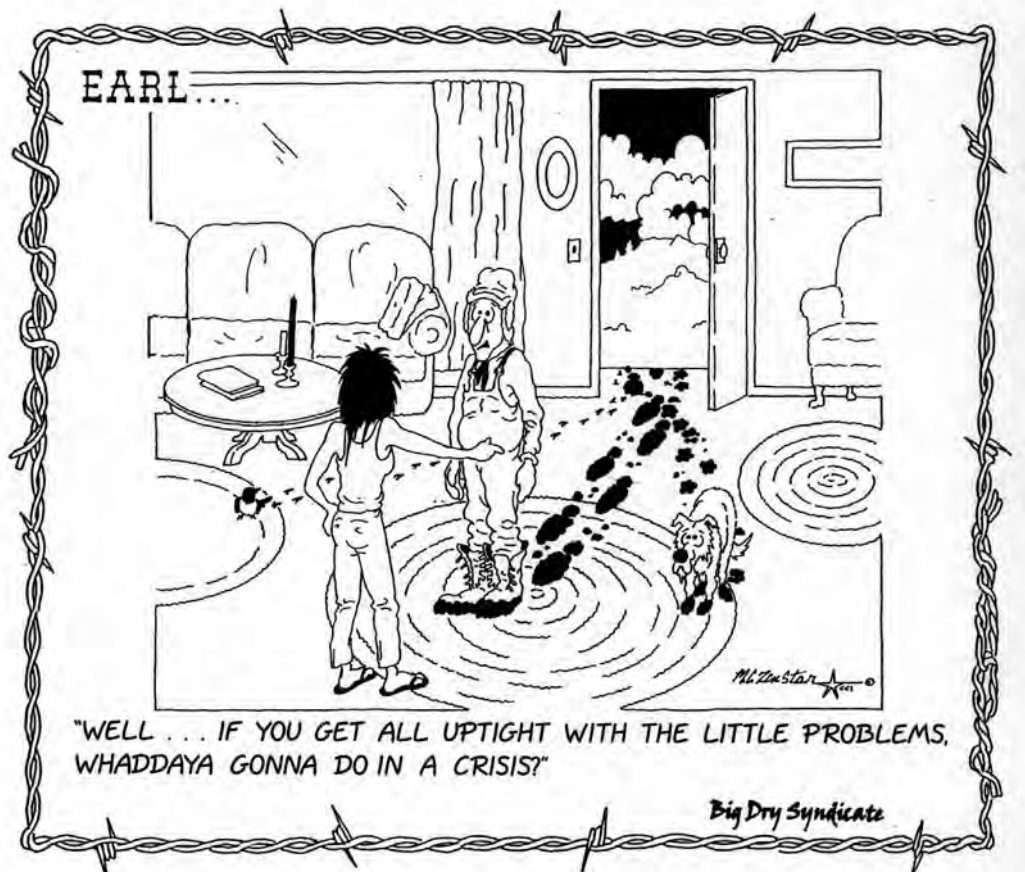
Discipline can refer to something other than punishment for bad behavior. For example, someone may ask, "What is your discipline?" in reference to what one is trained or prepared to do. One must be disciplined to prepare for the rigors of a course of study. When I was working on my Master's Degree in agronomy at Kansas State University, I had another lesson in discipline. In most of my classes at this level, I earned A's or at least a B. My research problem had been successfully completed and printed for publishing. All I lacked was completing my orals, where six professors quizzed me over all my courses of study and also my research problem. I must have done poorly in one or more areas; for after consultation among those doing the questioning, my major instructor informed me that they wanted me to do the oral exam again.

Later, when I again met with them for the orals, they agreed that I had met the requirements of their discipline in agronomy at KSU, and thus I was granted my M.S. degree, which has opened many doors for me. Their discipline was stringent; they not only wanted their graduates to know the subject matter but also to be able to express it verbally.

Millions of students are being subjected to discipline and standards of acceptance which the professions and industry know must be adhered to. It is the job of teachers to discipline their students to help them meet the standards that make for success and also which will help keep our nation great.

Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but rather we have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.

— Aristotle



"The consciousness of loving and being loved brings a warmth and richness to life that nothing else can bring."
— Oscar Wilde (1854-1900) Irish Dramatist and Poet



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Grazing allowed on CRP in most Kansas counties

Bill R. Fuller, State Director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminded producers that emergency haying of Conservation Reserve Pro-

gram (CRP) acreage has been approved for all counties designated in a Presidential Disaster Declaration for flooding. Most counties were previously

approved for emergency grazing.

All counties in Kansas, except Leavenworth, Lyon and Wyandotte are now approved for emergency haying and grazing. Some counties were approved under drought conditions and all other counties were either primary or contiguous counties in a Presidential Disaster Declaration for flooding.

Participants in counties approved for emergency haying must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous fields unhayed for wildlife. Hay must be removed from the field within 30 days from end of the haying period.

Emergency haying in counties approved under drought conditions is allowed through September 16, 2008. Those counties include Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearny, Morton, Stanton, Seward and Stevens. Participants in these counties must accept a 10 percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually hayed.

All other counties are approved for emergency haying under a designation for flooding through September 30, 2008. Participants in these counties must accept a 25 percent

reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually hayed.

Emergency grazing in approved counties is allowed through September 30, 2008. Participants shall leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate. All livestock must be removed by the end of this grazing period.

Counties approved for grazing under drought conditions include Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearny, Haskell, Morton, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens and Wallace. These participants must accept a 10 percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually grazed.

Participants in all other counties approved for emergency grazing must accept a 25 percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually grazed.

Emergency haying or grazing is not allowed on

the same acreage and not allowed on acreage used for Critical Feed Use or managed haying or grazing.

Acreage eligible for emergency haying and grazing includes acreage devoted to conservation practices CP1, CP2, CP4B, CP4D, CP10, CP18B, and CP18C.

CRP participants in approved counties shall contact the local FSA county office to request emergency

haying or grazing on an individual contract basis prior to haying or grazing. Participants will work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop a forage management plan. If the CRP cover is destroyed, the practice must be re-established at their own expense to remain in compliance with the CRP contract. USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Plots provide answers

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events are broken into groups and rotated among different learning areas in the Answer Plot, which provide information about how genetics are combined to develop desirable traits for various planting conditions and yields goals. Fertility studies show the effects of different planting populations for varying nutrient rates and how adjusting those inputs affect the bottom line. Management areas demonstrate different herbicide and pesticide treatments. Other areas have a row of parent plants — either the male or female parent — alongside several rows of hybrids which show how that parent variety crossed with different opposite parent varieties produces different results. Producers could clearly see how different crosses can affect the health and yield of the hybrid. Agronomists training on the plot or producers touring it are encouraged to pull up plants to examine root structures and husk corn ears and shell out bean pods to see how grain is filling. Visitors to the plot are also encouraged to walk into each planting area — the plot is planted in grids so it is accessible from all sides with walkways between each planted area.

Brobst said that while most Answer Plots have already had their scheduled events, producers can still stop by and look at them through harvest. However, he advised that for the most benefit, they should contact their local cooperative to arrange for an agronomist to go with them through the plot to explain what is being demonstrated in each area. Brobst can be contacted at (785) 288-0368 for more information about touring an Answer Plot.

The Wamego Answer Plot is located one-half mile east of Wamego on U.S. Highway 24.

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GLASS

RS Prussia chocolate pot; Roseville 741; Fenton basket;

table lamp; enameled lamps; lady lamps; hanging prism crystal lamp; 4 cactus tumblers; 16 place Occupied Japan china; child's Bavaria Cupid 6 place china set; Cranberry glass pieces; several peach blow pieces; Austria dresser set; Lefton hands; collection hand vases; assortment blue glass; 50's glasses; large assortment of glass.

COLLECTIBLES

1800's Neapolitan jewelry box; Indian vase; Swarovski Aus-

tria crystal figurines; china clock; Kavanaugh's tea box; Salina Candy wood bucket; wicker doll buggy; turtle match holder; mini curler & razor; assortment pictures; assortment costume jewelry; crochet bedspread; animal collection; Boy Scout uniform; green covered stove box; several lighters; Detelgran; chrome tea set; collection books; large assortment collectibles.

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COLLECTIBLES

Approx. 20 crocks including No. 10 Red Wing, No. 6 Red Wing, No. 2 Red Wing, No. 3 Redwing, No. 4 Ruckels, crock butter churn, crock chicken water all in good cond.; brass kerosene lamp and other lamps; nail kegs; hat boxes; various

primitives; 12 Knowles puppy plates; UP teddy bears; frog bank; brass pcs.; kitchen items; nice selection of pictures; Home Interior items; various glassware and plates; Barbie House and accessories; sewing basket; weaving loom; toys and household items of all kinds; battery charger; Homelite chainsaw; scuba gear, fins, mask, snorkel, etc.; various tools.

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Plates, Collector Plates (Swedish, Beauties of the Red Mountain, States, Rockwell & Wedgwood), Crown Corning Mugs, Pyrex, Pfaltzgraph, Lots of Glasses (Shot, Wildlife, Christmas & Coca Cola), Pressed Glass Jelly Bowl, Glass Divided Serving Dishes, Glass Vinegar Cruet, 4 Piece Pottery Canister Set, Precious Moment Vase, Old Tea Pot w/Lid, Candy Dishes, Lots Of Vases, Large Crock, Ironstone Salad Bowl, Canning Jars, Thimbles, Antique Railroad lantern, 2-Copper Trays, Coca Cola Tin, Picture Frames, Needlework, Linen Towels, Stainless Steel Food Slicer, 3 Flat Irons, Cuckoo Clock, 2-Brass Shell Casings, Brass Spittoon, Antique Brass Bell Bank, Boxes of Political Memorabilia, Very Old Horse Collar w/Hames, Red Radio Flyer Tricycle.

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DONNA'S DELIGHTFUL SALAD

- 4 to 5 apples, cored & cut into bite-size pieces
- (3) 2.07-ounce Snickers candy bars, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 12-ounce container whipped topping
- 20-ounce can pineapple tidbits, drained
- 1 cup Spanish peanuts

Combine all ingredients and refrigerate until serving time.

Kathy Hogue of Topeka/Alma says, "it's time to spoil the grandkids. Have you ever met a child who didn't love Twinkies? Just remember one batch will lead to a request for another!"

- HOMEMADE TWINKIES**
Yellow cake mix plus eggs, vegetable oil & water (needed to prepare mix)
4 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup butter
1 cup milk
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
3 teaspoons vanilla

Mix the cake per box directions in two 9-inch round pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 28 minutes. Cool 10 minutes and place on two plates. Slice off top halves and remove. Bring flour and milk to boil, whisking constantly; cool. Combine shortening, butter, sugar and vanilla. Add flour mixture and beat 4 minutes. Spread over each bottom cake half and replace tops. Refrigerate before slicing into wedges.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "I believe this recipe is one I got out of our local paper submitted by Vicky Jenkins. It is really good."

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE DELIGHT

- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup chunky peanut butter
- 2 sticks soft margarine
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups flour
- 12-ounce package semisweet chocolate chips

Cream shortening, sugars and peanut butter. Beat in eggs. Add soda, salt and flour and mix thoroughly. Add chocolate chips last. Drop by teaspoon onto well greased cookie sheet and bake 10 to 12 minutes at 350 degrees.

Marcia Emig, Goodland:
ORANGE LEMONADE
2 quarts water
1 cup sugar
12-ounce can frozen orange juice concentrated, thawed

12-ounce can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed

In a saucepan heat water and sugar until sugar is dissolved, stirring occasionally. Cool. Transfer to a large pitcher and stir in concentrates. Chill well. Serve over ice. Yield: 12 servings.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: CHEDDAR ONION DIP

- 1 large vidalia onion, trimmed & grated (1 cup)
- 8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 3-ounce package cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

In a medium skillet combine all ingredients. Cover and heat on medium heat, stirring until cheese is melted, about 5 minutes. Serve with crackers.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "Serve with soup or salad or as a side dish to beef and pork."

BAKED CORNMEAL DUMPLINGS

- 3 tablespoons butter
 - 1 cup cabbage, finely chopped
 - 1/2 cup onion, chopped
 - 1/2 teaspoon sugar
 - 1/2 cup cold water
 - 3/4 cup yellow cornmeal
 - 1 cup chicken broth
 - 1 cup water
 - 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
 - 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- Melt the butter in a medium-size skillet over low heat. Add the chopped cabbage and onion and cook, turning occasionally, until tender. Stir in the sugar and remove from heat. Pour 1/2 cup of

cold water into a mixing bowl. Slowly pour in the cornmeal, stirring until the mixture is smooth and has no lumps. Bring the chicken broth and water to a boil in a large pan or Dutch oven. Slowly pour in the cornmeal mixture, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to low and continue stirring for 5 to 8 minutes, until the mixture is thick. Remove from heat and stir in the cabbage mixture and the Parmesan cheese. Pour the cornmeal mixture into a bowl and cool just until can handle, about 10 to 15 minutes. Form the mixture into balls about 1 1/2 inches in diameter and place them on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Brush the dumplings with melted butter and bake for 25 to 30 minutes until lightly browned. Makes 16 to 18.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
COFFEE BROWNIE
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7-ounce jar marshmallow creme
2 tablespoons instant coffee granules
1 teaspoon almond flavoring
19.5-ounce box fudge brownie mix
1/2 cup butter

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1/3 cup milk
2 eggs
3/4 cup chopped walnuts
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan with spray. In a bowl beat cream cheese, marshmallow creme, granules and almond flavoring; set aside. In a large bowl beat brownie mix and butter until crumbly. Reserve 1 cup brownie mixture for topping. Add milk and eggs to remaining brownie mixture, beat until smooth. Spread batter evenly in pan. Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over brownie mixture. Stir in walnuts into reserved 1 cup brown mixture and sprinkle evenly over cream cheese mixture. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until edges are firm to the touch. Cool completely and store in refrigerator.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
OATMEAL CARAMEL SQUARES
2 cups flour
2 cups quick-cooking oats
1 1/2 cups brown sugar

1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups butter
Filling:
12.5-ounce jar caramel topping
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan with spray. In a bowl beat all base ingredients with mixer until crumbly. Reserve half of crumb mixture for topping. Press remaining crumb mixture in bottom of pan. Bake 10 minutes. In a bowl mix caramel topping and 3 tablespoons flour. Sprinkle chips and nuts over partially baked base. Drizzle evenly with caramel mixture and spring with reserved crumb mixture. Bake 18 to 22 minutes longer or until golden brown. Cool completely in pan about 1 hour. Refrigerate until filling is set, 1 to 2 hours. Store in tightly covered container.

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 1 cup powdered sugar
 1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup butter
 3 eggs
 1/3 cup lemon juice
 2 tablespoons grated lemon peel
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
Frosting:
 1 cup powdered sugar
 2 tablespoons butter
 1 tablespoon half & half
 Heat oven to 400 degrees. Grease 9-by-13-inch pan. Lightly flour. In a bowl mix flour, salt and baking powder. In a large bowl beat powdered sugar, sugar and butter until blended. Beat in 1 egg at a time. Beat 1 minute. On low speed beat in flour mixture alternately with lemon juice beginning and ending with flour mixture until well blended. Stir in lemon peel and 1/2 cup pecans. Pour into pans. Bake 22 to 27 minutes until golden brown. In a bowl mix all frosting ingredients on low until smooth and spreadable. Spread over warm bars. Cool completely in pan about 1 hour.

CRISPY FRIES
 6 large baking potatoes, peeled & cut into 4-inch 1/4-inch thick strips
 2 cups yellow cornmeal
 2 teaspoons salt
 1 teaspoon pepper
 Oil for frying
 Place slices of potatoes in large bowl. Cover with cold water and let set 15 minutes. In a bowl combine cornmeal, salt and pepper. Drain and pat dry potatoes with paper towel. Dredge slices in batches in cornmeal mixture. In a large Dutch oven pour oil to a depth of 3 inches. Heat to 375 degrees and fry in batches for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Drain and serve right away.

Kids And School Clothes Requires Planning And Budgeting

Mary Lou Odle, District Extension Agent
 Family & Consumer Sciences
 School bells will be ringing in just a few weeks. The start of school means new school supplies and often new clothes. Most kids like to have something special to wear the first day of school.

With tighter budgets for many families, purchasing new school clothing along with all the other school expenses takes some planning. Clothing for preteens and teenagers can take a significant chunk out of a family's budget. Many times a student's clothing wants are more grandiose than the family budget can support.

Using a credit card to buy the latest fads and paying later may cause some serious financial problems for you family, and it doesn't teach your child how to manage a clothing budget.

Back to school is a good time to consider what portion

of your yearly income you are willing to spend on clothing and how to divide that amount among family members.

As school approaches, urge your student to take a wardrobe inventory. Try on clothing to determine what fits and experiment with creative ways to combine garments and accessories.

Working with your student as a preteen to determine a clothing budget is a way to teach your child responsible spending. Discuss how many new jeans, shirts, and shoes are needed and agree on a dollar amount that fits into the family budget.

One option that can be a great learning experience is to give the child a specific amount of money for clothing and allow her to spend it as she chooses. Point out that if she spends it all on two or three garments, she will have to live with a smaller wardrobe.

Families who have tried

this approach have discovered their children soon learned to comparison-shop and watch for sales to stretch their clothing budget. When children know how much they have to spend, it becomes a matter of prioritizing their wants and needs.

To help your child set priorities, point out the cost per wearing of a garment. The initial price might be high, but if the garment is worn often, the cost per wearing may be very reasonable.

For example, jeans that cost \$50 and are worn twice a week during the school year — or 72 times, have a cost per wearing of 69 cents. If the jeans cost \$75, and they are worn 72 times, the cost per wearing would be over \$1.

Not only is the initial cost important, but the cost of care should be added. Dry cleaning can add a considerable amount to a garment that is worn often. Laundry cost should be added to washable

items to get the actual cost per wearing.

As preteens and teens prepare to shop, stress the importance of reading labels for fiber content and care. Also, discuss shopping options such as thrift stores.

When teens earn their own money, many families transfer the majority of the cost of clothing to the teen's income. Hopefully they have gained the skills of clothing money management as a preteen.

Starting a clothing budget for your child when they are a preteen and allowing them to make some mistakes can help you keep the family's clothing budget under control and provide a great learning experience for your child.

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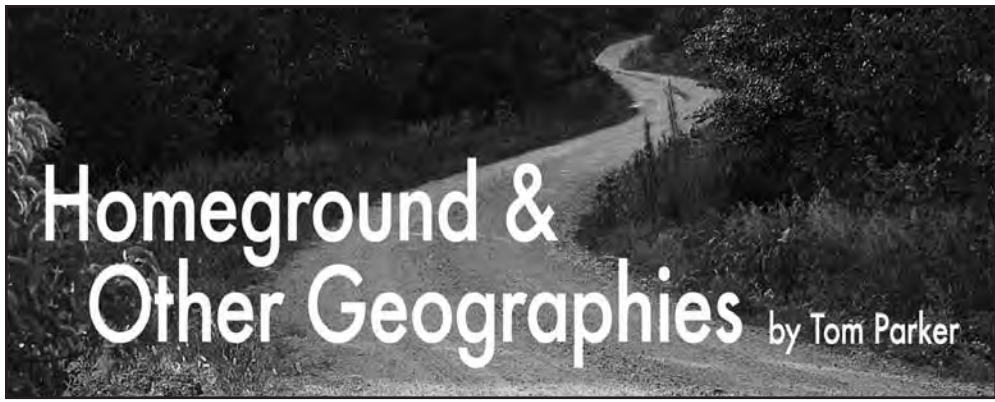
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Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

A river of dragons

I braced myself against the front porch railing and pointing my binoculars straight up into an unblemished azure sky looked for the familiar shapes of swifts, swallows and raptors. A moderate breeze blew from the north stirring the silver maples and elms in which cicadas set up an undulant drone decipherable only to themselves, so strident and clamorous that it seemed the very trees were singing. Thermals bubbling from the grassy ridges bordering the valley provided an almost liquified magic carpet, an invisible elevator of air the birds sought once they crossed over, quartering the sky until whisked upward in dizzying spirals.

Here, though, they were on a descent, losing altitude after riding the northern thermals as far as possible, their wings aslant to embrace the atmosphere and mold it to their will. And they were high, the hawks a half-mile at least, notes on the face of god, swifts lower,

more energetic, soaring it appeared less for the sake of making the gulf before the snows of winter and more for the sheer exuberance of it, the weightless ballet we humans can only dream of. And lower still movement of an altogether different sort, orange blobs adrift like corks in a current but inexorably winging southward, the monarchs with the oyamel forests of Michoacán fixed in their DNA if not their collective dreamtime. All of them expected on an early-September afternoon.

Except that sandwiched amid the butterflies and the birds was another layer of motion somewhere between the buoyant acrobatics of the swifts and the stately gliding of the raptors, and with a faster pace than the snail's crawl of the monarchs. I frantically spun the adjustment knob and focused on the forms, the majority of which were green darners. They flowed in a ceaseless swarm, thousands and hundreds of thousands of three-inch

dragonflies electric with green and blue hues. Sprinkled among them were smaller black and red saddlebags. For a long time I watched, the birds forgotten, and wondered where they came from, where they were going.

Such was my introduction to dragonfly migration, something I'd never heard of before and which is now just beginning. Already in the early evening the first swarms appear, feasting low to the ground on other insects too miniscule for our detection, and on favorable days they can be seen higher yet, honing in on locations that remain a great mystery. For what I discovered was that

their autumnal destination is unknown, for now at any rate.

Scientists have recently perfected miniature radio transmitters that are small enough and light enough to fit behind the thorax of a dragonfly, which can then be traced by normal telemetric means. The problem is one of numbers. Where birds and butterflies migrate by the thousands, untold millions — if not billions — of darners pass from Canada and the United States to points south, whether Mexico or South America. Nobody knows where they go. What has been learned is that they dislike flying over large bodies of water and will turn back to hug shorelines when encountering estuaries and bays, and that their flight patterns and layovers mimic those of birds as they utilize similar weather patterns such as cold fronts and directional winds. One dragonfly managed 100 miles each day before the signal flickered and died.

Not knowing where they migrate pleases me more than it bothers me. While I understand science's urge to understand

every facet of nature, I also suspect that deep within our natures we occasionally prefer the imaginative allure of unknowing rather than being clobbered with sterile facts, finding in the undiscovered something greater than our grounded selves.

Not long ago someone told me they'd seen dozens of dragonflies heading south. Her enthusiasm was infectious and I found myself nodding as she spoke. Have you ever seen such a thing, she asked. Where are they going?

I don't know, I replied. For a moment she looked crestfallen, almost pouty, as if I were some kind of encyclopedia of the natural world, so I added that nobody knows and a sparkle appeared in her eyes and she repeated it. Nobody? I just grinned. What I should have said is that a river of dragons flows southward and we can but stand in the current, watching but not knowing where it takes us. And that, too, is part of our journey here on this spinning planet.

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Alabama professor works to raise plants' cold tolerance

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — David Francko has urged people for years to try to grow plants in seemingly unnatural climates, and now he has co-developed what he calls "the holy grail of horticulture" — a spray that could increase a plant's tolerance to cold by as much as 10 degrees.

Francko, a biology professor and dean of the University of Alabama Graduate School, said the spray can be used to lengthen the growing season into the fall, protect plants from a late spring freeze and is intended for use by both commercial growers and backyard gardeners. He hopes it will be commercially available by the end of the year.

"Cold is the thing that causes the most economic damage, not just for farmers and growers but also for the home landscape," he said.

To demonstrate the effectiveness of the spray, tentatively called FreezePruf, Francko used the peace lily, a tropical plant, as an example. He said that plant usually dies if the temperature drops to 30 degrees. When treated with FreezePruf, the lily doesn't start showing damage until 25 degrees and some tissue is still alive at 20 degrees.

The spray also has been used to keep dwarf palmetto and needle and windmill palm trees alive for several years on the campus of Miami University in Ohio. He said the average winter low there is zero degrees, while those palm varieties tend to live in areas where the average winter low is 10 to 20 degrees.

Francko appeared on Martha Stewart's television show in 2003 following the publication of his book "Palms Won't Grow Here and Other Myths," which offers advice to gardeners who want to grow plants outside of their traditional climates.

Charles Hall, a professor of agricultural economics at Texas A&M University, said he wasn't familiar with Francko's product. But he said it could have been helpful in April last year when a late freeze damaged fruit trees and other crops across the country's agricultural regions, causing millions of dollars in damage.

"If growers can apply this spray and protect against late freezes, I think it's something they would be very interested in," Hall said. "It definitely has potential if it does what he says it does."

Francko says the spray, which only has to be applied once or twice a year and can be used on short notice, enhances a plant's natural cold protection mechanism. When the temperature drops, ice crystals form within a plant, destroying its cells, but the plant's built-in system combats this, and the spray assists.

Francko said that in field and laboratory tests, FreezePruf lowered the temperature at which cold damage would normally kill a plant, helping hardier types survive below zero. The range of protection the spray offers is 2.5 degrees to 10 degrees lower than a plant would have been able to stand without it, Francko said.

Francko said the spray can't protect mature fruits because they are too big and too full of water, but it is meant to protect leaves and flowers from plummeting temperatures, such as in a late spring freeze.

In addition, Francko said the spray could help people grow plants that are native to areas that are 100 to 200 miles south of where they live.

Francko came to the University of Alabama from Miami University in 2006. FreezePruf grew out of a research project he was involved in at the Ohio school. The spray's co-developers are Kenneth Wilson, Quinn Li and Alejandra Equiza, all of Miami University.

Marc Tefteau, director of research and regulatory affairs for the American Nursery and Landscape Association, said he hadn't heard of Francko's spray but that it reminded him of a product called Wilt-Pruf that has been on the mar-

ket for years. Tefteau said Wilt-Pruf is an anti-transpirant that keeps the plant from losing water, which can lead to the formation of ice crystals and damage a plant in the winter.

Francko said an anti-transpirant is one of the ingredients in FreezePruf, but that anti-transpirants alone do not increase a plant's cold tolerance.

Tefteau said Francko's product sounds interesting and that it would likely have a market if it works. But he said he would need to see some hard empirical evidence before he could speculate on its effectiveness.

Francko said he isn't aware of any product currently being marketed that does what he says his spray can do. During a patent search prior to filing his own patent application, he said he found existing patents for similar products but that the best protection any of them offered was 2 to 4 degrees lower than normal.

The spray combines five ingredients in a water-based spray formula. Francko said the main ingredient is polyethylene glycol. He wouldn't name any of the other ingredients, citing proprietary knowledge, but said they are all simple ingredients that are already used in the preparation or growth of plants people eat.

Francko is currently looking for someone to license, produce and market the product, and said he would rather use a local company than a large multinational.

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DESCRIPTION: Tract contains approximately 160± acres w/ 61.6± acres of tilled ground with the balance in meadows pasture, and farm stead. There are several outbuildings on the property including a trailer house and old home. Power is accessible to the property; however, is currently disconnected at the meter. Property has a well which needs work. There is a pond on the property. The property is considered highly erodible and has little to no conservation work done. Currently the property is not in any government programs. Well suited for a hunting property.

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AUCTION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 — 9:30 AM
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FIREARMS & ANTIQUES: (Approx 11:00 AM) Stevens model 77E 12ga. pump shotgun; Hopkins & Allen 12ga. single shot shotgun; Hopkins & Allen 22 cal model 922 rifle w/peep sight (needs work); 1920's Winchester primers; ornate cast iron full size bed; oak quarter sawn case Grandmothers clock; Seth Thomas humpback windup mantel clock; oak dresser w/ mirror; walnut oval table w/ lift off tray; Tapestry top footstool; 8gal. Blue Ribbon crock; blue crock bowl; Akro Agate insert floor lamp; Homer Lauglin washbowl & pitcher set and Priscilla dishes; Lg. American Fostoria plate; Fostoria Coin cry. compote; glassware and dishes; 3 antique picture frames; early 1900's photos; Quilts; lace curtains; Jewelry; mans Derby hat Vernon Co. (old); 1878 cast iron door threshold; 19" 1940's Structo steel dump truck; 1950's die cast cab Structo dump truck; toy parts for farm implements; John Deere items and calendars; AC & Gleaner yardsticks; ornate brass front, gas radiant heater; corn sheller; 2 1/2" thick walnut & oak lumber; 1 copper boiler; Kero lantern; Keen Kutter axe; other antiques.

PICKUP: (12:30 PM) 1978 Chevrolet Luv pickup 4 speed 100,000 miles (runs).

TOOLS: (10:00 AM) Shop Smith wood working center w/attachments (good); Craftsman 7 1/2" table saw; 6" jointer-planer HD on stand; Makita 4" angle grinder; B&D router; hand power tools; Vulcan #50 lb. anvil; vise; 12ft. Alum. ext. ladder; Mayes 16" laser level (new); Bailey #5 wood plane; large selection old & modern tools; Fishing gear; Hose reel; hand garden tools; Craftsman 18" hedge trimmer (LN); Shop Vac super performance.

HOUSEHOLD: (9:30 AM) Tri Star canister Vacuum; Honeywell humidifier; fire proof box; 12 pl. set 1847 Rogers stainless steel flatware; small kitchen appliances; kitchen wares; White sewing machine; card table set; Blood Pressure tester; metal McCalls pattern cabinet; other household.

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Book on family farming needed

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I don't think there is a definitive "how to" book written on how farm and ranch families integrate their personal and work lives. I don't think it is a standard part of the State University Ag school's curriculum though a significant portion of their graduates eventually return to work in family operations.

I am planning on writing a book on family management in agriculture, particularly inter-generational and multi-family farms. I see common mistakes families make. I am called in to mediate disputes, resolve partner hurts and misunderstandings and educate families on how to surface and resolve business conflict productively without disturbing family harmony.

I have already compiled on my website, www.valfarmer.com my writings on this topic. Some are repetitive and duplication needs to be eliminated. What I need are more illustrations of actual families who live these principles and can make the book come alive and be readable and practical. I am open to learning new things about what successful families do well.

A book like this is needed. In every rural communi-

ty there are farm and ranch families who experience the struggles of not getting along, who hide their pain and family troubles from their neighbors and are unclear about how to straiten things out.

Much of this trauma could be prevented if there were a standard, best practices manual that families could use to structure their business relationships and communications.

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like to hear from families that have a track record of operating successfully and learn about what they are doing. I will interview you by phone, e-mail or come to your location personally and witness how you function. If you fall into one of these categories I would like to hear from you about:

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A part of a large operation where several families operate together.

Families who hold systematic business communication either in a regular family business meeting or other format.

Parents who actively and intentionally groom of lead-

ership of successor generations through delegation and specialized training.

Families who have proactive attitudes about finances, profitability, learning, expansion and timing of when to include family members into the operation.

Families who are good at screening away family members whose personal struggles in life would harm the morale of the existing farm partners.

Examples of siblings successfully farming together and how their families organize, make decisions,

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Examples of a caring leadership style that is inclusive, open and successfully draws out and incorporates ideas through listening to adult children and farming partners.

Examples of successfully incorporating a son(s)-in-law into an active farming partnership.

Examples of active father/daughter farm or ranch partnerships.

Examples of successfully incorporating step-children into an active farming partnership.

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By Frank J. Buchman

Despite Services They Provide, Horses Can Be Dangerous

Horses can be hazardous to their handler's health.

Actually, one can never be too careful when working with horses.

Yet, nearly everybody has an affectionate place in their heart for a horse. Despite all things good and satisfying one can think of about horses, the fact remains: they can be very dangerous animals.

We've never forgotten reading the story in the fourth grade about the horse-related death of Mary White, daughter of renowned editor William Allen White of Emporia. Her horse went under a tree, and Miss White was killed when she struck a low limb.

A similar fatal accident occurred a few years ago when a neighbor girl rode a horse through a gate with a low-hanging overhead. Many people recall the horse-jumping accident causing severe injuries and subsequent death of actor Christopher Reeve. Recent accidents of friends with their horses have brought these facts home to us again.

Once a list is started, it seems there's no end to what can occur with and around horses.

Potential dangers with horses include: balking, biting, bucking, bumping, dragging, falling, jumping, kicking, laying down, leading, leaning, lunging, overhead obstacles, pawing, pulling, rearing, rolling, roping accidents, rubbing, running, shying, slipping, striking, stumbling, tail switching, thrashing, tying, trampling and on and on.

Of course, the logical solution many people give is: "Be careful." Yes, there are sometimes ways to prevent mishaps with horses. Referred to as horse sense, the more one is around horses, awareness increases, and accident prevention is often possible.

Still, catastrophes can and do frequently occur to experienced horse handlers.

Jan Oleen, Dwight rancher and former collegiate athlete, has worked with horses and livestock his entire life. Captain of a many-time champion ranch rodeo team, and a successful jackpot roper, Oleen, unlike some modern-day stockmen, prefers to do his cattle work from horseback.

That was just what Oleen was doing when an accident occurred. The lariat Oleen used to rope a calf was lying on the ground when he finished doctoring the calf, with the tail of the rope still half-hitched over the saddle

horn. Oleen stepped into the small opened loop with one leg when he stood up; the rope tightened itself around his leg and the saddle, and his horse spooked and took off.

As the mature and seasoned bay gelding ran at a good rate of speed across the tall pasture grass, Oleen was being dragged on his back with his legs crossed, despite futile efforts to protect his body and right himself. Another ranch worker pursued the runaway and was able to get him stopped about a quarter of a mile away from the start.

Although he was conscious, Oleen's entire backside received second-degree burns. He was hospitalized, received proper treatment and was released a week later. "It was really a freak accident, and I'm fortunate to be alive, let alone not have any broken bones,

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After a life-threatening accident in which Jan Oleen was dragged across the pasture by his leg with a lariat tightened around it and half-hitched to the saddle of his runaway gelding, the Dwight cattleman has nearly recovered from the second-degree burns to his backside.

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Continued from page 10 or more severe injuries," Oleen acknowledged.

An indentation remains in his leg and continues to swell at night where the rope pulled him. Oleen said, "However, he is riding horses, including the one involved in the incident, and has roped several head of cattle."

Within days of Oleen's accident, Jason Fillmore, Council Grove cowboy, working alone in a pasture, was attempting to catch a yearling for doctoring. While he's roped literally thousands of cattle in his lifetime, and many of those in an identical situation, things didn't go as intended this time.

When Fillmore roped the critter and dallied his lariat around the saddle horn, his entire right hand was under the rope, squeezed against the saddle tree. Fillmore thought quickly and was able to move the horse forward enough to release pressure, but the damage was already done.

His hand was severely mangled, with broken fingers, torn muscles and cartilage and severe bleeding. Fillmore had to ride half a mile to his phone and called his sister-in-law, a nurse. After being located in the obscure pasture, Fillmore was transported to the local hospital and on to a Kansas City hospital, where he underwent seven hours of surgery.

"They had to remove my little finger, but I feel fortunate my remaining fingers are intact," Fillmore said. "Additional surgeries are going to be required, but the doctors think I'll regain the feeling and use of my hand."

While the pain had to be

excruciating, Fillmore denied much suffering so far and expressed little bitterness, yet is frustrated about the terrible mishap. "It'll take some time for me to learn to rope again without

my little finger, but others have done it, and I will too."

Fillmore's wife, Dara, commented, "Jason had done this very thing hundreds of times without incident, but it just goes to show



Daily afternoon chores for Piper Zimmerman, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darel Zimmerman at Fort Scott, include feeding "her favorite horse," the five-year-old Paint stallion, Gunner. Two months ago when Gunner grabbed for some hay from his little friend, he also latched onto her left index finger in the same bite. Immediate attention to the injury saved Piper's finger, but it'll always be larger than the rest.

that God is in control, not us. We want to give God all the glory for the miraculous saving and healing of Jason's hand. The doctors have called it 'the miracle hand.' We know God has a plan for Jason."

Injuring and losing thumbs and fingers are not completely uncommon with ropers. When one sees a cowboy with missing digits on a roping hand, it is often an automatic assumption what has happened. Whole hand injuries of this severity are infrequent.

Another case of a hand wound caused by a horse comes from Darel and Crystal Zimmerman of Fort Scott.

"We found out one should never take for granted how safe we think we are around

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Although it may not be as much fun as going shopping for new clothes, consumers are urged to shop around when looking for automobile insurance.

There are several things consumer should look for when they are buying a new policy or simply looking for a new insurance company, said Sissy Osteen, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension resource management specialist.

"Prices for the same coverage will vary from one company to another, so it pays to shop around," Osteen said. "You can start with recommendations from friends or call the state insurance department, but be sure to get at least three different quotes."

Look for a company that offers not only fair prices but excellent service as well. Quality personal service may cost a little more, but it provides added convenience.

Another way to help cut down on the cost of auto insurance is to have higher deductibles. Increasing a deductible from \$200 to \$500 could reduce the collision and comprehensive cost by

15 percent to 30 percent. For consumers who drive older cars, consider dropping collision and/or comprehensive coverage. It may not be cost effective on cars worth less than \$1,000 because any claim made would not substantially exceed annual cost and deductible amounts.

"Although you may want to drive the most popular vehicle on the road, check into the insurance costs of such vehicles," she said. "Cars that are favorite targets for thieves or are expensive to repair have much higher costs."

Individuals who may not drive a lot during the year may be able to take advantage of special offers. Many insurance companies offer discounts to motorists who drive less than a predetermined number of miles per year.

Keep in mind that insurance premiums are higher in cities where there is more traffic and congestion and lower in rural communities.

Osteen also suggests checking into side-impact airbags or other safety feature discounts. Companies sometimes offer dis-

counts for vehicles equipped with special safety features.

Be sure to ask about other discounts and specials a company may offer. Some insurers offer discounts for things such as no accidents in the last three years, drivers over 50 years of age, driver training courses, anti-theft devices, good grades for student drivers and having more than one car insured with the company.

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our horses," Mrs. Zimmerman exclaimed. "Our two-year-old daughter, Piper, always feeds her favorite horse, the colorful one, our five-year-old Paint stallion, Gunner. This time, when she reached up to feed him some hay, Gunner grabbed for the feed and latched onto Piper's finger in the same bite."

The little girl's parents were nearby, and they saw and heard Piper on the barn floor crying. "It appeared like her left index finger was detached, but fortunately it was still there though severely injured. The finger had a lengthwise compression fracture," Mrs. Zimmerman described.

Rushed to the hospital, the finger was sewn back together, and surgeons don't think there was any ligation damage.

Darel Zimmerman insisted, "Our stud has never been aggressive toward anybody, but knowing that an innocent, everyday act of feeding a horse can turn out to be such a tragic accident has been a big eye-opener on how fast something can happen, no matter how safe you think things are."

"Piper is fine now and still feeds her Paint Horse," climbs his gate and pets him on the nose. Yes, Piper still feeds him hay, but now, Mom and Dad make sure we never turn our backs," Mrs. Zimmerman assured.

"Horseback riding is more dangerous than motorcycle riding, skiing, football and rugby," according to material provided by Dr. Kimberly May, assistant director of communications for the American Veterinary Medical Association, Schaumburg, Ill.

A study by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Atlanta, Ga., indicated, "Over 66 percent of injuries with horses occurred while the person was mounted, commonly from falling or being thrown from the horse. When not mounted, majority of handler injuries resulted from being kicked."

The most often injured body parts were the head and neck region, 23.2 percent; lower extremity, 22.2 percent; and upper extremity, 21.5 percent. Nearly 32 percent of the injuries were contusions and abrasions, while 25 percent were fractures. Injuries to the nervous system are the most dangerous.

Overall, more than 11 percent of those injured were admitted to the hospital. Novice riders had nearly eightfold greater incidence over professional equestrians. Injury rates were one-and-a-half times higher for women than men. The scariest part: one in five equestrians will be seriously injured during their riding career.

One report showed an average of 19 fatalities annually nationwide due to horse accidents. Treatment for equestrian-related injuries

totals over \$1 billion annually, according to a report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

"Our opinion is that horse owners today are generally unknowledgeable or inexperienced in the understanding of the general risks involved in riding and being around horses," confirmed Brenda Hendrix, vice president of the American Association for Horsemanship Safety, Estes Park, Colo. "They have 'Hollywood' ideas of what it's like to ride and handle horses.



A roping accident claimed the little finger on the right hand of Council Grove cowboy Jason Fillmore. After many hours of intensive surgery at a Kansas City hospital, the hand, which was mangled in the mishap, is recovering slowly, with feeling and use expected to be regained.

"Fifty to 70 years ago, more people had and used horses on a daily basis, and that information was part of life," Hendrix continued. "Now lack of knowledge, inexperience, and false ideas about horses are affecting the industry."

"People just aren't taking the time to educate themselves and are taking the horse for granted. No horse is 100 percent bomb-proof, not even good old kid horses. You can train a horse to the highest level, but you can not train the instincts out, and they can and often do surface in a crisis," she said.

Analysis from the Center for Injury: "Horse-related injuries are a public health concern, not just for riders, but for anyone in close contact with horses."



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King Ranch executive urges ranchers to 'plan for profitability in ethanol era'

For some ranchers, strategic planning may seem tedious. For others, it may seem something a large corporation — not a working cattle operation — would do.

But Texas A&M University-Kingsville's King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management Executive Director Barry Dunn encourages cattle ranchers to make the time.

Speaking to beef producers at Kansas State University's Beef Conference, held Aug. 7-8 in Manhattan, Dunn conceded that developing a good strategic plan takes time. For that reason, he suggested that wintertime is a good time for working on such planning.

With the recent volatility in feed, fuel and cattle prices and changes in the marketplace, knowing where an operation wants to go and plotting a strategy to get there has never been more important, he said. Adapting planning tools used by highly successful corporations is not as difficult as some may

think, and can offer big benefits to ranching operations.

Dunn encouraged beef producers to be "preactive" rather than "reactive."

"If you plan reactively, you will always be behind," he said.

He outlined the King Ranch Institute Ranch Management Five-Stage Process, which includes: Charting the course; Strategies to achieve the vision; Scenario planning for the ranch; Merging the two planning processes; and Putting the plan into action and measuring success.

Stage One — Charting the Course: Assess the situation and inventory your resources. Take a detailed look at the financial status of the operation, including balance sheets, recent income statements, deferred taxes and potential tax liability.

"The goal is to get a handle on the entire financial picture," Dunn said. That means taking inventory of the ranch's

physical resources, such as equipment, as well as natural resources, such as pastures, water — even the weather — and rating the condition of those resources.

That may mean counting the number of pastures and their condition, as well as whether they have water and its condition. It also means assessing the operation's human resources and rating their condition, keeping in mind skills, interests and adaptability.

Write a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis. It helps create discussion among ranch managers and others and can help develop an objective inventory of realistic potential.

"It's hardest to enunciate the 'weaknesses,'" Dunn said, "but this is the area you can have a huge impact on."

Establish a vision that should go out at least five years, Dunn said.

Stage Two — Strategies to Achieve the Vision: Do a "gap analysis," determining the gap between the current state of the ranch and the vision.

"Writing down the vision is the hardest thing I've seen people do," Dunn said. "You know where you're at ... you know where you want to go ... that's the gap. Follow that up with deciding what strategies you'll need to close the gap."

They may include finding new resources, reallocating existing resources or modifying the size or scope of the vision.

Stage Three: Scenario Planning for the Ranch — Select and evaluate the most probable scenarios — essentially the "what ifs" that relate to a rancher's operation.

Dunn suggests picking two to four scenarios that can be tied to the SWOT analysis and/or the gap analysis. Each scenario should be fleshed out with a descriptive paragraph.

"Examples of scenarios a producer may use," he said, are "the price of oil will rise, or the price of hunting leases will level off." Examples that would be inappropriate are "peace in the Middle East or global warming will raise sea levels."

Stage Four: Merging Strategies and Scenario Planning — By writing the strategies and scenarios in a grid, producers can determine the strategies with the highest likelihood of success.

Stage Five: Putting the Plan into Action and Measuring Success — The two most critical components here are commit-

ment and dedication, Dunn said. Tactical and operational plans should designate who, what, when, where, and how.

"More good plans are in someone's head or in some notebook somewhere than are being implemented and that's too bad," he said. Once the plan is implemented, he suggests using a "balanced scorecard" to determine what is working and what is not.

"This (Five Stage) approach has been widely used for a long time by many businesses of all sizes and scale, but has not been common in ranching and farming," Dunn said.

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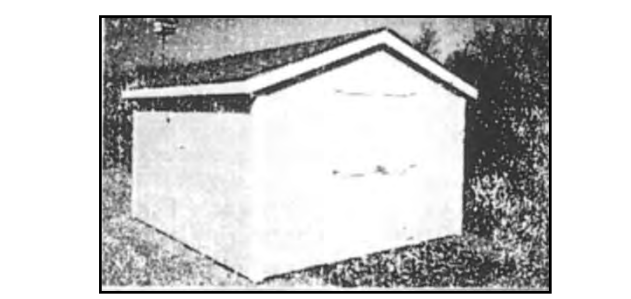
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Scarecrows Versus Scaresheep

Sometimes birds can be a nuisance. I don't care if they are blackbirds, pigeons, seagulls, starlings or guinea hens.

Starlings have always been a problem for feedlots. They eat a lot of grain, besides desecrating the feed bunks. One particular afternoon when I was having visions of Alfred Hitchcock's movie, I sent one of the feedlot hands to town to get some replicas of owls. I had read that decoy owls would scare off birds. I left that afternoon before he returned.

The next morning I got a

call on the two-way from the boss. He was in a fowl mood (sorry), "What the *#%@ do ya think this is, Halloween! Do ya think the EPA and the Audubon Society would approve? Are they waterproof? Packing guns? Where did you go to school again?"

"Stanford," I lied. I had no idea what he was talking about until I pulled into the feed yard and started down the first alley. Owls were posted on every other pen sign with scotch tape! Course you couldn't tell they were owls from the side, but from the

front it was obvious. They were cardboard cutouts of cartoon owls, painted black and orange. Many were surrounded by starlings perched on the cable picking their teeth and gossiping. We tried carbide guns, poisoning, negotiation and bribery, to no avail.

Last fall I was invaded by big black birds. At night, they roosted in my hay barn, on top of gates, at the water tanks, by the hundreds. All painting my facilities the color of a bat cave.

I tried decoy cow skulls, dogs chained to the gates, fans, chicken wire, rap music, old hides, a stuffed deer until ... in my frustration, I sneaked out at daylight with my 20 gauge and dusted one off. I hung him by his ankles from a horizontal brace post over a gate 12', in the air. The herd of birds departed and have never, not even once, come back.

Six months later his carcass sways in the breeze as a warning. I have noticed this method doesn't work for all species, although you'd be surprised. I talked to a sheepherder from Idaho that claimed the scarecrow, or 'scaresheep' method worked on fine-wool Debouillet. He reported that the ewes had located a loose stretch of fence line and began crawling under. They'd get onto the road and get run over by traffic.

The sheepherder laid a carcass under the bottom wire to act as an example. None crossed at that space, however they just moved down the fence line about 3 feet and crawled under ... only to be hit by a car.

He finally concluded that the 'scaresheep method' did work, but it just took more decoy sheep. About three furlongs worth, piled two high in his experience.

Traditional PRCA rodeo coming to Longford over Labor Day holiday

Longford describes itself as "a small town with a big tradition." This year will be their 53rd PRCA Rodeo that starts Friday evening, Aug. 29 at 6:00 with a free barbecue for each paid admission. Grand Entry is at 7:30. Events both nights include Wild Steer Scramble, Mutton Bustin', Kids Calf Scramble, Saddle Bronc, Bare Back, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Bull Riding, Team Roping and WPRO Barrel Racing.

Rodeo entertainment this year is provided by The One Arm Bandit & Company, featuring Amanda Payne & the Buffalos. Miss 2008 Rodeo K-State, Jenae Skelton, and Miss Rodeo Kansas, Jenna Nelson, will be on hand along with the always funny Rodeo clown, Doug Munsell.

All day Saturday is a great family fun day for adults and children with lots of activities throughout the City of Longford. You can visit the 19th Annual Craft Fair, and eat lunch all day long at the Community Center. Kids can enter the Pedal Pull and top winners qualify for the Kansas State Fair. Kids Rodeo has Wild Cow Milking, Tricycle Barrel Race and Wild Steer Roping with prizes, followed by the Turtle Races. For the wee ones, 3 and under, there is the Cutest Cowboy & Cowgirl Contest judged by Miss Rodeo Kansas. The parade is on the schedule of events at 5:30.

Following Saturday night's Rodeo you can dance to the Powder River Band in the dance area east of the Rodeo Grounds. Admission is charged and beer will be sold.

The Longford Rodeo Celebration is a terrific time to come visit and see what a small town with a big tradition can do. For further information or to register for events, call Linda Reed at (785) 388-2416.

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