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## Congressional delegation talks issues at State Fair breakfast

By Cindy Baldwin

The Kansas Farm Bureau legislative breakfast traditionally held the first weekend of the Kansas State Fair is typically a light-hearted affair – but it was apparent at this year's event that the political stakes have been raised. The Congressional delegation skipped most of the jokes and went right to the issues during their brief remarks.

Representatives Jerry Moran and Todd Tiahrt and Senators Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback had energy and implementation of the 2008 Farm Bill on their mind as they addressed invited guests, which included members of the Kansas Farm Bureau, commodity group representatives, state legislators and the media.

Moran opened the energy discussion with comments about the increasing economic pressures Kansas farmers are facing as costs for fuel and inputs that are energy dependent, such as fertilizer, soar. He acknowledged that in much of the country there is little recognition of farmers' input costs when the talk turns to commodity prices.

Farmers aren't the only ones concerned about high energy costs, Tiahrt said, noting that nearly everything bought today is hauled on a truck at some point. In reference to the failed attempts to build new coal-fired plants in western Kansas, Tiahrt said he is concerned about recent predictions that within two years Kansans may expect brownouts and doubled electric rates due to the high demand for energy. That's why alternative fuel sources and new technology, such as that

being developed by a Wichita business which will convert water into a usable fuel, is so important to develop, he said. Ethanol will continue to play an important role in alternative energy, particularly with the requirements of the Open Fuels Standard Act, which calls for half of the vehicles sold in 2012 to be capable of using a high percentage ethanol mix and increases that number to 80 percent by 2015, according to Brownback. That will increase pressure on fuel suppliers to make ethanol more readily available, he said. Brownback answered those who question whether the move to ethanol will only increase food prices by saying that the fuel-food debate is false. Byproducts of ethanol production provide the protein needed for meat production while ethanol uses the carbohydrate portion of the grain. Brownback also said that, while there is a lot of discussion about wealth transfer in the state, it's important to recognize that the biggest wealth transfer is actually the money leaving the United States and going to foreign oil producing countries.

Roberts and Moran both discussed the passage of the 2008 Farm Bill and the path it took to become law. While there are some very good things in the Farm Bill, Roberts said, there were disappointments. The disaster program, for example, is not working well for Kansas farmers, Moran said, who would have preferred that more money had been put into the crop insurance program.

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## Fast-talking champion



By Beth Gaines-Riffel

It was an afternoon of fast-paced entertainment and charity fundraising last Wednesday during the Kansas State Fair annual bid-calling championship hosted by the Kansas Auctioneer's Association. Byron Bina outsold 18 other contestants to win the state title and the

right to advance to national competition.

The funds raised from the fun auction are given to the State Fair encampment fund as well as several charities. As champion Bina will also help sell the chainsaw sculptures at the conclusion of the State Fair. Aaron McKee of Manhattan was reserve champion.

## Roberts-Slaterry debate creates sparks during Kansas State Fair

By Cindy Baldwin

A cold, steady drizzle didn't dampen the enthusiasm of supporters of incumbent Kansas Senator Pat Roberts or Democratic challenger Jim Slattery, Topeka, during their recent debate held the opening Saturday of the Kansas State Fair.

The debate, the first of a scheduled four, was sponsored by 580 WIBW Radio of Topeka in the AT&T Arena on the Kansas State Fairgrounds. Moderated by 580 WIBW Agriculture Director Kelly Lenz, the event took on a football atmosphere as both candidates' supporters in the nearly full arena chanted slogans, waved signs and loudly expressed their approval – or disapproval – as the candidates stated their positions on issues raised. Asking questions of the candidates were Jan Lunsford, Kansas Information Network Radio; Patrick Lowry, Hays Daily News; and Ralph Hipp, WIBW Television of Topeka.

Energy, the economy, illegal immigration, and personal and public responsibility were the focus of the debate as Roberts and Slattery laid out their positions and took the opportunity to counter charges about their records made during and since the primary season.

During his opening remarks, Roberts stated that there was a "clear difference" between himself and Slattery, pointing to his own record of service to Kansas, first as a representative and



Sen. Pat Roberts and Jim Slattery square off during their first debate of the campaign season that was conducted on a cool, raining morning during the Kansas State Fair. The pair regularly traded jabs during the spirited debate.

then as a senator, during which, he said, legislation he had supported brought tax relief to Kansans, strengthened Medicare, brought high tech and military jobs to the state, and improved crop insurance and reduced government influence on planting decisions. Roberts said that he had "never stopped working for Kansas."

Slattery, who had served as a representative from the second Congressional district before taking a job as a lobbyist in the mid 1990s, took the opportunity during his opening remarks to outline his platform, which

calls for reducing dependence on foreign oil, improving the quality of health care, stopping reckless and irresponsible spending that has led to a \$3 trillion national debt – which he labeled as "intergenerational robbery" because our children would have to pay it back – and calling for answers about what is going on in the Middle East and Iraq and how the country will go forward.

Acknowledging the crowd's exuberance as the debate began, Lenz predicted that the exchange might generate a little heat. And, he was right. As each candi-

date attempted to deflect and/or defuse charges made by the other about their voting records, policy intentions and dedication to the citizens of Kansas as they answered questions from the media panel, their remarks sparked cheers or jeers from the crowd.

A summary of issues and responses follows.

### Illegal immigration policy

In response to what direction government policy should take on the illegal immigration issue, Roberts acknowledged that it was going to be a tremendous challenge, stating that a bill

passed during Slattery's tenure in Congress, for which the former representative had voted, had provided for amnesty and had been seriously flawed, causing many of today's problems. He called for providing more and better border security, including more grants to local law enforcement agencies dealing with illegal immigration. When the borders are secure, legislation could then be considered that would address the larger issues of immigration. Roberts said he was opposed to amnesty. Slattery responded that the legislation he had supported had not been enforced, which was the real problem, not the legislation itself. He said a bipartisan effort would be needed to address the issue, but offered no specific policy recommendations.

### Reducing the national debt/economy

Slattery reiterated his belief that the current national debt reflected not only a reckless fiscal policy, but was an outrage when asked how the government might reduce its current debt. In fact, the size of the debt, he said, was one of the principal reasons he had decided to run for office.

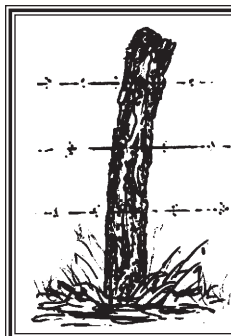
"The spend and borrow policy has to end," he said.

Pay-as-you-go rules needed to be put back in place, something supported by presidential candidate John McCain, but not Roberts, Slattery said. Health care costs would

also have to come under control to reduce the debt. He called the current spending policies morally wrong and that he was committed to change that policy.

Roberts acknowledged that the current economy is having an effect on families and that the government had to get the debt under control. But, he said, it could not be done by raising taxes. Roberts has voted for the balanced budget amendment six times – which has not passed to date – and emphasized his belief that tax relief could reduce the deficit and pressures on families. Slattery

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## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator

### The Rest Of The Story

For last week's column, my wife May wrote the article about our Labor Day weekend of surprises for me — written from her perspective. Now, as I look back on it, I would like to give you my view or the rest of the story.

I taught vocational agriculture and was the FFA advisor for 14 years at my home town of Council Grove, so I have taught a good many students in the old barracks that was 30 feet wide and half a block long and that served as the classroom and shop for the vo-ag department. The parents of my students all knew me as Gordy when I was growing up, but I insisted that my students call me Mr. Morrison until they graduated. They sometimes tested me on this request.

C.B. Smith, along with his wife Jana, John and Dave Cosgrove and others, organized an FFA alumni reunion of my former high school students over Labor Day weekend. Alumni from as far away as Florida came for the dinner and reunion. When May and I pulled into Lull Meadows, the red schoolhouse meeting place just north of Council Grove, we were surprised to see so many cars in the parking lot. By starting time, the place was packed. I hadn't seen some of these folk in many years. I was glad I had requested that name tags be used.

Shortly after we entered the building and were greeted at the registration table, May's son and his family arrived. I was surprised to see them walk through the door and bluntly asked, "Why are you here?" About a minute later, two of my daughters walked through the same door and greeted me. I began to wonder just what was going on. When we walked downstairs to the meeting room, there were May's daughter and all her family. Then I saw strolling across the room my grandson Clay and fiancée. Finally I got it; they had been invited to share in this occasion with me. Wow, this is truly great! But how did they all manage to keep it a secret from me? Some lady was taking pictures with a big camera, and she aimed it directly at me, so I smiled. When she moved the camera and smiled at me, I was stunned to see it was my daughter Kathy, who had driven in from New Mexico.

After the meal, a lovely birthday cake was brought out to observe my upcoming 80th birthday. I decided the family had been invited to help me celebrate.

The evening had been well-organized and it seemed everyone had a great time visiting and reminiscing, especially since some of the alumni hadn't seen one another for over forty years. C.B. was full of surprises and during the program, he announced that the alumni were establishing a scholarship in my name. I was indeed surprised and honored by this tribute and was amazed at the amount they had already raised for the scholarship fund.

Then it was my turn to respond. I was most grateful for the honor they had given me and was soon expressing my appreciation before

moving into a short talk. The next day, as I was sitting in my recliner looking out at the ranch, a sadness swept over me that wouldn't go away. I had just realized that during the previous night's activities, when I was speaking to the group, I had neglected to introduce my wonderful family that the alumni had so thoughtfully invited to share this special event with me. Maybe I'll have to blame it on old age and leave it at that, but I guess I was somewhat overwhelmed at the favor I had received and just didn't think as clearly as I should have. In truth, I sat around the first two or three days afterward, somewhat in a stupor, as I relived and contemplated the events of the Labor Day weekend that was a major highlight in my life.

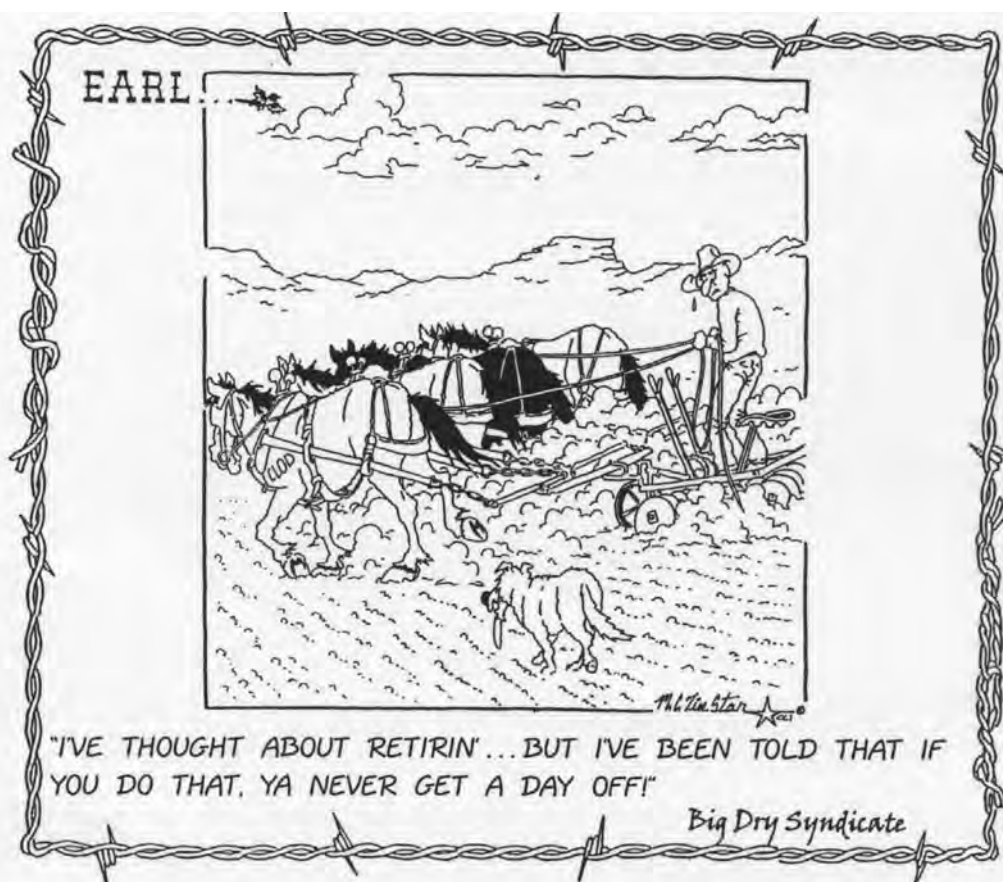
As I considered what is the genesis of all this favor, I think it began in 1952. It was in the month of August, during the early days of my tour in Korea. I was alone in my tent on a rainy day at the base of Old Baldy, a hill where thousands of bodies lay decaying, and no military force had been able to gain possession of it. I knew that within a week I was to embark upon a life-or-death mission, when I would be sent to engage the enemy on the front line. In my fear, I made a very sincere covenant with God that if he would spare my life, I would devote my life to the youth of my country.

I am grateful to report that God was very faithful as I returned home unscathed. I regret that I, on the other hand, was quite forgetful. I did begin teaching vocational agriculture upon my return to the States and receiving my discharge from the Army. Then I tried my hand at farming the home place after my father died. The terrible drought of 1955-56 drove me back to my covenant and to working full-time with youth.

I taught for 36 years, 14 of them at Council Grove. Our FFA chapter earned the award of top chapter in the state in 1969. That was also the year in which I was faced with a tough decision, whether to continue teaching there or to move to Concordia to Cloud County Community College, where I had been invited to join the staff. I decided to leave the comfort of a community of familiar faces and friends and accept the challenge of a new teaching venture in a town that was not familiar. It was a good move and the right decision.

I now have a host of friends that are former students, not only from my years of teaching in high school but from the community college as well. I feel extremely rich in friends. The home farm I relinquished has been replaced by the ranch, which we retired to and continue to enjoy each day. Now the FFA alumni of Council Grove Rural High School has put the "icing on the cake" with this scholarship program that will continue the education of youth by helping a deserving young person each year to continue training beyond high school to become better equipped to be of service to society.

God is faithful! God is good! Now you know the rest of the story.



### Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

Being in the thick of the political season, it would seem that folks these days aren't afraid to say anything — true or otherwise — as long as it helps further their cause. Often one would think that campaigns just try to see how far they can go without offending — and then push just a little bit farther, even if the message they are sharing is not quite the whole truth or at best has pieces of vital information omitted. Just get the win and sway the public opinion regardless of the cost.

It's a little bit sad in my mind to see that mentality moving away from the campaign trail and into our everyday existence. Do whatever it takes to get ahead — even if it isn't quite right. Bend the rules to your advantage. Find the substance to give a performance boost. Figure out a way to get a better test score without having to put in the hours doing the work. Beat a path to the widow's door to get a jump on the adjacent landowners. The list goes on — and honestly it makes me a little more than angry the more instances I hear of.

Whatever happened to taking pride in a job well done? One that is done to the best of one's natural ability and being happy with the results — whatever they may be? I know that our society is one that celebrates the winners — Venus Williams, Michael Phelps, NCAA champions — and the runner-up is simply the first loser.

The lessons learned while traveling down the path toward a goal — the hard work, perseverance and dedication seem to be too quickly forgotten.

It is sad to think that so many rules are required for so many things these days. But it would seem that for many the moral compass would be a bit skewed — so don't depend on people doing the right thing — one must develop a regulation and then try to enforce it to ensure that the playing field is level for all.

But on the flip side of that equation, I do know of families that have been very successful in their business operations and have worked hard for everything they have received — no shortcuts taken. Yet, the technology we enjoy today allows for anonymous speculation — and the rumor mill can run full tilt — to these individual's harm. The green-eyed monster of jealousy can be extremely ugly — and the untrue rumors created can be hurtful.

I am writing just days after the completion of the State Fair and the controversy and "barn talk" is running wild — of those families who took home awards and those who didn't but maybe should have. While I am a strong supporter of these programs and will continue to encourage my children to participate because I know full well the value in taking responsibility for caring for these projects — there are days when I wonder if it is really worth the effort. I know that before long, the list of rules that are compiled will be cumbersome and top-heavy — and I won't be sad because they are there — but because they had to be put in place thanks to those that insist upon wrangling an unfair advantage. At the end of the day I know that those who work the hardest and are dedicated to learning the most will be the one that are the real victors — regardless if they ever see get to enjoy the feel of the winner's circle.

**The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be.**

**— Socrates, Greek Philosopher**



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# Candidates for Senate square off in weekend debate

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and Roberts sparred over who had benefitted or been harmed by legislation each had supported during their respective careers.

In response to a charge by Slattery that Roberts' support of eliminating the estate tax only benefited the very wealthy, Roberts stated that Slattery was mouthing a standard class warfare speech. In reality, tax relief he had supported was across the board, he claimed.

"What hits the poorest of the poor is health insurance and energy," Roberts said, adding that he had supported Health Wave for kids — which Slattery also supports — and energy reform.

In a question from Lunsford, in which he stated that he is having to do more with less, Roberts and Slattery were asked how a smaller government could do the same.

Roberts restated his call for a balanced budget act. Slattery responded with the charge that Roberts has voted for legislation which increased the debt accumu-

lated in the last few years and questioned his desire for a balanced budget.

**Legislative priorities for Kansas**  
In response to a question regarding what the candidates' top two legislative priorities were for the state, Roberts said his would have to be energy and affordable health care for all Kansas. He would like to see a gas price reduction act passed, which is waiting in the wings but hasn't had a vote. The bill would encourage new oil drilling, lifting of the moratorium on oil shale and encourage mass production of electric cars. A comprehensive energy bill would be the goal, but this would be a good first step, Roberts said. Health care legislation would include patient choice and access and would be run under market conditions as opposed to government control.

Slattery said his top two priorities would be to give Medicare the authority to purchase drugs at a discount from drug manufacturers and a comprehensive energy reform bill, which would include increased

drilling and all kinds of alternative energy, especially wind.

**Energy/Ethanol**  
Both Roberts and Slattery agreed that, even though they are supportive of increased oil drilling, that is not the answer to the energy problem. Roberts stated that we have reached an energy crossroads which affects our economy and the nation's security. Everything needs to be on the table including ethanol and other forms of renewable energy. To make that happen, he believes tax credits and extenders for renewables will have to be put into play. Slattery added that the government also needs to improve vehicle fuel efficiency standards and support hybrid electric vehicles.

**Unemployment in Kansas**  
In response to a question regarding how to further reduce or guard against higher unemployment in Kansas, Slattery advocated buy-in-America provisions when it came to government spending, particularly for military equipment, unless there is no alternative to

buying from a foreign source as a way to protect jobs in Kansas. He stated that he is optimistic about jobs in rural Kansas as wind energy and bioenergy are further developed. There will also be jobs available in health care he believes.

Roberts responded that in many Kansas counties the problem is not lack of jobs, but lack of trained workers for existing jobs. Containing energy costs

through a comprehensive energy plan will help everyone's pocketbook and be a positive step toward reducing unemployment.

**Position on the bio-ag defense lab**  
Slattery stated his support of the proposed bio-ag defense lab provided that all with an interest and concern in the matter worked together with the Kansas government to answer the questions being raised.

Roberts also supports the lab and was honorary chairman of the team that sought it for the state. He stated that the lab would be a world-class research facility that would ultimately protect the country's food security. With the state in the final running to get the facility, this was no time to be criticizing it, Roberts said, adding that the safety of these types of labs has been proven.

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Congress is now working on implementing the bill, Moran said, and is working through some of the issues caused by the legislation.

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- 1/2 cup coconut

Beat eggs, oil and vanilla. Soak the raisins in this mixture for 15 minutes. In a large bowl mix flour, sugar, soda, salt and cinnamon. Stir in carrots, apple and coconut into flour mixture. Add egg mixture into flour mixture. Stir just until mixed. It will be thick. Spoon into muffin tins. Bake 18 to 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

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Rita Hulsing, Topeka: "This recipe was given to me by my neighbor nearly 50 years ago when I was newly wedded. After all these years, I still enjoy making this light, delicious dessert."

**ALICE'S LEMON GELATIN DESSERT**

- 2 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs, divided
- 1 small package lemon gelatin, dissolved in 3/4 cup boiling water
- 1 large can ICE COLD evaporated milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup lemon juice

Put half of the crumbled crackers in bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan. When gelatin is partially set, add sugar and lemon juice and whip until fluffy. In another bowl beat the ICE COLD evaporated

milk until thick. Add gelatin mixture to milk mixture and whip the two together. Pour mixture into crumb-lined pan. Top with remaining cracker crumbs. Chill until set and cut in squares and serve. Enjoy.

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Rose M. Dietz, Hoisington: "These mouth-watering crescent rolls are hard to let alone."

**BACON CRESCENT ROLLS**

- 8-ounce tube refrigerated crescent rolls
  - 6 bacon strips, cooked & crumbled
  - 1 teaspoon onion powder
- Separate crescent dough into eight triangles. Set aside 1 tablespoon of bacon. Sprinkle onion powder and remaining bacon over triangles. Roll up and place point

side down on an ungreased baking sheet. Sprinkle with reserved bacon. Bake at 345 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm. Yield: 8 servings.

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Fred Engler, El Dorado: "This is a good pie to make now, as pears are in season. If pears are green, put in paper sack for several days until ripe. You will find that the sour cream makes a flavor statement over a standard fruit pie."

**PEAR & WALNUT SOUR CREAM PIE**

- 4 cups sliced ripe pears
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 standard bottom pie crust

**Crumble Topping:**

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup English walnut pieces & halves

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl prepare filling by combining sugar, flour, salt, egg vanilla and sour cream. Gently stir in pears. Pour into crust. Wrap a 2-inch strip of aluminum foil around pie edges. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes. Remove foil strips. In a medium bowl combine butter, flour, sugar and cinnamon with pastry blender until crumbly. Spread topping evenly over pie filling then add walnut pieces and halves, scattering evenly over top of topping. Return to oven and bake an additional 25 to 30 minutes until topping is browned and walnuts are toasted. Cool to room temperature before cutting. Store any leftover pie in refrigerator.

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**Molly Marple, Garden City: GLAZED APPLE CREAM PIE**

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tart apples, peeled, cored & sliced
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

15-ounce package pastry  
1/2 cup confectioner's sugar  
1 tablespoon milk  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 tablespoon butter, softened

In a medium saucepan over medium heat combine 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 cup cream and 1/4 cup butter. Heat until butter is melted, stirring occasionally. In a small bowl whisk together the cornstarch, 2 tablespoons milk and vanilla; stir into saucepan. Cook until thickened, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and set aside to cool slightly. Pre-

heat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium bowl combine the apples, flour and cinnamon; mix well. Line a 9-inch pie pan with pie dough. Pour thickened filling mixture into pastry-lined pie pan. Arrange apple mixture evenly over filling. Top with second crust, seal and flute the edges. Cut slits in top crust. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until crust is golden brown and apples are tender. Cool for at least 30 minutes. In a small bowl combine confectioner's sugar, 1 tablespoon milk, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla and 1 tablespoon softened butter. Blend until smooth and pour evenly over warm pie. Refrigerate for at least 1 1/2 hours before serving (longer is better).

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Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "Good with an apple salad."

**CHICKEN-RICE SOUP**

- 4 bone-in chicken breasts
- 1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- Salt & pepper to taste

Cook chicken with poultry seasoning and salt and pepper. Remove bone and cut meat into small pieces. Add to broth along with:  
1 teaspoon bouillon cubes  
2 medium cut up carrots  
2 diced celery ribs  
1 small chopped onion  
1/2 cup uncooked rice  
Simmer until vegetables are done.

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**Marcia Emig, Goodland: CANNED HOT PEPPERS**

- Whole hot peppers
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 quart vinegar
- 3 cups water
- 1/4 cup salt
- Garlic cloves
- Oregano

Wash peppers. Cut slits into sides and pack into jars. To each pint add 1 garlic clove and 1 teaspoon oregano on top. Combine oil, vinegar, water and salt. Bring to a boil and pour over peppers. Seal jars and process in boiling water bath for 5 minutes. Let jars set for 6 weeks before serving. Delicious with any kind of sandwich. Yield: 6 to 8 pints.

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See last week's Grass & Grain for complete listings.

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**Melissa Aubert, Topeka:**  
**BB CASSEROLE**

- 1 pound hamburger
- 1 package hash browns
- 1 can whole kernel corn
- 1 can enchilada sauce
- 2 to 4 cups shredded cheese
- 8 flour tortillas
- 1 or 2 packages taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup water

Brown and drain the hamburger in a large skillet. Spray the bottom of a large casserole dish or a 9-by-13-inch cake pan. Pull apart four of the tortillas so that they line the bottom of the dish. Pour 1/3 to 1/2 of the can of enchilada sauce on top of the tortillas. In the skillet of hamburger add the package of hash browns, can of corn, taco seasoning to taste (I like to use 1 1/2 packages) and water. Heat at medium temperature until all ingredients are well incorporated, stirring frequently until hash browns are no longer frozen. Layer your hamburger mixture into your baking dish and add half of the cheese. Pull apart and layer the rest of the tortillas on top. Add the other part of the enchilada sauce over the tortillas making sure they are covered. Next add the remainder of the cheese. Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for 45 minutes. Remove from oven and serve.

**Sandy Hill, Eskridge:**  
"Everyone likes these cupcakes. So good and easy to make."

- RAISIN-ZUCCHINI SPICE CUPCAKES**  
18 1/4-ounce package spice cake mix

- 1 1/3 cups water
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups shredded zucchini
- 1/2 cup raisins
- Cinnamon Frosting:  
1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 3/4 cups confectioner's sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk

In a large bowl combine the cake mix, water, oil and eggs; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Stir in zucchini and raisins. Fill paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full and bake at 350 degrees for 18 to 22 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing to wire rack to cool completely. For frosting, in a small bowl beat butter until light and fluffy. Beat in the confectioner's sugar, vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg. Add enough milk to achieve a spreading consistency. Frost cupcakes. Yield: 2 dozen.

**Kellee Rogers, Topeka:**  
**CREAMY FETTUCCINE ALFREDO**

- 1 cup butter
  - 2 cups whipping cream
  - 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
  - 1 pound box fettuccine
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt
  - 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Place butter in a large bowl. Using mixer beat until smooth. Add the cream and parmesan cheese. Stir until well-blended; set aside. Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook pasta according to pack-

age. Drain well and immediately add the hot pasta to butter mixture. Using two forks, toss the mixture. Add salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

**Mary Rogers, Topeka:**  
**SALMON PASTA SALAD**

- 1 1/3 cups mayonnaise
- 1 cup finely chopped green onions
- 2/3 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill weed
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 12-ounce package seashell pasta, cooked
- 4 packages, 3 ounces each smoked salmon, cut into pieces

In a bowl combine all but pasta and salmon. Add pasta and stir until well coated. Stir in salmon. Cover and chill 2 hours to blend.

The remaining recipes are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:  
**NUTTY CHICKEN BROCCOLI SALAD**

- 1 1/4 cups mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken breast
- 8 oz. bacon, cooked & crumbled
- 4 cups small fresh broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup cashews
- 1/2 cup sunflower kernels
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup golden raisins

In a bowl combine mayonnaise, sugar and whisk dressing until well blended. In a bowl combine chicken, bacon, broccoli, cashews, sunflower kernels, onion and raisins. Add dressing to chicken mixture; stir until well coated. Cover and chill 2 hours to let flavors blend.

**PEAR HONEY**

- 7 cups peeled, cored & chopped ripe pears
- 4 cups sugar
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*This week's recipe is PUMPKIN WAFFLES from Kellee Rogers, Topeka*

Put pears in food processor until finely chopped. Combine pears and sugar in a heavy Dutch oven. Stirring frequently, bring mixture to a boil over medium heat and cook until sugar dissolves. Reduce heat to low. Stirring occasionally, simmer about 45 minutes or until mixture thickens. Add pineapple and cook 5 minutes longer. Spoon mixture into heat-resistant jars, cover and cool to room temperature. Store in refrigerator.

**ZUCCHINI PARMESAN**

- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

- 4 medium zucchini, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 can Italian diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large skillet saute garlic in oil. Add zucchini; cook and stir for 4 to 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Stir in tomatoes, salt and pepper. Simmer uncovered for 9 to 10 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and mixture is heated through. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

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# Aging farmers face increased risk of injury

"An overwhelming majority of injuries occur among workers aged 45 and older," said Karen Funkenbusch. "Older farmers and ranchers must adjust for the effects of aging."

In 2007, there were 715 deaths and 800,000 disabling injuries in the U.S. attributed to agriculture, according to the National Safety Council.

The theme of this year's National Farm Safety and Health Week, Sept. 21-27, is "Farm Safety: Protect Your Investment."

"It stresses the value of the safety and wellness of the agricultural producers and the importance of protecting their hearing, vision and physical abilities," Funkenbusch said.

"Unlike most workers, aging farmers tend to continue farming, which is a physically demanding job. They work long, hard hours in difficult conditions and use

heavy equipment," she said. "With aging, farmers can face faster onset of fatigue, reduced vision, slower reaction time, hearing loss and arthritis," she said. "This can lead to accidents causing death or injuries."

Workers with physical disabilities, including those with arthritis, are at particular risk of sustaining injuries during harvest season. Funkenbusch estimated that at least 30,000 Missouri farmers, ranchers and others working in agriculture have an existing disability that limits their ability to perform work-related tasks.

Funkenbusch offers several tips for these farmers:

Have your eyes checked by a doctor regularly. Avoid driving tractors at dawn and dusk, when vision is most difficult.

Get plenty of rest, especially during planting and harvesting seasons. Take frequent breaks to offset fatigue

and stress. Periodically stretch arms and legs. This increases blood flow and helps you relax.

Recognize and accept your limitations.

Use extreme caution when operating equipment. Be familiar with side effects of medication, including over-the-counter drugs.

Be sure a family member or fellow worker knows where you will be working.

Check your fields for large rocks, tree stumps, holes and ditches. If you can't remove an obstacle, place warning flags around it.

Use two-way radios or cell phones as a direct link should an emergency occur.

A number of MU Extension guides on farm safety are available online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/agguides/agengin/>.

# Chronic pain workshop Oct. 2

A free workshop to help farmers and ranchers deal with chronic pain is set for Oct. 2 in St. Joseph.

The one-day University of Missouri Extension workshop, "Growing Well with Pain," is designed to assist agricultural workers who have ongoing pain because of workplace mishaps, said Beverly Maltzberger, MU Extension community development specialist. "Agriculture ranks as one of the most dangerous occupations. We want to empower people suffering from chronic pain, their families and health care providers with information and strategies for coping," she said.

Featured speakers will include Penney Cowan, founder and executive director of the American Chronic Pain Association, and Dr. Wendell Bronson of the Heartland Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center in St. Joseph.

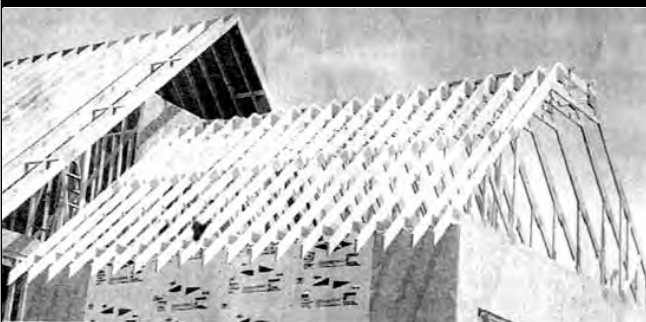
The workshop is free and open to the public; lunch will be provided. Registration is required by Sept. 26. To register, call the MU AgrAbility Project at 1-800-995-8503 or the Buchanan County Extension Center at 816-279-1691.

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**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** The sale will start at 9:30, beginning with the household goods. Tractors, Machinery & Vehicles sell at 1:30. Lunch served by the Rebekah Lodge of Humboldt. CALL FOR A SALE BILL.

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# Rural Life

## Small town leadership at its best

How do things get done in your town? Who are the "movers and shakers" - the key players who give impetus and approval to major public policy decisions?

Generally speaking, a small leadership corps works behind the scenes. This group has a great deal of power and influence over the community and its economic development. Though they may not serve in elected and appointed positions, those who do are doing so with their blessing and guidance.

Historically the leadership circle was referred to as "the good old boy" network or the "town fathers". This reflected the reality of male dominance of community leadership roles. In the last 25 years, many rural communities have included women in the upper echelon of local leadership.

**The case for insiders.** Communities who function well have unified leadership and are not fractionated off into competing groups. The leaders are inclusive and use their persuasive powers to develop consensus and commitment to local efforts for commu-

nity betterment and activities.

At their best, the leadership corps recognizes the difference between their own vested interest and the community's interest and walks a fine ethical line, though a rising tide lifts all boats. They are open to new ideas, newcomers, younger people and women in leadership roles.

Not much happens in the community without their blessing and support. They probably get together on a regular basis at the local cafe to compare notes informally as they sort out the social and political developments of their communities.

In communities with no core group of leaders, leadership is often divided into contentious and fragmented groups. Special interest groups battle for their piece of the pie without looking after the community interest as a whole. Sometimes the death of a key leader can leave a leadership vacuum and bring community cohesiveness to a halt.

**Abuse of power.** The "good old boy" network gets a bad name for their insider politics that feather their

own nests and keeps out competing interests. They aren't really working for the community as a whole. They become complacent and intolerant. They resist new ideas and use passive-aggressive tactics and political connections to discourage developments they don't like.

They aren't open to newcomers and imagine themselves to be better or more enlightened than others who have different ideas. Their history in the community gives them a special perspective that is often helpful but can be used to take a defeatist stand against new ideas.

Perhaps the greatest de- traction of "oldtimers" is the willingness of members of the community and even of the inner circle to defer to the core leaders without voicing their opinions. They simply let the in-group run things. Small groups can be isolated and dangerously undemocratic if there is too much deference to the established leaders.

**A case study.** A small cluster of four men graduated from high school at the same time. They were ex-

ceptionally bright and dynamic. After college, each returned to their community and established a viable business. They were drawn to each other out of common interest and respect.

With time, each accumulated the financial resources and clout to make things happen in the community. They dedicated a great deal of time to community service and projects. Their service wasn't entirely selfless because their businesses benefitted indirectly from the community improvements that were being made.

For the most part, their vested interests and the community interests became the same. They built up the infrastructure of the community through their progressive community-minded outlook. In a way, one could say they "bought" community loyalty for their business by their obvious generosity of time and money given to the commu-

When faced with a

choice between them and a competitor, local people were loyal and gave them their business. The respect they engendered was deserved and universal. With each other as a support base and their relatively independent financial status, they had the courage to stand by their values and not bend to the whim of unsound causes. They attract-

ed a strong group of followers and auxiliary leaders who they helped place in official positions of power and visibility.

These men had lofty goals. They expected things to happen. They made things happen. They had the resources and staying power to follow through on long-term goals. They had

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# AUCTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — 9:30 AM

Location: 400 Hummingbird Lane  
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

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See last week's Grass & Grain for complete listings.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTES: Dwain has been in the heating and cooling, appliance business over 25 years. We will be selling all of his tools and equipment, parts and supplies, plus a lot of household items too costly to move. This is just a small listing. Something for everyone. Come and be with us.

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Location: 512 West North Street — LINCOLN, KANSAS

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### GUNS SELL AT 12:30 P.M.

New York Arms Co., single shot, 12 gauge break open, 28" barrel, rough; **Muzzle load**, 12 gauge double-barrel shotgun, missing one hammer, Damascus barrel, rough; New Baker 12 gauge double barrel shotgun, Damascus 29" barrels, missing ham - mers, rough; **Winchester** mod. 61, 22 cal. Pump, #49249, good condition; **Daisy** mod. 880 air rifle, BB/pellet, rough; **Daisy** Defender BB gun.

### VEHICLES, TRAILERS & FARM RELATED ITEMS, SELL AT 1:00 P.M.

1979 Ford F-250, XLT super - cab, camper special, 79K miles, 400 V-8, auto, PS, Air, good condition; 1988 Dodge Aries K, 4-door, 4cyl., auto, air, 129K miles, runs and drives, little rough; 1962 Chevy C-60 truck, V-8, 4spd-2spd, 13 ft. bed, wood floor and hoist; 1955 GMC 1-1/2 ton truck, model 350, 6 cyl., 4spd-2spd, 13 ft. bed and hoist, 12 volt; 1977 Chevy Scottsdale, 1/2 ton, 4x4, V-8, auto, tow hitch, tool box, long bed, dependable; 2000 Buil Rite 16 ft. tandem utility trailer, new tires, ramps, excellent shape, tagged, new 3500 lb. Super Winch (sold separate); 1992 New Horizons 19 ft. camper, motorcycle hauler, removable ramps and tie downs, rear door for entry and loading, air, heat, stove, sink, shower - bath, cabinets and beds, awning, tagged, very nice unit; 1979 Slide in pickup camper, bed over the cab style, roof AC, tie downs, jack stands, Allen mfg., good shape; 1977 Chevy, 1/2 ton 4x4, complete parts pickup; 1975 Honda 125 XL, 3197 miles, needs work; Massey Harris 44 tractor, wide front, F-11 loader, 6' buckets, gas, 2 pt., live hyd., decent shape; Massey Ferguson Super 92 combine, 14 ft. header, 3-row corn head, always shedded, located at different location; Cattle squeeze chute; Ford 8 ft. rotary mower, pto powered, pull style, hyd. Lift; Heavy duty 2-wheel, Army trailer, all steel 6'4" x 9' box with tailgate; 3pt. tractor mount backhoe, 2 buckets, older model, needs work; JD Van Brunt 8 inch drill, for parts; 2-11 ft. tandem discs, one for parts; Early 60's Chevy pickup bed 2-wheel pickup bed trailer; JD 4010 Tractor, completely dismantled, looks to be mostly there, w/cab; Chevy pickup frame for trailer;

Large pile of firewood; New pto wire winder; Heavy angle iron frame, 3pt. mount; Long, low 2-wheel flatbed trailer, axle located on rear end; Several small chicken waterers; Metal utility cart with plug-in; Tall metal 2-door storage cabinet/closet; Sulky rake.

### ANTIQUES/COLLECTABLES

Red Wing crocks, all have hair-line cracks, 20 gal., 10 gal., 5 gal., 2 gal. (Birch leaf); 10 gal. Western Stoneware crock, cracked; 8 gal. Diamond crock, cracked; Nice wood whiskey barrel; N.T Swezy Flour, adv. Picture, with 1901 calendar; Enterprise coffee grinder on wood stand, v-belt driven; Sandwich corn sheller; Forge, chicken brooder, cast iron boilers, bow saw, Skelgas cook-stove-rough, pedal grinders; Walking sod plow, walking cultivators and planters, wood wagon axle-no hubs; Clipper seed cleaner; Duncan Phyfe table top mounted on cast iron Singer sewing machine base; Metal trunk-nice, old record albums, toaster, Federal wash-board, blow torch; Polaroid 800 camera in case, pine telephone bench; Zenith console radio with phono; Oak 3-wheel wheel chair; SoEasy treadle sewing machine- oak w/drawers, round lamp table; 8-day mantle clock with key and pendulum; Piano bench, 2 chrome dining tables, captains chair, single trees; Wayne Home Equip., large wood furnace; White painted dresser; Metal tractor seat; Nice assortment of Fiesta glassware.

### LAWN & GARDEN

JD S92 riding mower, rear engine, 36 inch cut; Dixon riding mower, 12.5 h.p., 36 inch cut; 2-Snapper HiVac, self prop. Push mowers; MW garden tiller, new 5 h.p. Tecumseh motor; IHC Cub Cadet mod. 72 lawn tractor, 38" deck, complete, needs motor; Fimco 12 volt weed sprayer on 2-wheel pull cart; Pull behind 2- wheel lawn trailer; Partner S65 chainsaw, like new, Remington chainsaw; Craftsman 6-3/4 h.p. horizontal shaft motor, new; 2-B&S 5 h.p. horizontal shaft motors; Shovels, rakes, hoes, garden hose, splitting maul normal run of lawn and garden tools.

### MECHANIC, CARPENTRY & PLUMBING TOOLS & SUPPLIES

Lathe manuals, calipers, micrometers and tooling; Portable 2 ton hyd. engine hoist

crane on wheels; Hyd. Press; Used 12 ft. overhead garage door, track and torsion spring; Milwaukee metal cut-off saw, 14", 15 amp.; Craftsman cutting torch, cart, act. bottle and oxy. lease; Large assortment of motor oil, hyd. Oil, antifreeze, fuel cans and funnels; Several Kennedy, Snap On and other tool boxes, work carts, and rolling drawer units; Large assortment of vises, combination wrenches, sockets up to 3/4" drive, gear pullers, hammers, punches chisels, anvil, portable air compressors, torque wrenches, Blue Point bushing driver set, ladders, drill presses, bench grinders, creepers, floor jacks, jack stands, trans. Jack attachment, compression tester, vacuum and fuel pressure tester, timing lights, elec. Connector sets, 1/2 ton chain hoist, rotary tools, power saws, reciprocating saws, bar and pipe clamps, nail and bolt bins, shop and work lights, shop cabinets, log chains, receiver hitches-too much to list; New set of Merillat -Spring Valley Cider Oak kitchen cabinets, still in boxes, designed to fit an 11' x7' L-shape kitchen, uppers and lowers; Assorted new building supplies-3/4" plywood, insulation, drywall, paneling, new toilets, S.S. kitchen sinks, wiring, breaker boxes, switches, receptacles, light fixtures, range hood, copper sweat fittings, brass fittings, threaders, tap and die sets, pvc fittings, sump pump, gas wall heater, shop vac, shelving, 20 ft. extension ladder, concrete blocks, Hansen TV tower, cement mixer, 8' x 8' storage shed to be moved-needs work and much more.

### HOUSEHOLD & MISC.

Nice 4 pc. Oak bedroom set; Older 3 pc. Bedroom set; MW side by side refrigerator; Kenmore microwave and Kenmore elec. dryer; Entertainment centers, coffee tables, end tables, wall mirrors, TV's and stereos, vacuum sweepers, Wear Ever pot and pan set, roasters, misc. pots and pans, small appliances and normal run of kitchen items; Large assortment of BBQ grills, camp stoves, fishing poles and tackle, camping gear and coolers; Metal office desks, office supplies, Brother typewriter, adding machines, new portable satellite TV system, floor lamps, alum. Walker, tapestries, misc. wood chairs and much more.

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They were men of integrity and wisdom. They were coalition-builders. They understood the opposition, reached out and included them in the process. Besides being bright, they were open-minded and able to listen to new ideas.

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Who runs the show in your community? The rural communities who are holding their own in today's changing economy have strong leadership at their center. Towns with a history of strong community-minded leaders find a way to recruit and replace themselves with like-minded leaders who carry on the tradition. This represents

small town politics at its best.

Those communities who flounder either don't have a cohesive group of leaders who work together or they have self-serving leaders who don't command the respect and involvement of the community as a whole. It is hard to change a community if the people in charge don't want it to change.

For more information on rural communities, visit Val Farmer's website at [www.valfarmer.com](http://www.valfarmer.com).

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Val Farmer is a clinical psychologist specializing in family business consultation and mediation with farm families. He lives in Wildwood, Missouri and can be contacted through his website.

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## Most-omitted lawn practices not that difficult

Almost everyone knows they should do it before starting, renovating or even just fertilizing a lawn. But, knowing and doing don't always go together.

"My best guess is that less than half of us actually figure our lawn's square footage first. I'd be surprised if a fourth of us start by testing the soil for the needed nutrient balance," said Ward Upham, Master Gardener program coordinator for Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Figuring a lawn's square footage doesn't have to be an exercise in extreme math, Upham said.

"You just need a good ballpark figure. Even if you're off by several square feet, you'll still do a better job when figuring the rates you need for seed, fertilizer and such," he said. "Besides, measuring square footage is a chore you only have to do once — at least until you move to another house and yard."

Upham suggests that homeowners determine square footage by following these steps:

1. Mentally divide the lawn into fairly rectangular areas that lend themselves to easy measuring.
2. Use a tape measure to find the length and width of each area.
3. Find each area's square footage by multiplying its length by its width.
4. Add up the results from all of the areas. Di-

vide by 12 if you've been measuring in inches, rather than feet.


5. File your answer away where you always can find it again, if necessary.

"I suspect the main reason people don't test their soil is that they don't think ahead — at least, so far as their lawn's concerned. Or, they don't know what's involved in testing, but still think it sounds complicated," Upham said.

The best way to get quick results on a soil test, he said, is to submit it during an "off" season.

"If you submit samples during late winter-early spring or during late summer-early fall, you'll be just ahead of the two major planting seasons. So, you'll be competing with everyone else who's left soil testing until the last minute — and that includes farmers, as well as gardeners," Upham explained.

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## Conventional soybeans offer high yields at lower cost

Conventional soybean varieties are making a comeback. Lower seed and weed-control costs, price incentives at the grain elevator and yields that rival Roundup Ready beans have renewed interest in conventional varieties, said Grover Shannon, an agronomist at the University of Missouri Delta Research Center in the Missouri Bootheel.

In the 1990s, Monsanto introduced soybeans and other plants genetically modified to tolerate its popular herbicide Roundup (glyphosate). "Now there's a resurgence of interest in conventional soybean varieties. Farmers can grow them cheaper and they will yield just as well," Shannon said.

Shannon discussed his conventional-variety breeding program at the MU Delta Research Center Field Day, Sept. 2, in Portageville. Overseas demand for non-genetically-modified soybeans and the tripling of costs for glyphosate herbicide have made conventional varieties more appealing to many growers, he said.

"Roundup costs went from about \$15 per gallon last year to \$40 to \$50 per gallon," he said. "That was a pretty good shock to growers. So they got to comparing things, and saw the conventional system was just as cheap."

Many farmers already

add a conventional herbicide to glyphosate for weed control due to the spread of glyphosate-tolerant weeds, Shannon said. "The conventional herbicide systems are about as cheap if not cheaper than using just the Roundup system."

Reflecting overseas demand, grain elevators have been offering a premium for conventional soybeans. Last winter, growers could go to some of the local ele-

vators and get a contract for non-genetically-modified soybeans for a dollar or more over the Chicago price, he said.

Another draw is the ability to save seed from conventional varieties, Shannon said. With the proprietary Roundup Ready soybeans, farmers must purchase new seed each year. "The fact is, if a grower grows conventional beans, he can save seed to plant

the next year, and then he's not out the seed costs. That's the way all farmers used to do it," he said. "But with Roundup Ready beans, he's got to pay \$40 or more for a bag each year."

The MU Delta Center has continued a conventional-soybean breeding program even as most private companies moved to an exclusive focus on Roundup Ready beans, Shannon said. Two years ago, the center released Jake and Stoddard, two conventional varieties that have attracted interest for

their adaptability to many soil types and broad resistance to soybean cyst nematode.

"The cyst nematode situation has gotten worse because most varieties now trace to one genetic source," he said. "The Jake and Stoddard varieties trace to a different source that has more resistance. They also carry some resistance to root knot nematode."

These traits may help farmers expand their acreage and boost yields, Shannon said. "They respond to good management, like anything else.

We've got a lot of farmers with soybeans that usually aren't put on the very best ground. But now that soybeans are commanding \$15 a bushel, farmers are planting on better soils."

Farmers with a weed-control problem may want to continue with the Roundup system and plant their conventional varieties on cleaner fields, he said.

Shannon encourages growers to book their seed early. "Last year there just wasn't enough seed," he said. "This year there will be more choices. However, demand is still high."

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# Walking weed eaters gain popularity with ranchers

PALMER, Neb. (AP) — When Ladd Reeves invited Michelle Wendell and more than 600 of her friends to his ranch for dinner, he put one item on the menu: weeds.

Instead of turning up their noses, Wendell's hairy friends stuck their muzzles in the weed salad and have kept them there for two weeks.

"They love it," Wendell said Friday while surrounded by the herd of goats munching on weeds on a small plot at Reeves' hilly 1,440-acre ranch.

Like an increasing number of cattle ranchers — who for decades have used chemicals and other means to fight stubborn weeds — Reeves is giving the walking weed eaters a shot. He invited the goats to his spread as part of a project with the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition.

In the biological buffet line of a pasture, cattle shun weeds in favor of grass.

But goats go straight to invasive, tough-to-control weeds like leafy spurge musk thistle that can choke out grasses and ruin a pasture for cattle grazing.

Even cedar trees, which ranchers despise for their ability to overtake pastures, are a favorite entree for goats.

"You can raise them on what everyone else classifies as junk — they eat it willingly," Wendell said.

He said goats choose the junk over grasses, process them, destroy the seeds — and their waste is good for the soil.

Among farmers and ranchers, goat grazing still isn't close to replacing chemicals as the preferred method of keeping weeds in check, which is required by state laws.

But sightings of the sturdy creatures, whose unusual eating habits and four-chambered stomachs make some consider them the garbage disposal of the animal kingdom, are becoming more common, as are sheep.

"In the last three to five years, the number of goats has increased," said Dana Larsen, range specialist for the Nebraska Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Last year, the agency started a program to help ranchers pay for such services.

"People are looking for a non-chemical, non-mechanical means of controlling weeds," Larsen said.

Chemicals and other tra-

ditional means of weed control are "a direct cost with no return," Larsen said. "With goats ... they may at least get a product."

The American Meat Goat Association said goats were one of the first animals to be domesticated, about 10,000 years ago. Goats are extremely adaptable, able to live in the high altitudes of the Himalayas, the humid tropics and bone-dry desert climates.

A hundred years ago, goats were more prevalent, raised for their milk and meat. But as the demand for beef increased, cattle replaced goats on many pastures across the country.

Now a movement is afoot to bring goats back to help the habitat of the cattle.

The number of goats used for meat and milk still dwarfs those mainly used for weed control, according to Bob Sims, director of the American Meat

Goat Association.

But that's changing, as Amy Jeanroy and her husband Cal can attest. They raise about 25 goats near Ravenna, using the milk from their goats to make cheese.

Lately, neighbors have been asking for more than cheese to put on their crackers.

"We've had a lot of people interested in using our goats for weed management," said Amy.

Wendell, who raises organic hay with her husband at their ranch in the Sandhills when not helping people with her goats, sees more than a paycheck when she watches her goats work.

"There's nothing more satisfying than putting them on a patch of what people perceive as weeds and getting rid of them while the goats get fat and shiny," she said.

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Patton recommends cleaning leaves and containers with a damp cloth to reduce insect problems before bringing plants into the house.

One last fertilizer application after the plants are indoors will boost plant health before winter arrives and growth slows, he added.

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# Prof steers away from corn for biodiesel

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — When it comes to alternative fuels, a University of Northern Colorado professor says weeds and algae should be in our gas tanks, not corn.

"People are suffering; the food prices have gone up," said Chhandak Basu, a plant biologist who's looking beyond food-based ethanol. "I'm using plants that have no economic importance."

Basu is attempting to clone genes from a tropical tree that possesses a compound known as oleoresin, with properties similar to diesel fuel. He hopes to recultivate them into non-food plants or algae for bio-fuel production.

"It's an ideal time to work on a biofuel project to find a solution for the rising gas prices," said Basu, who

received a grant for about \$50,000 from UNC and another for the same amount by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. "It's affecting people from all the different levels of life: rich to poor," he said.

To get his hands on the genes, Basu traveled to Puerto Rico for the "diesel tree," which is a lush evergreen that can grow over 100 feet tall.

Because the tree takes 15 years to mature and can't weather the climate in continental North America, Basu said weeds and algae make better hosts.

He is working alongside a University of Tennessee researcher and UNC students to nail down the genome sequence.

"It's a needle in a haystack," said Basu, who

expects results by mid-2009.

The next step would be to determine the economic viability of this biodiesel.

"This is a homegrown product," Basu said. "It's better than bringing in foreign oil. ... This could be a cash crop for farmers."

Some experts say the food-based ethanol demand for biofuels is outpacing supply, which translates to more expensive food.

Since 2001, corn grown to produce ethanol in the United States has increased by

300 percent. And the price of a bushel of corn has risen from about \$1.50 in 2001 to about \$5 or \$6 today.

The use of corn for biofuel is one, but definitely not the biggest, factor affecting prices, said Matt Hartwig, spokesman for the Renewable Fuels Association, a trade association for the ethanol industry.

"What is really driving the price of corn, as well as food, is demand," he said. "Worldwide demand for grain is much stronger

than people predicted."

Record-high gas prices are the other culprit, he said.

According to a July Farm Foundation report written by Purdue University agricultural economists, higher gas prices have bumped up the cost of corn by \$3, while ethanol production has bumped prices by only \$1.

Biofuels faced other criticism this year.

Two studies published in the journal Science in February argue that biofuels release a significant amount of greenhouse gases (more so than conventional fuels)

because of the energy expended tearing up the land. It also robs the planet of natural sponges — rain forest and grassland in particular — that absorb emissions, the studies say.

This is the reason why Basu is looking at algae.

No land would need to be cleared because plants could be harvested in an aquatic setting, he said.

Joe Fargione, a science director at the Nature Conservancy and author of one of the studies challenging the environmental friendliness of biofuels, said algae is a promising alternative.

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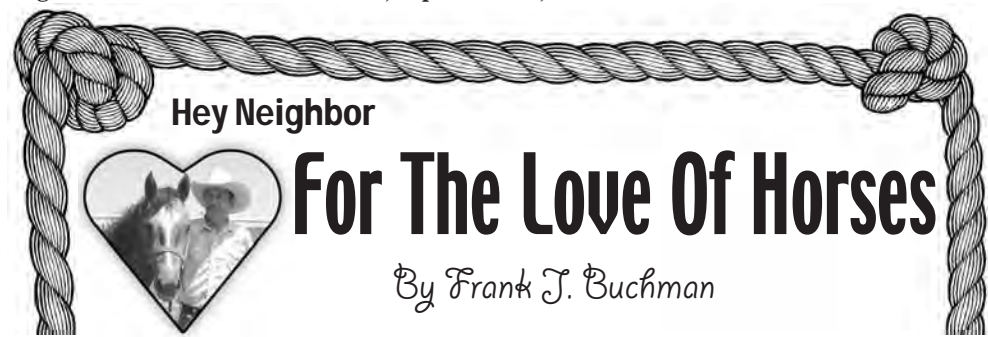
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## Body Condition Affects Health Of Horse

Fat is beautiful. That's a common saying for horse people, and anybody who's tried to sell a horse, or have one critiqued by another, knows there's truth to the statement.

However, there's a point when horses are obese. At that time, it becomes harmful to their health and often ugly too, when flabbiness replaces sleekness.

On the opposite end of the scenario is that skinny horse. He's never called pretty, let alone beautiful. More often there's an ex-

pression of sympathy to the undernourished animal, criticism of owner, and even a call to the Humane Society. This horse is likely unhealthy and certainly more prone to sickness than a horse of proper weight.

"Most horses should fall in the body condition score of four, five or six," claims David Freeman, Extension horse specialist at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

That's a little hard for a cowboy to comprehend. More typical terminology

might be too fat, too skinny or in good shape. However, "Body condition refers to the amount of fat on a horse's body," Freeman defines. So, a nine score would be overly conditioned, and a one score way underweight.

Fat is tissue that stores

energy and is produced when the horse is digesting more energy than needed for maintenance and production. "Over time, horses consuming higher energy rations than needed will increase body fat," Freeman describes. "Those getting less energy from feed use more fat for energy, and body fat will decrease."

Most body fat accumulates in layers immediately below a horse's skin and can be visibly assessed along the neck and withers, down the back, and over the hooks, tailhead, pins, ribs and behind the shoulder. "The desired level of body condition will vary between horses," Freeman emphasizes.

As a rule, horses being ridden under saddle will maintain a lower body condition than non-performing horses. "It can widely vary with the individual horse and the horse's conformation," Freeman says. "One horse may perform more effectively thinner than another horse doing the same task in a heavier condition."

Professional boxers could be used as a comparative example to horses. "George Foreman was extremely heavy when he was in top boxing shape, while others weren't as fat in their prime shape," the specialist relates. Thoroughbred-type horses typically carry less visual condition than heav-

ier, bunchier-muscled and halter-type horses.

Horse owners who accurately assess body condition are able to make ration changes to maintain horses at desired fat levels. The one-to-nine scoring system Freeman refers to was developed in the 1980s and has been incorporated by many phases of the industry.

"It can be used effectively on all horses, but was actually developed to quantify the influences of body condition on mares' reproductive performance," Freeman clarifies.

Briefly, the specialist summarizes mares in four or less body condition will

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be slow in cycling and have more cycles per conception, lower pregnancy rates and higher pregnancy losses. "During the breeding and foaling season, mares should have body condition of six or seven," he advises.

Concerns expressed about problems mares might have in foaling in this higher condition are unwarranted, Freeman claims. "Research shows it has no effect on gestation length, foaling process, size of foal and foal viability," he adds.

Looking at a horse to know its body condition can sometimes be deceiving, so Freeman recommends feeling the suggested areas to see how much fat is really there. "Long hair can make a horse look in better condition than he is," Freeman comments. Different body shapes also affect what the horse's condition is.

Taller, larger-framed horses with prominent withers may appear leaner than shorter, smaller-framed

horses with similar body conditions. Pregnant mares have less cover over the ribs due to the foal weight, and horses on forage and pasture have big bellies, which are both misleading on body condition. So, other places should be checked for fat.

Overweight horses are typically more common than underweight horses, but with increased feed costs and higher horse numbers, more thin horses are being reported. "Gains in body weight must be made with gradual increases in the ration," Freeman states. "The horse's body requires time to assimilate increase of energy into fat."

Colic and founder increase when dramatic increases are made in daily feedings.

A thin, mature horse that should be around 1,200 pounds in a moderate condition consuming unlimited grass hay and around 1 percent of body weight per day in grain is likely to gain 1 to 1 1/2 pounds of body

weight per day, Freeman correlates.

"That means it will take a couple of months to move a horse in a condition score of two to a more desirable score of four or five," he calculates. "Of course, if you are fighting weather and other stress, this guideline may be a little ambitious."

Taking body weight off a horse in preparation for work also requires time. "Reduction in feed must be gradual and must be in conjunction with exercise, just like a person on a diet," Freeman stresses. "Extreme, sudden weight loss by dramatic reduction in energy is harmful to the horse."

Obesity causes problems in horses just like in humans. "Horses with proper feed and exercise typically will not have health issues like those which are overfed in confinement," admits Freeman.

Age can affect a horse's body condition. "Older horses

typically aren't going to carry the weight of a horse in its prime," Freeman warns. "While they are naturally going to be lighter, feed supplements and dental care are often needed to keep healthy weights."

An old-timer's reference of correlation between a horse's heart and his stomach means that typically an overfed horse will feel better and be more spirited than one that is fed less, but not to the point of malnutrition.

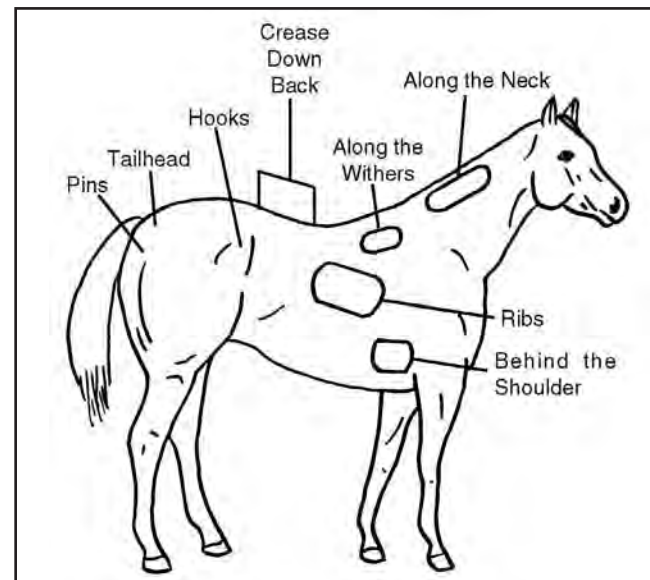
"Young horses in training are still growing, but also learning at the same time. They require more proteins, amino acids, calcium and phosphorous than mature horses, and yet the energy levels in rations sometimes must be altered for maximum training results," Freeman qualifies.

Although a horse owner can and is urged to study suggested body condition guidelines through available printed and internet

sources, the main thing is to become familiar with individual horses and periodically check their condition.

"It is important to recognize the specific areas on a horse to check body fat and

to gain experience in identifying condition of various horses. Re-evaluations help to decrease the influence of conformational difference in weight assessment," concludes Freeman.



Eight places should be checked on a horse to identify fat cover. A body condition score of four, five or six on a scale of one to nine is recommended for most horses.

## REAL ESTATE AUCTION

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18 — 6:00 P.M.

**AUCTION LOCATION:** At the property located at 1216 NW 3rd, ABILENE, KS.

The property consists of a 42 x 88-ft. frame building that was extensively remodeled in 2000. The property was remodeled as a restaurant/bakery containing an approx. 1850 sq. ft. dining area, approx. 464 sq. ft. private meeting room/dining area. Balance of the building is restrooms and kitchen area. Kitchen area also has Larkin 4x12-ft. hood and PCL-460 fire suppression system and an additional 5x7-ft. exhaust hood and fan.

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LOCATION: 700 South 7th Street, BEATRICE, NE.

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### EQUIPMENT

4 hydraulic forklift attachments, need modification; Cyclo Blast dry/horner; Zero Blast N Peen; 2 and 4 1/2 hp. twin cylinder air compressors; Fred dust collectors; air cleaners; swamp cooler; Heat Wave 14 in. fan/heater; 1 1/2 hp. air cleaner; AFS industrial clean-

er; elec. reel re-coilers; 440 volt press/roller with 6 ft. bed; 6 - 4 wheel freight carts, 50x50 in. with 6 in. caster wheels; 1/2 in. plate welding tables, 4 to 10 ft.; hand pallet lift; turntable welding jig; tilt table welding jig and other items.

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### ANTIQUES, PRIMITIVES COLLECTIBLES

Cream cans; lantern; metal Aladdin lamp; oak telephone; sled; watering cans; Eskimo fan; bull horn ornament; old croquet set; Wonder Horse rocker; golf clubs; primitive wooden shelf; apple grease jar.

### TOOLS, ETC.

Weedeater; old MW cultivator; PU tool boxes; small step ladder; Murray push mower; Flowtron log splitter and more.

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Computer; elec. fans; metal cabinets and shelves; lots of toys; pots and pans; grill; mailbox; games; Tupperware; picture frames; walkers; casserole dishes.

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# Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith



## The Armored Possum

A few years ago we were spending a little vacation time in Texas. There were commercials on local television there advertising one of the Texas beers (which are actually pretty good). The basic theme of these ads was the idea of a giant armadillo who has a craving for the sponsor's product.

There were camera shots of damaged beer trucks or storage facilities, and the announcement of missing

### Kansas farm production costs up

WICHITA (AP) — A new government report shows Kansas farm production costs went up nearly 21 percent in 2007.

Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service said Tuesday that expenditures that year totaled \$12.4 billion in the state. That compares nationally with a 9.3 percent increase, or about to \$260 billion in total farm expenses across the country.

Kansas farms account for almost 5 percent of the national farm expenditures.

Tractors and self-propelled farm machinery topped the list of expenditure increase in Kansas, with a 35 percent rise in costs.

Trucks and autos were up 31 percent. Feed expenses were up 29 percent. Fertilizer, lime and soil conditioners were up 28 percent.

Kansas farmers spent an average of \$194,357 per farm in 2007.

kegs. We never really saw anything but maybe a glimpse of a huge scaly tail as the culprit quietly slipped away. It was a regional inside joke.

I was reminded of that recently when a reader called to tell me an armadillo story. His job requires a lot of travel in the south central part of Kansas. He said that for the past couple of years, he's been seeing more and more armadillos, usually as road-kill (fortunately, not the giant beer-guzzling type, I gather).

A word about "what is an armadillo," first. This is a small mammal, a quiet, insect-eating individual about the size of a cat. It wears a hard shell with overlapping

plates like a knight's armor. Its name, in fact, means something like "little armored one" in Spanish. Somebody once quipped that a porcupine is a possum with a really bad hair day. By that definition, an armadillo is an armored possum.

These creatures are very common across Texas and the southwest. They're pretty harmless, but are a nuisance because they dig up lawns looking for grubs and worms, or just to dig a burrow, a place to live.

They have an odd reflex that is used for defense. When they're startled, a powerful muscle spasm causes them to leap into the air. Straight up, two or three

feet. They come down rolling into a ball with soft parts protected and nothing but armor showing.

While this works pretty well against coyotes and other traditional enemies, it's not very effective when the threat is from an approaching car, truck, or train. They move around mostly at night, and it's common to see road-kill directly in the traffic lane. Jumping straight up under a truck chassis isn't a very effective move.

Now about armadillos in central Kansas? Yes, I think so. Nearly twenty years ago we saw one near Independence. It was about dusk, and we were driving on a blacktop secondary road. There in the ditch was an armadillo. I couldn't believe it, so we went back for another look. The animal wasn't perturbed at all. We

watched it for a while from a few feet away while it wandered along sniffing in the grass for insects.

What's happening? I've said before, I think the climate is changing. My grandfather's stories of Kansas prairie snows a century ago would surely indicate that. Even fifty years ago, most farmers in this area had a horse-drawn sleigh or runners to fit on the wagon in place of wheels. They still turn up at old farm auctions. I can remember only one winter, though, about 1980, when that equipment could have been used.

The climate is changing, as it always has. The pendulum swings. It's almost imperceptible, because the length of the cycle is a little longer than one human lifetime. There are warm periods and cooler periods, with tougher winters.

What we do notice is the almost imperceptible shift of the wildlife populations as they adapt to the change. We were once told that pheasants couldn't reproduce east of Highway 81, but in the past few years they're becoming common here. Beaver are back. House finches are becoming one of the most numerous birds around Emporia, though I never saw one here until a few years ago.

We'll probably see some other species of wildlife that are unfamiliar as this shift continues. I saw a porcupine road-kill southwest of Wichita last spring, the first I ever saw in Kansas.

And, since I started writing on this column, I had another phone call. Somebody had seen an armadillo just south of Olpe on Highway 99.

See you down the road.

## ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — 9:00 AM

Due to death we will sell the following items at public auction at our home located at 515 S. Washington St., just South of ABILENE, KANSAS.

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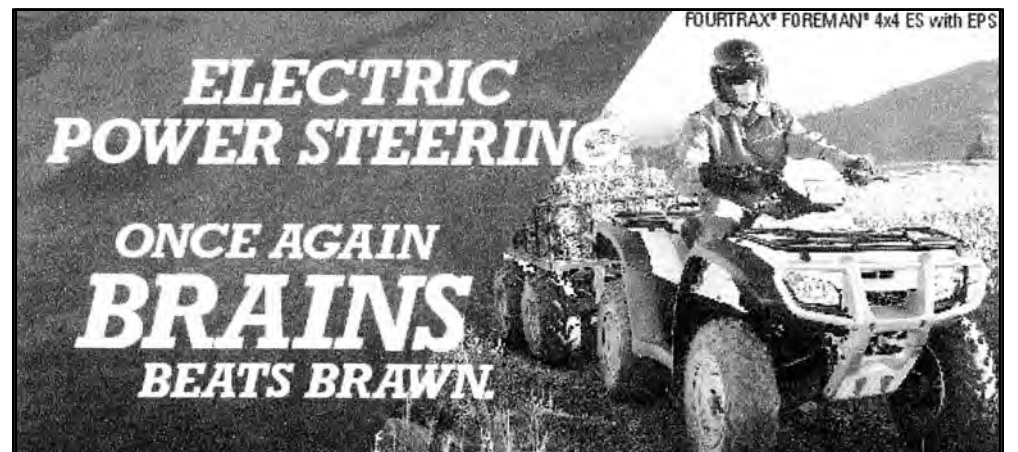
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September 16 — Washington Co. Real Estate at Linn for Raymond & Loetta Duey. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

September 18 — Real Estate - lot & building at Abilene for Solomon State Bank. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Giest.

September 18 — Tractors, combine, trucks, trailers, machinery & misc. at Courtland for Gerald & Glenwood Lundberg. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

September 18 — Antiques, collectibles, antique furniture & tools at Salina. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates.

September 18 — Land auction at Topeka. Auctioneers: Wayne Hunter & Gary Henson.

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

September 20 — Guns, ammo, shop hand & power equip., lawn & garden equip., antiques & household at Minneapolis for Dwain & Linda Galgerud. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction.

September 20 — Woodworking tools, household & misc. at Abilene for Jack Wood Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Hauserman Bloom Auction Service.

September 20 — Complete farm liquidation SW of Gypsum for Warren Ade Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions, LLC.

September 20 — Vehicle, mowers, woodworking equipment, furniture & household items at Heston for Merle & Marcella Unruh. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

September 20 — Antiques, collectibles, steins, decanters, clocks, crocks, guns & misc. at Marysville for Kenny Knowles Estate. Auctioneers: Don Prell Auctions.

September 20 — Van, appliances, furniture, glassware, sterling, pewter collectibles, Lionel train, tools & misc. at Baldwin City for Rev. Ralph Rehlen. Auctioneers: Edgcomb Auctions.

September 20 — Tractors, combine, farm machinery, truck, trailer & misc. at Wichita for Henry "Bud" & Carol Bock. Auctioneers: Woods Auctions.

September 20 — Tractor, truck, machinery, guns, collectibles, cattle equip., tools & other W. of Courtland for Gene Hedstrom Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

September 20 — Furniture, antiques, primitives, collectibles, tools, household, appliances & guns at Portis for Don & Gary Rock. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

September 20 — Vehicles, antiques, guns, household, shop & tools at Platte City, MO. Auctioneers: J&J Auctions LLC.

September 20 — Toy collection, car collection, books, display cabinets at Newton for Don Sweaney Estate & Sandy Sweaney. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

September 20 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles & misc. at Junction City for Patterson &

others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auctions.

September 20 — Farm machinery & shop tools at Smith Center for Bob Curtis Estate. Auctioneers: Oliver Realty & Auctions.

September 21 — Murray Ranches Production Horse Sale at Alma.

September 21 — Woodworking tools, tractor, tools, antiques & collectibles, misc. at Abilene for Ronnie Hottman Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

September 21 — Tractor, implements, building materials, riding mower, tiller, appliances, furniture & household at Rantoul. Auctioneers: Eastern Ks. Auction Barn-Daryl Stottemire.

September 22 & 23 — Two-Day Tool Auction at Jewell for Earl Varney. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

September 23 — House N. of Chapman for Robert & Virginia Zumbrum. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz and Gail Hauserman, Salesmen & Auctioneers.

September 23 — Vehicles, horse items, horse trailer, lawn & garden items, exercising equip., furniture, household & misc. at Heston for Reinhard & Carolyn Regier. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.

September 24 — Lawn equipment, kitchen equipment, school items at Randall for USD 279 Jewell Randall. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

September 27 — Real Estate, automobile, collectibles & household at Linn for Don and Anita Singular. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

September 27 — Loader tractor, farm equipment, trailers & miscellaneous NE of Smolan for Bonnie Klein. Auctioneers: Rogers A. Johnson & Sons.

September 27 — Automobile, woodworking & shop tools, misc. tools, equipment, household, crafts, lawn, garden & fishing equip. at Hillsboro for Estate of Wilbur & Hazel Evans. Auctioneers: Gaines Auctions.

September 27 — Pasture & crop land at Atlanta for Wingert Auctions. Auctioneers: Webber Land Co.

September 27 — Pickup, collectible & military firearms, gun safe, sporting goods & supplies, boats, 4-wheeler, riding mower, trailers, shop & hand tools at Valley Center for Leslie & Shirley Tucker & Friends. Auctioneers: Robert Haley, Jack & Rex Newcom.

September 27 — Tractors, van, pickup, machinery, antiques, collectibles, household & farm misc. at Humboldt, NE for Homer Fishwood Estate. Auctioneers: Christensen Real Estate & Auctions.

September 27 — Real Estate, guns, hunting, fishing gear, antiques, collectibles, musical items, household items, shop tools, lawn & garden at Topeka for Mel & Dorothy Brooks. Auctioneers: Harris Auctions.

September 27 — Fall festival & swap meet E. of Meriden for Meriden Antique Engine & Thresher's

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September 27 — House, furniture, misc. items, antique & old things at Hanover for William J. Byrnes Trust. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son.

September 27 — Welders, equipment, lawn tractor & misc. at Beatrice, NE for Hoover Material Handling Group, Inc. Auctioneers: The Auctioneers.

September 27 — Furniture, crocks, advertising, glass, collectibles & misc. at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

September 27 & 28 — Antique furniture, antiques, collectibles, clothing, coins, modern furniture, tools, hardware, household & misc. at Abilene for Fowler Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

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

September 28 — Antiques, collectibles & furniture at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Auctions.

September 29 — Real Estate at Munden for Faye Homolka Rizek. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

September 29 — Tractors, machinery & equipment, pickup, lawn mower, hand, shop, farm related & livestock equip. at Manhattan for Hook Livestock Enterprise. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

October 4 — Tools, furniture, household & misc. at Clyde for Ellen Stolzenburg Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

October 4 — Real Estate, household, tools, guns, pickups at Belvue for Walt Dinger Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Pageler.

October 4 — Pasture land at Dexter for Wood Auctions. Auctioneers: Webber Land Co.

October 5 — Woodworking equip., tractor, lawn mower, modern household, firearms & belt buckles at Abilene for Carl Baldwin. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

October 6 — Pottawatomie Co. land W. of Wamego for Burgess Farms. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

October 9 — Real Estate-berm home W of Randolph for Doug Burt & Sara Kirkemide. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

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 11 — Farm sale E. of Agenda for Larry & Carol Morgan. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

October 11 — Farm Equipment and antiques at Linn for Joanna (Mrs. Clarence) Rippe. Raymond Bott Realty & Auction, Lee Holtmeier and Luke Bott.

October 11 — Ham radio, antiques, collectibles, furniture, appliances & lawn mowers at Bennington for Doris Johnson Estate. Auctioneers: Bacon Auctions.

October 11 — Paxico Tractor Cruise at Paxico for Paxico Merchants Association.

October 11 — Tools, furniture, household & misc. at Chapman for Bob & Vivian Detrich. Auctioneers: Yocum Realty & Auction Service.

October 12 — Breeders Championship Series at Manhattan for Berry, Camerlinck & Schardein.

October 16 — Real Estate at Concordia for Scott & Brenda Swafford. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

October 18 — Household items, vehicles, tractors, tools, yard equip., farm

items, machinery at Mulvane for Paul Elder Estate. Auctioneers: Swenson Real Estate & Auctions.

October 18 — Land auction Washington Co. at Greenleaf for Frances Jeppesen. Auctioneers: Mark Uhlik-The Realty Associates.

October 18 — Tractors & equipment, truck, guns, rec outdoor equip., windmill, 4 whlr, mower, boat, shop tools & horse equip. at Buffalo for Len & Nel Kobelts. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall-Fredonia.

October 24, 25 & 26 — 17th Annual Swap Meet-Toy Show, arts & crafts, stationary engine, tractor show & sale at Wichita for Wheatland Poppin' Johnnies.

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

October 25 — Antiques, collectibles & misc. at Concordia for Larry & Carol Morgan & others. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

October 25 — Tools, plumbing supplies, household & misc. at Abilene for Ray & Dorothy Burton. Auction-

eers: Yocum Realty & Auction Service.

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

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

November 1 — Farm machinery & misc. SW of Manhattan for Delbert & Jean Stadel. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

November 6 — Angus females at Emporia for Hinkson Angus.

November 8 — Simmental, Angus, SimAngus, Red Angus Bull Sale N. of Wheaton for Moser Ranch.

November 8 — Farm machinery, vehicles, tools & misc. near Leonardville for Val Jene Kunze Trust. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

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

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

## UPCOMING AUCTIONS

### FARM MACHINERY AUCTION For DENNIS & CAROL LEGLEITER MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 — 10:00AM

Auction Location: From the 175 Exit on I-70 at Gorham Kansas, go 5 1/2 miles South on county black top, then 1/2 mile East to farm site.

#### TRACTORS & COMBINE

J.D. 8760 4wheel drive, quad range trans, 3pt, 4hyd. Outlets, 18.4xR42 Front and Rear duals tractor only has 4950hrs. Ser# RW87600H002694; J.D. 4440 Quad range trans., 3pt, w/J.D. 158 loader Ser# 044425R; J.D. 7700 hydrostat, w/224 header, 2850 hrs.; Ford 8N w/loader, 3pt, runs fine.

#### TRUCKS & TRAILERS

1989 F-250 4x4 w/lockout hubs, 460 engine, At-air, w/275 Dew-Eze bale bed; 1976 IHC 600 4x2 speed trans., power steering w/16' all steel Scott box and hoist, plumbed for hyd. drill fill auger; 1967 C-50 truck w/5x2 speed trans., 14' all steel box & hoist; 1991 Titan 22'x6'8" gooseneck trailer, bull package, 1 center gate; Jantz combine trailer, triple axle, 22' x 11', w/ramps.

#### FARM MACHINERY & HAY EQUIPMENT

Sunflower 24' double offset disc, C-Flex; J.D. 3 sections of 10'x10" 9300 hoe drills, rubber press, w/factory transport; New Holland 664 round baler, approx. 1500 bales; New Holland 114 hydro swing swather; J.D. 346 square baler twine tie w/4 cylinder Wisconsin; West field hyd drill-fill auger (near new).

#### LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

2-Phoenix brand portable feeders for ground hay 24'x7'; Danuser 3pt post hole digger w/9' & 18" augers; 12-12' metal feed bunks; Several L.P. tank heaters; Lots of wood posts, telephone poles, electric fence posts; 2-8' fiberglass tanks, 1-6' metal tank and 1-3' metal tank.

#### SHOP EQUIPMENT, MISCELLANEOUS, ANTIQUES

Eshelman kids car w/gas engine, double tree, horse hanes, lots of old wrenches.

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Sellers are retiring from farming, most of the bigger items have been shredded. Tractors, combine, trucks, and machinery to sell at 12:30P.M.**

#### 320 Acres More or Less

#### Ellis County Ks. Real Estate

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 — 10:00 AM

Auction Location: Knights of Columbus Hall,

1013 Washington — ELLIS, KANSAS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W/2 of 18-14-20 West of the 6th P.M. Ellis County, Ks.

F.S.A. INFORMATION: 91.9 acres cropland, 220.6 acres grassland.

GENERAL INFO: This farm has good access, pond water, and wet weather springs, with good tree coverage for livestock, wildlife habitat, and protection.

LAND LOCATION: From the Ellis Kansas Coop Elevator, South 6 1/2 miles, then 1 1/2 miles West.

POSSESSION: Immediate

### SELLER: KUEHNL FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 — 1:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: Palco Township Hall

PALCO, KANSAS

160 Acres Rooks County, Kansas  
Located 2 miles South of Palco, Kansas with blacktop frontage.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NW/4 of 4-10-20 West of the 6th P.M. Rooks County, Ks.

F.S.A. INFORMATION: 86.7 Cropland, presently idle, 69.4 grassland

POSSESSION: Immediate

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## AUCTION

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — 10:00 AM

Offering for sale at public auction located at 4710 W. Dutch Ave., from the 4-way stop in HESSTON, KS 1 mile East.

#### VEHICLE, MOWERS & WOODWORKING EQUIPMENT

1994 Mercury Grand Marquis SL 4 door car, 130,000 miles, clean; Cub Cadet RZT 22 HP 50" cut riding lawn mower, clean; Scotts 6 HP 21" SP mower; Yardman line trimmer; McLane 3.5 HP lawn edger; B&D 18" hedge trimmer; Craftsman transit level; Ryobi 10" Precision table saw; Bostitch 1-2 1/2 finish nailer with nails; Ryobi 10" miter saw; Milwaukee sawzall; Arrow elec. stapler & nail gun; Craftsman elec. brad nailer; AC ammeter; Drill Dr.; Craftsman jig saw; Ryobi 3" belt sander; Craftsman 1 HP, 1 1/2 HP & 2 HP routers; Sears 1/2" drill; Makita cordless drill; router bits; Stanley jig; Craftsman dove tail template; Craftsman 4 HP 25 gal. air compressor with 50' hose; Wagner 3/4 HP airless paint sprayer; LCD digital meter; battery charger; Makita 3 3/8" circular saw; Workmate 400 table; Craftsman chain saw; Remington 3 HP 16" chain saw; bar clamps; saw horses; socket set; adj. drafting table; Stanley 7' step ladder; ext. ladder; shovels; rakes;

post driver; propane const. heater, 75-200,000 btu; wheel barrow; gas Mr. Heater; cords; hand tools; hardware; pipe wrenches; levels; adj. wrenches & more.

#### FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Cherry wood 4 pc. queen bedroom set, nice; queen bed; 2 twin beds; cherry wood dining room table & 6 chairs; cherry china hutch; cherry curio cabinet; lg. entertainment center; matching sofa, love seat & swivel rocker; kitchen dinette table; chairs; La-Z-Boy recliner; pictures & frames; glass top coffee & end table; patio table, chairs & loungers; barbecue grill; 32" Sanyo TV; Kenwood stereo & speakers; Pioneer stereo; 5' desk with matching 2 drawer file cabinet; office chair; 4 & 5 drawer file cabinets; bookcases; Kenmore washer & dryer; porch bench; paper cutter; Amish wood crafts; Lone Star Amish quilt; Heritage by Smith glassware; Fenton; gold trim glass bowl & tray; enamel; fancywork; Oneida silverplate set; Pyrex; coffee maker; crock-pot; pots & pans; books; Magic Mill wheat grinder; baking dishes & more.

**TERMS: Cash day of sale. Statements made day of sale take precedence over advertised statements. Schmidt Clerks and Cashiers. Lunch by K&B Catering.**

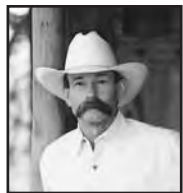
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## Water On Mars

WATER DISCOVERED ON MARS! That headline stopped me in my tracks! Maybe there's hope for Colorado!

Colorado's burgeoning population has those responsible scouring the state for water to supply the unquenchable suburban growth along the front range of the Rockies that stretches for 200 miles. Other, primarily southwestern metropoli from L.A. to El Paso, are trying to secure a water supply to accommodate their next 25 years of population explosion.

But actually locating, seeing and proving that Mars has

water beneath its surface is electrifying to me. The accomplishment and findings of this feat rank with putting a man on the moon, the taming of the jalapeño, and the invention of insecticides.

Four million miles away on a red planet, just a bright dot in the night sky, we landed a toy shovel with a stove and a wireless cell phone with a camera. The picture showed a scrape of the bucket in the Martian dirt with two distinct wet spots in the track. Not a doubt.

It's like making a connection that heretofore, had just been a blurb in the imagination of the human mind. Science fiction writers' plots. Scientists' puzzles. Romantics' hopes. Star-gazers' dreams. It touches a deep spot inside of us. I concede not everyone is as impressed as I when the University of Arizona proved their theory that H<sub>2</sub>O existed on Mars. It didn't even make the front page of many newspapers. There was a ho-hum reaction on television news that treated celebrity baby births, campaign promises, and political corruption as higher priorities.

But finding water on Mars is a watershed in the progress of mankind's earthly knowledge of the universe. Suddenly Mars is no longer a barren giant rock circling the sun. It is

no longer lifeless. It is not as hostile. H<sub>2</sub>O exists under its surface and with it, oxygen. Basic essentials for life, as Coloradoans can tell you. They are protective of their beautiful canyons and streams and mountains. They have for years voted down attempts to capture more water from the Front Range runoffs. But ... now days, the "environmentalists" are being washed away by the reality of demand.

In Colorado, developers, California immigrants, and politicians have spent decades plotting ways to beg, buy, borrow, or steal water from the agricultural communities. Now they have the numbers. Major water projects are in the permitting process or under construction to expand reservoirs, build new ones, build new dams, and install massive new pipelines from distant sources. There is an urgency.

Maybe by the time Denver, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Phoenix have drained every drop of water from the washrag of neighboring counties, we will be shooting H<sub>2</sub>O molecules on laser beams from deep wells on Mars and using them to flush toilets and water golf courses in Scottsdale and Aurora!

Hey, anything can happen. You wouldn't believe it! We just found water on Mars!

## SCHOOL AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — 5:00 PM

Auction will be held at the Randall Middle School in RANDALL, KANSAS

### LAWN EQUIPMENT & OTHER

2004 John Deere L100 riding lawn mower; 2004 John Deere TRS 21 snow blower; JD 14PZ lawn mower; Stihl weed eater; JD 4' seeder; 4' box scraper electric hyd for lawn tractor; fertilizer spreader; power washer; yard tools; used air conditioners; Delta 4" x 6" bandsaw; Century whirlpool (self contained); FM radios; 60' FM tower; metal basketball holder.

### KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Kitchen equipment inc.: Vulcan commercial gas 6 burner stove w/griddle; Scotsman cube ice machine; 6' stainless serving table; 4 section warming table; Hobart commercial

mixer; Powers milk cooler; 8' salad bar (ice); 4 refrigerators; 30" electric stove; stainless serving carts; 2 stainless tray carts; 6-16' folding lunch room tables w/benches; serving trays; cookware.

### SCHOOL ITEMS

School equipment inc.: 2 oak 4 door corner cabinets; 6-8' folding tables; folding chairs; chair rack; upholstered stacking chairs; several 2 & 4 drawer file cabinets (2 lateral); round tables; auditorium seats; child's desk & chairs; wood & metal teachers desks; several 21" TV'S; CD players; VCR's; several metal storage cabinets; several metal lockers; several roll around carts; dividers; ceiling fans; sound

systems; console piano; rolling white board; antique painted 4 section stacking bookcase w/2 sections small drawers; card files; Encod laminator; Bioelectrometry receiver; Chemistry tools; over head projectors; cameras inc.: Pentax K1000; 40+ computers; 30+ laptop computers; oak computer desks; assortment folding chairs; Beseler projector; scale; 2-36" paper rollers 8 rolls; literature rack; book shelves; metal coat racks; child's rocker; Lincoln logs; mop buckets; trash cans; year books (2001-present); assortment school books; dictionaries; weight room equipment; lockers, including colored lockers; assortment of other items.

Note: The Randall school was consolidated with Jewell this year. The equipment was in use this past school year.

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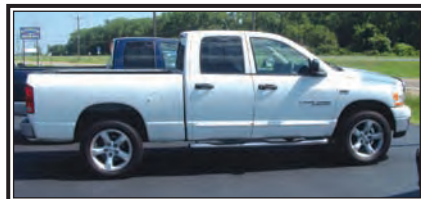
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