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Local farm and ranch store celebrates 30 years

By Beth Gaines-Riffel,
Editor

Val Rohleder never really wanted to be in retail. In fact, the native of Victoria wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and be a rancher. But the writing was on the wall, so to speak. The enterprising young man knew that with only 600 acres in the family operation, that dream was not to be. While his life may not have followed down the path he would have originally picked out, there is no doubt that the owner of Pioneer Farm and Ranch, Inc. in Abilene found a calling that he was well suited for. In August the store marked its 30-year anniversary providing goods to farmers and ranchers of the region.

It wasn't even necessarily intentionally that Rohleder ended up in Abilene — although some solid research into the business climate and the needs of farmers and ranchers in the region — resulted in a good business decision.

After high school Rohleder enlisted in the service as a young man along with 80-plus of his classmates. As duty called, he did a tour during the Korean War before being discharged in 1951. Being trained as a heavy-equipment mechanic, he put his military training and skills to use working for several Caterpillar stores out west before going to work for a John Deere dealership. A change of ownership in the dealership forced Rohleder to look for alternate employment and found that he enjoyed the retail side of agriculture — he took a job with Plainsman Supply in Salina in 1958. He eventually would become general manager for the operations — which had him moving back to Hays to oversee the seven stores in Kansas. But in 1975, change again took place — this time Orscheln's buying out Plainsman supply.

When the farm retail business ownership change

took place, Rohleder wasn't offered the option to make the transition to the new company — which many might have found discouraging, but not Rohleder. Instead he looked to make his own opportunity.

Taking advice from Lee Nelson, who owned Bluestem Farm Supply in Emporia, Rohleder contemplated opening his own business. "I owe a lot to Lee," Rohleder said. "He opened a lot of doors for us."

The first question was where to set up shop. "We looked around the area, trying to determine the service needs," he explained. And, with partners Harold Hall and Bob Webb, — all three former Plainsman employees — bought the current site in Abilene in March of 1978 and by August of that year the building had been built and the store was open for business. Rohleder explained that during the construction phase a mobile home was placed on the lot to provide housing for the men as they designed, built and purchased for their venture.

"We found out after the first year that our store wasn't big enough, but we've made it work all these years," he explained. The firm has chosen to lease warehouse storage space, but hasn't expanded the facility in the past three decades. Rohleder indicated during the interview that additional space wasn't out of the question as the business goes forward.

As the three built the business — providing the equipment and supplies needed by those in the farming and ranching businesses — each had an area of expertise. For Rohleder, it was making good purchasing decisions — getting the best deal possible for the inventory required by his customers.



Nick Rohleder, pictured left, has learned the business from his father Val Rohleder, who has spent nearly his entire career working retail in the agriculture industry — the last thirty in his own store, Pioneer Farm and Ranch.

To do that, a couple of significant buying groups came into play — and are still the basis for the business yet today. The store is affiliated with the Ace Hardware group as well as the AFT Farm buying group.

Rohleder explained that conventions are held a couple of times each year where new products and trends are featured — with stores given special purchasing prices or favorable purchasing terms. "Those can mean five or ten percent of your bottom line," he explained.

And keeping current is crucial in the business. Rohleder observed that his customer base has changed, rather significantly, in the 30 years that the store has been open. The shift in farming trends from the large, full-time operation to one that is run on weekends and evenings has impacted the

and scope of the equipment and products offered. "The weekend farmer has the same needs of the big guy, just on a smaller scale," he said. He also recognized the importance of those that keep companion animals — horses and pets. "They have products that they want to buy and are willing to spend the money for them," he explained. "I didn't initially recognize the value of the horse owner, but I do now."

To keep abreast of the changes in the industry, besides going to the national sales meetings, Rohleder relies on long-time customers to give him feedback about what they need to see in his store to be successful. "We listen to what they tell us," he said.

Customers responded positively, said the businessmen. An addition to the

stores line — which carries an extensive list of farm necessities — such as water pumps and other plumbing materials — the store added parts for machinery restoration.

"We have a catalog and people call from all over the country and we ship parts to them," he explained. "People love to tinker with those old tractors."

Like many ag-related businesses, work is a family affair — and Pioneer Farm & Ranch, Inc. is no exception. In addition to his wife Tina, two of the three Rohleder children are involved in the business — Amy Dautel working in bookkeeping and Nick Rohleder now the CEO — who has worked his way through the ranks after starting his career elsewhere, but deciding that he wanted to

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The Rohleders — Tina and Val — recently celebrated 50 years of marriage — spending over half of that working side-by-side in the family business.

Brisk late summer temperatures draw concerns for early freeze

By Mary Lou
Peter-Blecha

Unusually cool weather through much of August and early September in the central High Plains is sparking concern that crops may not reach maturity before the first freeze.

"Most fields will probably reach maturity before the first freeze, but dry-down could be a problem," said Kansas State University agronomist Kraig Roozeboom, adding that the first freeze would be when temperatures across a region drop to a growth-halting 28 degrees F rather than when the mercury dips to 32 F in scattered areas.

Development and maturation of most summer crops in Kansas are driven by temperature, said Roozeboom, who is a cropping systems specialist with K-State Research and Extension. Corn and sorghum are especially dependent on temperature, while soybean and cotton flowering and maturation depend on a combination of day length and temperature.

Formulas widely used to describe the relationship between temperature and crop growth use the heat unit concept, he said. Growing degree units (GDU) are calculated for each crop based on the sensitivity of that crop to high or low temperatures.

The GDU formula for corn is [(Daytime high + Nighttime low)/2] - 50. In this formula, Roozeboom said, the high is capped at 86 degrees F. and the low has a floor of 50 F. He compared the GDU accumulation for Aug. 1 to Sept. 9 in various locations around Kansas this year to the normal GDU accumulation for those dates and the normal GDU accumulation from Sept. 10 until the date with a 50 percent chance of a 28 degree F frost for each location. Aug. 1 was chosen because the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported that 94 percent of the corn crop had silked by Aug. 3.

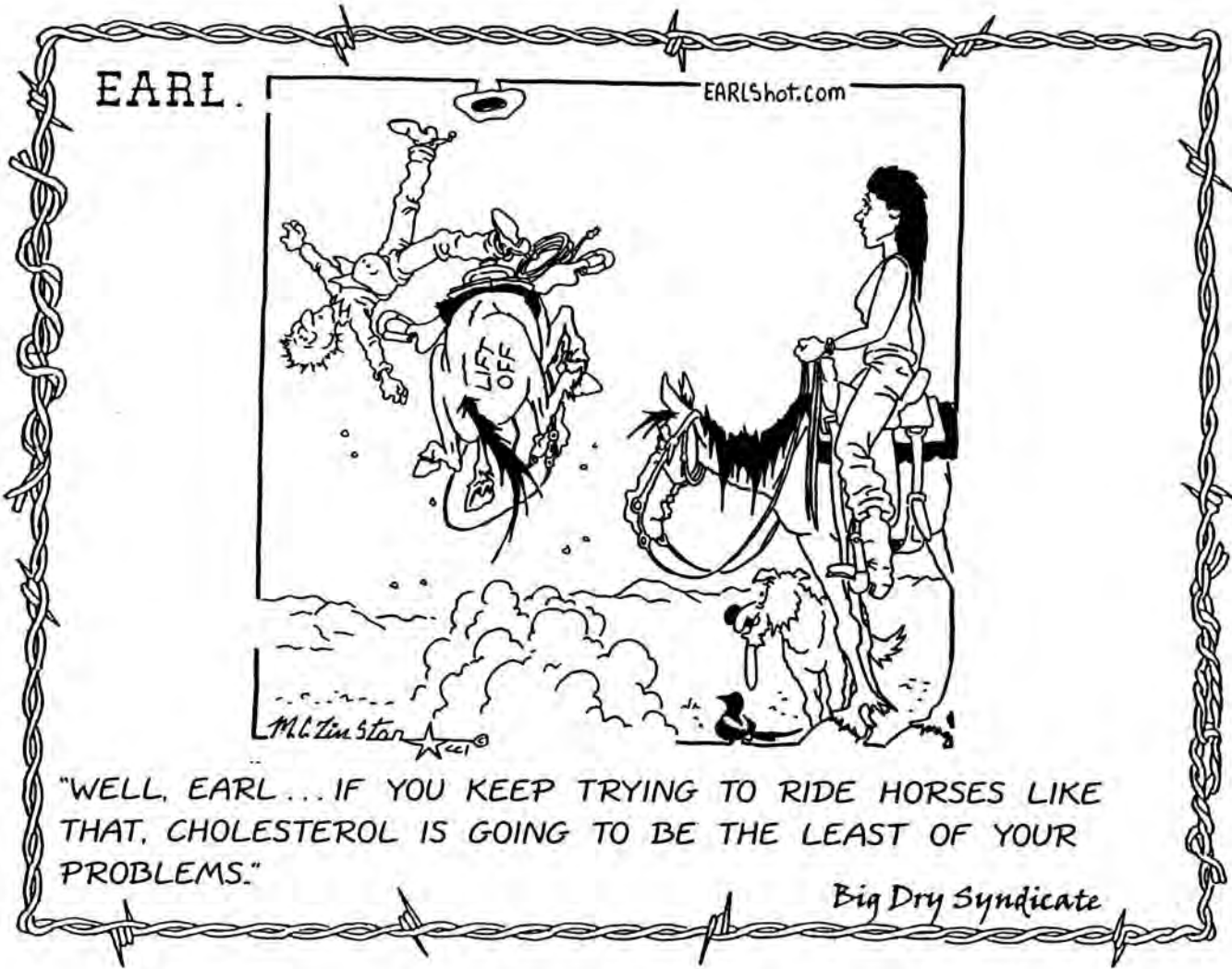
"Most of the state accumulated significantly fewer GDU in August and early September this year than normal," Roozeboom said. "A mid-season corn hybrid needs approximately 1,300 GDU from silking until maturity (black layer)." His calculations indicated that medium maturity corn hybrids should reach black layer before frost in most of the state, assuming they had silked sometime before Aug. 1.

For example, Hutchinson had 893 GDUs Aug. 1-Sept. 9 this year compared with the usual 1,111. The normal corn GDU Sept. 10 to 50 percent frost date there is

715, so the estimated total GDU accumulation from August 1 to the 50 percent frost date is 1,608.

Later planted or full-season, irrigated corn in western and north central Kansas may have difficulty maturing if it had not silked by Aug. 1 or even by the second half of July. Colby, in northwest Kansas for instance, had 752 GDUs Aug. 1-Sept. 9 this year compared with 922 normally. The normal corn GDU Sept. 10 to 50 percent frost date is 414, making a projected total of 1,166 GDU from August 1 to the 50 percent frost date. Scan-

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Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

Watching the financial news unfold last week was a wee bit unsettling. I'm generally a "glass half full" type of a person rather than a naysayer, so I didn't put a lot of stock into all the hype being touted by the evening newscasters. While it is certainly a troubling situation, I can't help believe that cooler heads will prevail and with some time things will rectify themselves and will return to "normal."

But in the meantime I've listened to a variety of talk show hosts and financial advisors give their take on the situation and the thing that I find ironic, is that their advice is similar to one the pioneers might have followed/believed so many years ago: diversify. Don't put all your proverbial eggs in one basket — although our forefathers were actually talking about the produce of their flock of chickens.

It is that approach that has kept farmers and ranchers in business and growing and thriving for many years. We all know that when one segment of agriculture does really well — say grain production — generally it is at the expense of the opposite. We all have heard the cattlemen lament over the pain of \$5 corn.

While one might scoff at the notion of the security of a little diversity — it's time likes these that highlight the importance of having a business portfolio that can help bring a bit balance to the balance sheet.

I don't think that it's as simple as adding crops to a livestock operation — or vice versa, but having some diversity within for added market opportunities.

Take the agronomic options, for instance. Sure, the old standbys including corn, sorghum, soybeans and wheat are regularly in the mix on most farms which is not bad for diversity — different seasons, and some years fair better than others depending on the weather — but what about taking that to the next level.

Have you ever considered adding in some less common crops to the mix — cotton, canola, sesame or sunflowers? Research done at some of the land grant institutions and privately are showing that there are some significant returns available for those that are willing to diversify from the old standbys. And while I don't think that anyone needs to go wild and switch all of one's acres to these crops, I don't think a little diversity could hurt.

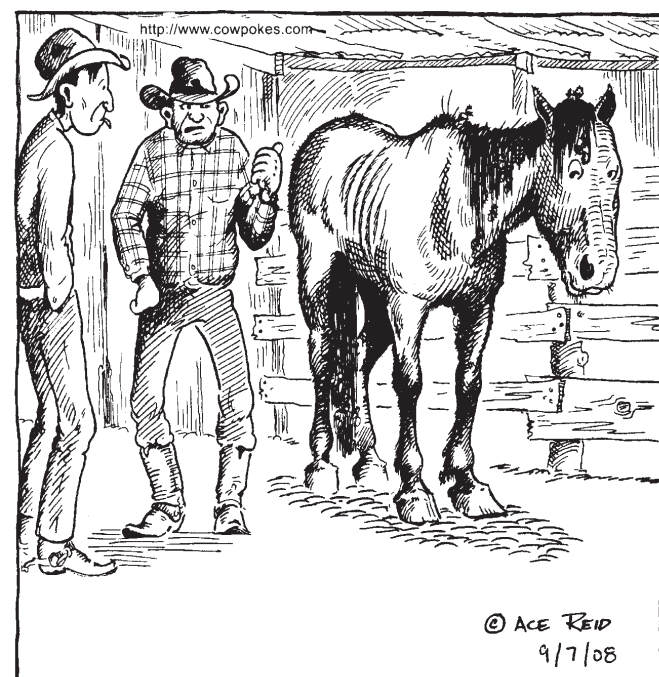
Same could be said for livestock operations — maybe a whole other species might not be the answer — but maybe adding another segment — backgrounding calves or adding an "off-season" calving group to spread out forage resources or even doing alternative grazing might be a way to diversify enough to give a bit of a cushion to the profitability of an operation.

While Wall Street may seem to be far away from the mainstreet that we know and love — I can't help but believe that there are lessons to be learned there. Or maybe they aren't lessons to be learned — but a confirmation that grandma really did know best.

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

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By Ace Reid



"You think things is bad! Last year a man offered me \$1,000 for this hoss. Today I wuz bid 4 cents a pound!"



Yesterday I hit the "80" mark. Hey, it's not so bad! The sun still came up and there was a cloudless sky. When I looked out the windows, the sun was reflecting off the wind towers that are going up from three to seven miles away. Of the thirty towers that I counted, five are finished with the blades attached. I really don't think we will mind their appearance on the horizon, especially if they will help alleviate our energy deficit. They will also bring in additional income to some of our neighbors, which is good for our country. As I look around and about, I can say that life is still exciting and glorious after 80.

Last evening 26 neighbors came to help me celebrate. The camp site was buzzing with four toddlers, three teenagers, four old duffers like myself, and the rest were strong, productive people in their prime. It was a good mix. May served a great picnic-style meal with me flipping the hamburgers.

One neighbor was quite creative in decorating my birthday cake. On one corner of the cake was a section of brown icing that resembled freshly tilled soil with a tiny tractor and tillage tool arranged within it. A large area on the top was green like the pastures, with little clusters of trees. Two horses in the pastures and a few sunflowers for color made it look pretty realistic. An area of blue icing represented the pond; and in the midst of it was a little bass boat with the fisherman (me) pulling out his line with a whopper of a fish dangling on it.

Hitting 80 just isn't bad at all when you have friends around. Yesterday I received several phone calls as well as cards in the mail, extending birthday wishes. My celebrating actually began two weeks ago on Labor Day weekend, so I have probably stretched it to the limit. I believe it has been the most memorable birthday of my life, but now it is time to look ahead to some new projects.

I have received a report that the scholarship fund, established in my name by former students, for a scholarship to be awarded yearly to a senior in vocational agriculture at Dist. 417 is continuing to grow at a rapid pace. John White, a former student of mine and who is president of one of the most stable banks in Kansas, is receiving contributions at Farmers and Drovers Bank at Council Grove, 66846.

I realize that some of you have added to the fund, and I want to assure you these donations are appreciated. I believe there is no limit to the good that could come from this. It will help deserving students go on to achieve training to prepare them for the future. I am convinced that we are going to pass on to the younger generation in our country some conditions that are a mess. Now, even Merrill Lynch's big bull is very sick and may die. We need to prepare our young people with tools so they can help clean up this mess. What better way to do it than through basically sound education? They do not need to sit under crackpot, extremely left-wing professors who push their own ideological beliefs and agenda, however (Did I say that? Sorry, it just slipped out)! I do think that the youth of rural Kansas are well qualified to demonstrate to others exemplary work ethics and to show that good character will pay off. I must add that this is also true of young people in the city who have been taught to work and be productive.

The editor, Beth Gaines-Riffel, has given me much flexibility in the length of this column; and with so many exciting activities going on lately, my recent ones have been rather long. For the sake of readers as well as the staff, this one is shorter.

Thank you for helping May and me celebrate. Your letters and phone calls have been quite encouraging. God bless you!

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."

— John Wesley

When we accept tough jobs as a challenge to our ability and wade into them with joy and enthusiasm, miracles can happen.

— Arland Gilbert



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Weather could be unpredictable

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dia in north central Kansas had 797 GDUs Aug. 1-Sept. 9 this year compared with the average 1,028 GDUs. The normal corn GDU Sept. 10 to 50 percent frost date is

Rohleder

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give the family business a try.

Rohleder said that above all, to be successful in retail business — whether it is farm-related or otherwise — is to provide good customer service. “Sure, we make mistakes, but if the customer gives us a chance to fix it, we will,” he said. “Customer service is the key. Everyone wants to be treated like a decent human being.”

It's a message that Rohleder stresses with his staff. He said that having a good attitude is a requirement for the job. “In this business you get to match wits with the customer. When they come in the door, they have a problem and it's our job to help solve it. It's the aspect of the job that I really enjoy.”

Giving credit to the staff for the success of the business is something that comes easy for Rohleder. “The shortest-time employee has been here four years,” he said proudly. “I couldn't have done it all these years without them.”

567 for a projected total of 1,364 GDU.

“Even if the crop reaches black layer before frost, cool temperatures may slow dry-down and delay harvest,” he said. “Neither is very attractive given the high cost of drying grain and the increased possibility of lodging the longer the corn stands in the field.”

He is encouraging producers to consider their options for harvesting higher moisture corn or to perhaps to look for markets for silage if their corn is unlikely to mature before frost.

Grain sorghum, the agronomist said, also develops in response to temperature, but the relationship between sorghum development and temperature is not as clear. Sorghum development before heading can be slowed in response to moisture deficit regardless of temperature. Temperature does, however, drive grain maturation from the half-bloom stage of development until the black layer stage.

“Most sorghum hybrids

need about 1,500 GDU from half bloom to physiological maturity,” Roozeboom said.

Sorghum GDUs are figured according to the formula: [(Daytime high + Nighttime low)/2] - 42.

Roozeboom's calculations for various locations in Kansas indicated that sorghum in western Kansas will likely not reach maturity before frost if it had not bloomed by the middle of August. In addition, if sorghum had not bloomed by Sept. 1 in north central and northeast Kansas, it may not reach maturity before frost.

“These projections are based on normal temperatures from here on out,” he said. “If temperatures continue their cool trend, the likelihood of maturing is even less than projected.”

More information on the subject is available at K-State Research and Extension county and district offices and on the Web in the publication AF-162, Probability of Sorghum Maturing Before Freeze.

Correct rates vital to success in seeding fescue, bluegrass

Using the wrong rate can be a serious mistake in seeding or overseeding a tall fescue or Kentucky bluegrass lawn this September.

“Sowing too little seed saves neither time nor money. At best, it results in a thin, clumpy, weedy stand of turf,” said Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

With tall fescue, in particular, homeowners sometimes err too far in the other direction, Upham said. They sow too much seed, hoping the approach will give their lawn a finer texture — more like a healthy bluegrass lawn.

“Bad idea,” he said. “No matter the kind of turf, too much seed can be worse than too little. In fact, it can become a grass killer. Overcrowding leads to weak, poorly rooted turf plants that are unusually prone to disease and stress damage.”

In Kansas, starting a tall fescue lawn from scratch requires 6 to 8 pounds of seed per 1,000 square feet of surface — no more, no less,

Upham said. Overseeding a thin fescue lawn takes about half that amount of seed.

Kentucky bluegrass seeds are so much smaller than fescue seeds that 1 to 3 pounds per 1,000 square feet give a new lawn a good start. Again, overseeding requires about half that.

He recommends homeowners adopt one of the following options for distributing seed evenly and then maintain a steady walking pace as they use the spreader:

Carefully calibrate the seeder before using it. K-

State's step-by-step instructions on how non-professionals can calibrate lawn spreaders are available at every Kansas county and district Extension office.

Measure out the amount of seed your lawn needs. Adjust the seeder to a low/slow distribution setting. Then cover the lawn area multiple times. Complete each successive pass in an opposite direction until all the seed has been distributed.

Applying fertilizer before or during seeding is a good idea, too, he said.

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tion; angel collection; assortment blue & white plates; TV lamp; elephant candy dish; Kerosene lamp; figural decanter; Rogers flatware; Peanuts coffee cups; assortment pictures; bird tray; post cards; dresser set; lighters; cameras; bus coin changer; Watt advertising bowl; Eastern Star jewelry; pewter coffee pot & candle holders; sprinkling can; collection crock pitchers; blue granite coffee pot; cedar chest; step stool; several pieces of modern furniture.

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Reserve note; \$2 bills; stamp collection; stamp collection books; Stuckey genealogy; Mennonite history books; assortment minerals, Carnival glass bowls; Depression glass; assortment pressed glass; mini kerosene lamps; costume jewelry; leaded glass windows; glass battery jars.

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large office desk; Ham radio equipment; large assortment Ham radio parts; Craftsman lawn mower; Snapper lawn mower; Craftsman table saw; end wrenches; screwdrivers; 18" crescent wrench; tool boxes; woodworking bench; cameras; Ricoh video camera; Triplet meters; assortment telephones; Gateway 2000 hand book; kitchen appliances; camping equipment; yard tools; assortment lumber.

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

NOTE: Be sure to note the starting time at 12:30. We will run two auctions at 1:00 when we will sell coins and stamps.

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walnut Eastlake secretary; oak hall tree with mirror and umbrella pans; kitchen cabinet, nice; oak baker's rack, unusual; oak parlor table with glass claw and ball feet; Victorian side chairs; oak parlor settee and side chair; oak cabinet, goes next to roll top desk; ornate iron bed with near new mattress set,

full; oak bed full; cedar chest; oak Hoosier-type kitchen cabinet; oak mission library table; oak rocker oak dressers with mirrors; Eastlake dresser, tall mirror, glove boxes & marble top; oak stacking lawyer's bookcase, 3 tier; oak mission 3 drawer file cabinet, unusual; oak cloverleaf parlor table; butcher block; walnut tier table; walnut mirror; grain cradle; wooden chest; wood smoke stand; 3 wooden clothes racks; oak four poster bed, new queen mattress set; oak table and six chairs; glass and brass coffee table; couch & loveseat, excellent condition; Hardwick Stove Co. parlor stove; Rock Island Radiona wood stove, very unusual.

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES

butter churn; depression glass, various patterns; various cut glass; various Fiesta pcs.; crock bowls; various crocks & jugs; 3 Haeger mixing bowls; 2 wall telephones; 2 antique desk style telephones; misc. brass items; misc. silver plate items; small display case; toy

sewing machine; toy train with track; misc. toys and dolls; wooden washboard; railroad lanterns & switch locks; large brass cash register; misc. dishes and kitchen items; 2 jewelers lathes; CI items; Fairmont Food Co. milk crate, Council Grove; 3 wire egg baskets; kitchen primitives; fruit jars; lightning rod with ball; kerosene lamps; Rayo kerosene lamp; silhouette pictures; cowboy silhouette, thermometer, adv.; vintage post-cards; old books; comic books including Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Lone Ranger & etc.; Santa Fe calendars; 1900's to 1930's calendars; advertising items; vintage linens, handkerchiefs; marbles; clown jars; Marx Guid A Traffic car set; Lone Ranger Target game; old set with barn and animals; Remington Federal wooden ammo crates; 5 full tackle boxes, new and old wooden lures; vintage wooden water skis; traps, Victor and others; WWI helmet; US Air Corps ashtray.

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RED BEAN & RICE SOUP

- 1 pound dry red beans
- 14- to 16-ounce package smoked sausage (Johnsonville Orleans Andouille is good, but any cured sausage will work; I just like the spicy kind better)
- 6 to 8 cups stock (if you have some ham broth, great. I have also used broth made from beef bouillon granules)
- 1/2 to 1 cup tomato juice, V8 or tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Salt & pepper, to taste
- Red pepper flakes, to taste

Rinse and soak the red beans according to instructions on bag. Overnight and quick methods both work fine. Put the beans and broth in a large pot or crock-pot and bring to a boil. Slice (or dice) sausage to desired size. It isn't absolutely necessary, but I like to brown the sausage before adding it to the beans. Let the beans cook an hour or so before adding the sausage and tomato juice to the pot. Cook another hour. Add 1/2 cup rice (not instant) and cook another 30 minutes or until rice is done. I usually taste the soup before adding the rice and add salt as needed. Red pepper flakes are optional, but we like the extra heat.

- Kay Spoo, Frankfort:
- ### GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter
 - 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 3 to 4 tablespoons dry ranch style salad dressing mix
 - 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
 - 1 cup chopped onion
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1 1/2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
 - 1 1/4 pounds fresh green beans, cooked until crisp-tender
 - 1 cup fresh bread crumbs, toasted
- Melt butter in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir in flour; cook 1 to 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Using wire whisk, stir in milk; bring to a boil. Cook, whisking constantly for 1 to 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in dressing mix and white pepper; set aside. Preheat

oven to 350 degrees. Spray medium skillet with non-stick cooking spray; heat over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until tender. Remove half of onion mixture; set aside. Add mushrooms to onion mixture remaining in skillet and cook about 5 minutes or until mushrooms are tender. Combine mushroom mixture, green beans and white sauce in a 1 1/2-quart casserole. Combine bread crumbs with reserved onion mixture; sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, until heated through, 20 to 30 minutes.

HINT: To make bread crumbs, remove crusts from day-old bread slices and tear slices into pieces. Put pieces in a food processor or blender and process them using an on/off pulsing action until you have fine crumbs.

Rose M. Dietz, Hoisington: "With peaches in season now this is really quick to put together."

PEACHY ROLLS

- 2 cups frozen unsweetened sliced peaches, thawed & chopped
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
 - 1/2 cup orange juice
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - (2) 19-ounce packages freezer to oven cinnamon rolls
- In a small saucepan combine peaches, brown sugar, orange juice, cinnamon and vanilla. Bring to a boil and cook and stir for 2 minutes. Pour into a greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Top with cinnamon rolls. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 10 minutes before inverting onto a serving plate. If desired, drizzle with contents of frosting packet from cinnamon rolls. Serve warm. Yield: 1 dozen.
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Lydia Steinlage, Corning: "As the weather is cooling off, we love this quick chowder. Add some fruit and it's a meal. It can be prepared in about 30 minutes."

POTATO CHOWDER

- 2 cups hot water
 - 2 cups diced potatoes
 - 1/2 of an onion, sliced or chopped, divided
 - 1 teaspoon celery seed (or can use chopped celery, about 1/4 cup)
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup frozen mixed vegetables
 - 1/4 cup flour
 - 2 cups milk
 - 2 cups (8 ounces) Velveeta cheese, cubed
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper (to taste)
 - 1/2 pound bacon
- Boil potatoes with about 1/4 of onion, celery seed (or celery), and salt. When about half done, add frozen mixed vegetables. Boil until fork tender but not falling apart. While potatoes are cooking, cut bacon into about 1-inch pieces. Fry with remainder of onion to desired crispness. Reduce heat on potatoes to low and stir flour into milk and pour into undrained cooked potatoes. Stir and add

Velveeta, pepper and bacon. Simmer to melt cheese and thicken, stirring occasionally so it does not stick. Do not boil.

NOTE: As you make this soup, you will discover that you can chop potatoes and cover with water and cook like normal. Drain part of water off to make chowder. It's really a dump and pour recipe to make to your family's preferences. Delicious with new potatoes with the skins left on. Also can substitute 1 cup diced ham for bacon and not have the mess of frying bacon. If your family doesn't like mixed vegetables, use 1/2 cup chopped or sliced carrots.

Gin Fox, Holton: "This is my mother-in-law's cake recipe that she would use. It's delicious and so moist and easy. You don't have to peel the apples!"

- ### MOM'S RAW APPLE CAKE
- 2 cups sugar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon soda
 - 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 2 cups flour
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/2 cup shortening
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 5 cups raw diced apples, no need to peel
- Sift dry ingredients to-

gether. Add eggs and shortening and stir. Pour in vanilla and apples. Let stand 5 minutes then stir again. Pour into a 9-by-12-inch baking dish. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Kathy Hogue of Topeka/Alma has the perfect quick-prep supper for the end of a busy day weaning calves. Her niece, Wendy Nolte, sent it from California with permission to pass along to our Grass & Grain cooks.

- ### ITALIAN BEEF STEW
- (2) 14-ounce cans cannellini beans
 - 2 garlic cloves, chopped
 - 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
 - 14-ounce can Italian stewed tomatoes
 - 14-ounce can reduced sodium chicken broth
 - 1/2 pound baked ham
 - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 - 6-ounce bag baby spinach
 - Loaf baguette bread
 - Additional olive oil
- Rinse and drain beans. Cook garlic in large heavy pan with olive oil until gold-

en. Chop up tomatoes and add with juice to pot. Stir in broth, beans, ham and pepper. Bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer uncovered 5 minutes. Add spinach and cook until wilted. Slice bread and place on cookie sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and broil till golden. Serve with stew.

Elnora Yoder, Hutchinson:

- ### POTATO SALAD
- 6 potatoes, cooked & diced
 - 6 eggs, boiled & diced
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 1/2 cup chopped celery
- Dressing:**
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/2 cup heavy cream
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 6 tablespoons vinegar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 tablespoon mustard
- Mix potatoes, eggs, onion and celery in a large bowl. In a separate bowl combine dressing ingredients. Add to potato mixture and stir well to coat. Refrigerate.
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Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "For a quick dessert with ice cream."

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1 cup flour
3/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup butter
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
Put cherries in an 8-by-8-inch square baking dish. Mix the rest of the ingredients and put over cherries.

NOTE: Apples or peaches can be used.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
STUFFED ZUCCHINI

4 medium zucchini
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons butter
1 pound ground chuck
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup dry bread crumbs
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon ketchup
1 egg
15-ounce can tomato sauce
Grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Slice zucchini in half lengthwise and scoop out centers and chop. Arrange shells in a 9-by-13-inch pan. Cook chopped zucchini and onion in butter until tender. In a bowl combine zucchini onion mixture with ground chuck, bread crumbs, salt, pepper, ketchup and egg. Spoon into shells. Pour tomato sauce over meat mixture. Bake for 45 minutes or until zucchini is tender. Sprinkle with cheese.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "Cherry pie filling uses don't end when you put away the pie plate. I always have lots of cherries."

SWEET & SOUR SHRIMP

1 cup cherry pie filling
4 teaspoons cider vinegar
4 teaspoons brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 medium green pepper, cut into thin strips
1/2 cup sliced water chestnuts
1/2 pound cooked medium shrimp, peeled & deveined
1 1/2 cups hot cooked rice

In a large saucepan combine pie filling, vinegar, brown sugar and ginger. Cook over medium heat until filling is hot and bubbly. Add the green pepper, water chestnuts and shrimp. Cook over medium heat 4 to 5 minutes longer or until shrimp is heated through (do not overcook). Serve with rice. Yield: 2 servings.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
PIMIENTO CHEESE SPREAD

4 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup chopped pimientos
1 tablespoon pickle relish
1 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon hot sauce
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

In a food processor pulse cheese until it resembles a fine meal. Add mayonnaise and process until creamy. Add all other ingredients. Process until blended.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
BROWN SUGAR PECAN ANGEL FOOD CAKE

12 egg whites, room temperature
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups firmly packed brown sugar, divided
1 1/2 cups cake flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl combine egg whites, cream of tartar and salt. Beat at high speed with mixer until foamy. Sift 1 cup brown sugar. With mixer running, gradually add to

egg white mixture, beating until stiff peaks form. In a bowl combine remaining 1 cup brown sugar and flour; sift. Gently fold into egg white mixture until combined. Fold in vanilla and pecans. Spoon batter into an ungreased angel food cake pan. Bake for 32 to 35 minutes or until golden. Invert cake onto the small end of a funnel and let cool completely. Gently run a knife around edge of cake to release sides. Remove cake from pan.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
BEAN SOUP

3/4 lb. bulk Italian sausage
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
1 can diced tomatoes, undrained
14 1/2- or 16-ounce can ready-to-serve beef broth
1 can black beans, drained
1 can butter beans, drained
2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese

In a large pan combine sausage, onion, garlic and basil. Cook over medium high heat until sausage is well-browned and onion is tender, stirring occasionally; drain. Add remaining ingredients except cheese and stir. Cover and cook over medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes or until heated through and flavors are blended, stirring occasionally. To serve ladle into bowls and top each serving with parmesan cheese.

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Weather monitoring in Kansas enters new phase

The next generation of Kansas weather monitoring has begun, according to Kansas State climatologist Mary Knapp.

With 14 new and improved weather data collection towers installed by the end of the year, Kansas will benefit from more accurate and detailed weather information, said Knapp, who runs the Kansas Weather Data Library, based in K-State Research and Extension.

"The goal is to locate underrepresented sites for automated weather data collection in Kansas — particularly in the north central area and the Flint Hills of southeast and east central Kansas — and fill in the gaps with improved automated monitoring towers," Knapp said.

New 30-foot towers have been installed in Jefferson, Clay, and Washington counties, and plans call for similar towers in Wabaunsee, Cherokee, and other counties.

Led by the Kansas Water Office and funded through the Kansas legislature, the new and improved towers are part of the comprehensive automated weather monitoring project called "Kansas Mesonet," a system of stations across the state that measures surface meteorology information every minute of every day.

The data is used primarily to improve the safety of citizens in the state, and to increase the productivity of businesses and producers, Knapp said.

The towers record air temperature and relative humidity (5 feet above ground), wind direction

and speed (both at 30 feet and 6 feet), solar radiation, total precipitation (15 inches above ground), and soil temperature and moisture at five different depths (up to 48 inches).

"Soil temperature and moisture measurements affect everything from crop planting decisions and possible crop freeze injury determinations, to potential damage to building foundations," Knapp said.

The additional monitoring stations in Kansas Mesonet will potentially help conserve the state's natural resource supplies and keep citizens healthy and safe, said Knapp. For instance, she explained that better water runoff in-

formation will mean better flood forecasting. More detailed weather data will help individuals and businesses determine their energy demands. Wind models will help show how far particulates and smoke from burning will travel.

Also, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is looking into the drought/water table response in southwest Kansas, and the towers are expected to assist its research.

The word "mesonet" is a combination of the words "mesoscale" and "network," Knapp said. In meteorology, "mesoscale" refers to weather events that range in size from about one mile to about 150

miles across. Mesoscale events last from several minutes to several hours. Thunderstorms, wind gusts, heatbursts, and drylines are examples of mesoscale events.

More information about the Kansas Weather Data Library at K-State is available on the website: www.oznet.ksu.edu/wdl.



Logan Puett, Manhattan, led out the Grand Champion Simmental heifer shown during the 2008 Kansas State Fair recently completed in Hutchinson.

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- 11 am:** Parade down Main Street
- 12:00 pm:** Lunch served by the Alta Vista Chamber Masonic Lodge, Ice Cream Social
- 1 pm:** Adult games, Horseshoe, Darrell Carlton; Volleyball, Lori McDiffett
- 1:45 pm:** Kids Games, Main Street, Frog & Turtle Races, Foot Races, Bike Races, Balloon/Egg Toss, Stick Horse, Ball Throw
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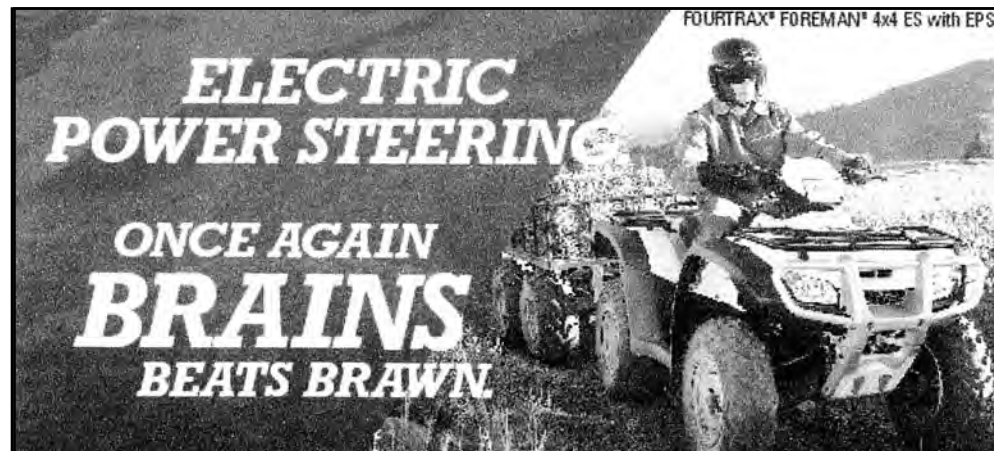
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GENERAL DESCR.: A tract of approx. 120 A. w/109.91 A. nearly level, tillable cropland, 8.0 A. old farmstead w/ 52'x 70' Astro metal Building w/walkin door & 26'x 14' door.

BASE ACRES: 87.3 A. wheat; 23.0 A. milo; .2 A. soybeans; **2008 FSA Payment:** \$1,651.00; **Taxes:** \$1,289.34.

TRACT II - 40 ACRES

LOCATION: 7 miles West on Rock Road and 1 mile South on 60th Road of Concordia, Ks. (60th & Quail Road).

LEGAL DESCR.: The NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 in 7-6-4, Cloud County, Kansas.

GENERAL DESCR.: A tract of 43 A. w/27.46 A. level creek bottom, tillable cropland. 15.67 A. creek, trees & wildlife habitat.

BASE ACRES: 23.5 A. wheat; .5 A. milo; 1.5 A. soybeans; **2008 FSA Payment:** \$362.00; **Taxes:** \$290.52.

TRACT III - 40 ACRES

LOCATION: 7 miles West on Rock Road and 3/4 mile South on (60th & Quail Road) of Concordia, Ks.

LEGAL DESCR.: The SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 in 1-6-5 Cloud County, Kansas.

GENERAL DESCR.: A tract of 40 acres w/38.47 A. level cropland w/balance consisting of roadways.

BASE ACRES: 33/0 A. wheat; .7 A. milo; 2 A. soybeans; **2008 FSA Payment:** \$508.00; **Taxes:** \$343.76.

TRACT IV - 80 ACRES

LOCATION: 9 miles Southwest (on #9 Hwy.) and 1/2 mile South (on 90th Rd.) of Concordia, Ks.

LEGAL DESCR.: The S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 in 34-6-4, Cloud County, Ks.

GENERAL DESCR.: A tract of 80 acres w/64.5 acres slightly rolling, terraced, tillable cropland, 11.24 Acres creek, trees & wildlife habitat, 1.99 acres waterways.

BASE ACRES: 32.8 A. wheat; 22.2 A. milo; 4.0 A. soybeans; 2.0 A. barley; **2008 FSA Payment:** \$890.00; **Taxes:** \$600.58.

LOCATION: 10 miles Southwest (on #9 Hwy.) of Concordia, Ks. (#9 Hwy. & 80th Rd.).

LEGAL DESCR.: The N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and

the NE 1/4 except a tract of 15 A. w/house & small pasture all in 32-6-4 Cloud Co., Ks.

GENERAL DESCR.: A tract of approx. 220 A. w/107.76 A. level to slightly rolling, terraced, tillable cropland. 87.75 A. pasture w/pond & good fences & 25 A. hay meadow.

BASE ACRES: 71.7 A. wheat; 30.8 A. milo; 4.2 A. soybeans; **2008 FSA Payment:** \$1,662.00; **Taxes:** \$1,232.58.

TRACT V - 220 ACRES

LOCATION: 10 miles Southwest (on #9 Hwy.) of Concordia, Ks. (#9 Hwy. & 80th Rd.).

LEGAL DESCR.: The N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 & the NE 1/4 except a tract of 15A. w/house & small pasture all in 32-6-4 Cloud Co., Ks.

GENERAL DESCR.: A tract of approx. 220 A. w/107.76 A. level to slightly rolling, terraced, tillable Cropland, 87.75 A. pasture w/pond & good fences & 25 A. hay meadow.

TRACT VI - 66 ACRES

LOCATION: 10 1/2 miles SW (on #9 Hwy.) of Concordia, Ks.

LEGAL DESCR.: The N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 in 32-6-4 Cloud Co., Ks. except a tract of 6.47 A. w/metal bldg. & Hwy. Right of Way.

GENERAL DESCR.: A tract of approx. 66 A. w/6.02 A. slightly rolling, terrace, tillable cropland with the balance consisting of water ways & waste.

BASE ACRES: 38.8 A. wheat; 15.8 A. milo; 6.4 A. Soybeans; **2008 FSA Payments:** \$875.00 **Taxes:** \$522.70.

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Combination of Tracts V & VI they will be offered separately, then as a combined unit and will sell in the manner which produces the highest bid.

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K-State researcher says 'open sesame' to the prospect of oilseed crop

Traditional agriculture in Kansas means wheat, grain sorghum, corn and soybeans, but environmental changes in recent years have opened the door to crops such as cotton, canola — and now sesame.

"Sesame is a centuries-old oilseed crop that has typically been grown for the oil content in its seeds," said Kansas State University agronomist Vic Martin. "Its oil is used as a salad or cooking oil and in shortening, margarine and soap. But in recent years it has been grown in the southern Plains for its seeds — mainly for 'confectionary' purposes on buns and as a condiment."

Now, K-State Research and Extension scientists are studying the crop as a potential alternative crop for south central and southwest Kansas.

Climatic changes in recent years resulting in somewhat warmer temperatures have opened the door to the

possibility of growing crops in Kansas that have not been feasible before, said K-State Research and Extension scientist Bill Heer. He and Martin are in their second year of conducting field trials in south central Kansas to determine the crop's suitability for Kansas.

"Sesame is extremely drought-, heat-, and insect-tolerant and develops a deep tap-root," Martin said. "It needs less water than corn, soybeans, grain sorghum and cotton and has no significant disease or insect problems currently in this region."

Previous efforts to grow sesame resulted in shattering problems, which made mechanical harvesting difficult, Martin said. However, new non-shattering varieties and increased global demand have renewed interest in the crop that can be planted and harvested using the same equipment as traditional crops such as wheat.

"There are five non-shattering varieties currently available with three likely well-adapted to Kansas," the agronomist said.

Sesame's potential as a double-crop after wheat harvest looks promising, Martin said, and it is a good broadleaf to interrupt pest cycles. Since sesame is a tropical crop, the key to double-cropping is planting as soon after wheat harvest as possible.

"Sesame requires low levels of inputs, particularly fertilizer, for optimal yields," he said.

Seed prices and contracts are competitive with other dryland summer crops, especially when one takes into account that input costs are lower than most traditional crops, he added.

Some other characteristics and cautions of the crop, Martin said, include:

Typical height of 3 to 4 feet, but as high as 6 feet; Physiological maturity

comes about 100 days after emergence, with drydown to harvest from 125 to 140 days.

Seed is produced in capsules (pods) — approximately 70 seeds per pod. It is harvested at 6 percent moisture with dryland yields of 600 to 800 pounds per acre and irrigated yields of up to 1200 pounds per acre. There are typically 130,000 to 150,000 seeds per pound.

Growth is slow for the first 30 days. A good, clean

seedbed is necessary to carry the crop until rapid growth begins.

Only two herbicides are labeled in the United States for weed control.

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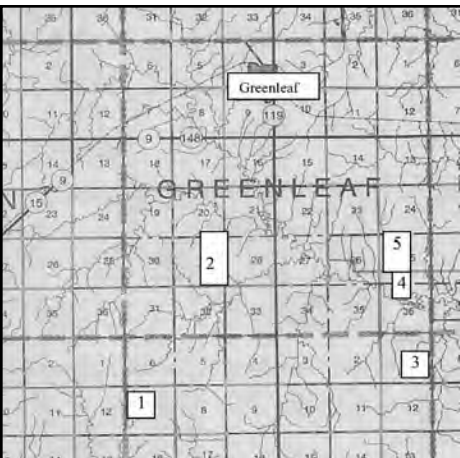
Sesame in Oklahoma and Texas is planted in 15- to 40-inch row spacing, Martin said.

"We (K-State) are evaluating current and experimental varieties in narrower rows because of a more limited growing season and for improving weed control," he added. "Work at K-State is also focusing on nitrogen fertilizer levels, seeding rates, and variety evaluation."

In 2009, the scientists plan to expand the research to several sites in the area to better evaluate sesame across a range of soil types and elevations.

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TRACT 4: NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 36 - 4 - 4 & SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 25 - 4 - 4 80 acres M/L Cropland. 52.10 acres Waterways & Wildlife habitat 28.30 acres.

BASE ACRES & YIELDS: Wheat 17.2 acres Yield 34, Corn 2.2 acres Yield 67, Sorghum 16.5 acres Yield 64, Soybeans 15.5 acres Yield 25.

DESCRIPTION: This tracts cropland is about evenly split between bottom land and upland. There is excellent wildlife habitat along coon-creek, which crosses the southwest edge of the property. Deer and turkeys are numerous on this property.

LOCATION: 2 miles east, 3 3/4 miles south, 1/4 mile east of Greenleaf Ks. this is the NW corner of the farm. Wagon train & 7th & 1/4 east

TRACT 5: NW 1/4 & N 1/2 SW 1/4 Section 25 - 4 - 4 240 acres M/L Cropland 1110.51 acres Native pasture, 123.22 acres Waterways & wildlife habitat 5 acres.

BASE ACRES & YIELDS: Wheat 36.6Acres Yield 34, Corn 4.8 Acres Yield 67, Sorghum 35.1 Acres Yield 64, Soybeans 33 Acres Yield 30

DESCRIPTION: This tract is about evenly split between cropland and pasture, The pasture has potential as cropland should one want to break it out. All conservation work has been done and is in compliance. Nice farm with lots of potential.

LOCATION: 2 miles east 3 miles south of Greenleaf Ks. This is NW corner of the farm. Wagon train & 8th.

TERMS & POSSESSION: 10% down day of the sale balance due on or before the 26th of November 2008. Seller to pay the 2008 taxes. 2009 taxes will be the Buyers responsibility. Title insurance, Escrow and Closing costs will be split equally between buyer and seller. This property is being sold subject to tenants rights. The current tenant landlord agreements are 60/40. This farm is being sold AS-IS, All inspections should be made prior to the day of the sale. This is a cash sale and will not be subject to financing, have your financing arrangements made prior to sale day. The Realty Associates are representing the seller and do not represent the buyer. All information has come from reliable sources; potential bidders are encouraged to verify all information independently. All announcements made the day of the sale will take precedence over any other information.

TRACT 1: NW 1/4 Section 7 - 5 - 4 160 acres M/L Cropland 132.8 acres Waterways and wildlife habitat 14.40 acres

BASE ACRES & YIELDS: Wheat 60.5 Acres Yield 33, Sorghum 65.6 Acres Yield 60, Soybeans 1.8 Acres Yield 16

DESCRIPTION: this gently sloping farm has good Crete type soils, all conservation work is done, the waterways are well established, some hay can be made on them. Very little waste, good investment property.

LOCATION: 3 south & 3 east of Linn Ks. This is the NW corner of the farm. Quivira & 5th Rds.

TRACT 2: E 1/2 Section 29 - 4 - 4 320 acres M/L Cropland. 275.0 acres Waterways & wildlife habitat 49.60 acres.

BASE ACRES & YIELDS: Wheat 121.7 Acres Yield 34, Sorghum 107.60 Yield 64, Soybeans 36 Acres Yield 16.

DESCRIPTION: This gently rolling farm has predominately Crete type soils, all conservation is done, approximately 50% of the waterways can be hayed.

LOCATION: 4.5 miles east of Linn Ks. or 3 south & 1 West of Greenleaf Ks. this is the NE corner of the farm. Thunder & 8th Rds

TRACT 3: SE 1/4 Section 1- 5 - 4 160 acres M/L Cropland. 38.70 acres. Native Pasture 119.20 acres.

BASE ACRES & YIELDS: Wheat 18.5 Yield 31, Oats 0.3 Acres Yield 43, Sorghum 15.8 Acres Yield 64.

DESCRIPTION: This farm is rolling in nature and is predominately pasture. The fences are fair, and there are scattered trees, there is a large pond for stock water. There is an incidence of noxious weeds on the property, this is a concern. The

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Path to nowhere

Now that the soybeans are crowding against our wooded thicket, getting to the apple tree requires navigating a narrow sliver of hardpacked dirt barely wider than a railroad tie. Whenever I cross it I think of drunks walking the white line to prove their sobriety under the studious eye of a suspicious officer, or, here

in post-Olympics fashion, of nubile young maidens performing gymnastics on balance bars. Watching them run, leap, somersault, backflip and in general defy gravity is simply stunning, but what makes it more amazing is how they land light as feathers atop wooden beams no wider than their hands. As a man I

cringe at the damage I'd inflict upon myself should I attempt such feats. Since my motor skills aren't so highly advanced, I decided to create a new path, something wider and easier to negotiate.

The apple tree rises on the far side of a 40-foot by 80-foot thicket that was intended as a garden. A really

big garden, my wife discovered, after paying a skeptical farmer to break the soil with his tractor. After that first season the little plot reverted back to native prairie, or something approaching it, followed by masses of trees, mostly elms with a sprinkling of walnut, locust and Osage oranges.

Between the thicket and a barbed wire fence marking the property line on the north lies an equal-sized rectangle I affectionally call my tallgrass prairie. It's basically what happens when you leave land fallow, or ignored, in this case. Among the waist-high grasses of various species are several red cedars that I cultivate, much to the displeasure of an ex-farmer neighbor. It's a lovely little spot I often wander through in late sum-

mer once the chiggers and ticks have relented, and it was there I decided to make a new path.

It would meander like a stream, arcing toward the trees only to curve away to break out into the far field nearer to the fence. From there it would be an easy jaunt past a series of round hay bales to the apple tree. A side benefit would be to provide alternate views of the thicket for watching migrant birds, plus the trail would be scenic.

With that in mind, I hauled the lawnmower out, fired it up and nosed the front wheels to the edge of my prairie patch.

And here it was that reality collided head-on with design. Even without my glasses I could see that the grass was three times taller

than the mower itself. Not even a Deere could run through that, so I angled the front end at a steep pitch and slowly pushed the mower forward. Being so tall, the grass brushed the front casing and harmlessly bowed away from the blades.

Slowly lowering the mower scrunched the grass into the blades but also bogged the motor from overfill. It juddered and bucked while shredded stems clogged the chute, forcing me to turn off the engine and clear the opening. By repeatedly raising and lowering the mower I was finally able to knock down the grass to a manageable level, though it looked ragged and torn. Once I finished one mower-length, I moved forward and hacked out another section. It was



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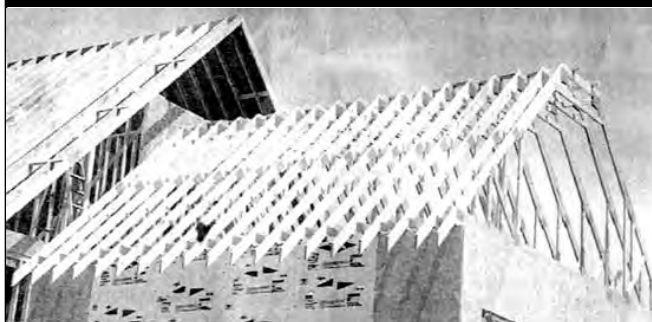
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slow work and hard on the equipment and after finishing one more sweep I backed out and reviewing my handiwork rolled the lawnmower back into the shed and gave up on the idea.

Summer wanes. The apples grow fat, hanging heavy from the branches and dragging the tree down as if in obeisance to the eternal sky. Sometimes I traverse the narrow trail hemmed between beans and trees and pick a few apples, and I always eat one on the way back. And sometimes I find myself drawn to the ragged indentation, truncated, slowly being reclaimed, almost a scar but mostly an invitation, and I walk to the end, a matter of only a few steps, and pause for a few rich moments while the natural world unfolds around me. The grasses, waist-high, tinted with autumnal hues, offset the darker texture of the cedars. A monarch balances on a spray of goldenrod. The thicket is alive with mysterious rustlings and chirps, shadow-haunted, impenetrable, a playground for the imagination, and beyond the field serrated ranks of tasseled corn and the limitless western skies that never fail to beckon me. The path might be short, but it goes on and on.

Biotechnology could encroach upon wheat acreage, say leaders

As farmers finalize wheat seed purchases, fine-tune planting equipment and prepare for wheat seeding, two of agriculture's largest expositions recently exhibited the latest plant-breeding research that could have a profound impact on wheat producers and buyers, in the near future.

The Farm Progress Show, held in late August near Boone, Iowa, showcased a new drought tolerant corn variety that "... stood tall and looking good in its demonstration plot under a translucent tent that kept rainfall away," according to a farmer-organized group called Growers For Biotechnology. Nearby were other new transgenic varieties that will produce more bushels of higher quality corn and soybeans at a lower cost of production. The potential benefits extend directly to consumers through other traits that produce improved food ingredients such as heart-healthy cooking oils.

"The rapid advance of 'stacked' trans-

genic traits is helping make corn and soybeans even more competitive with wheat production along the eastern and northern edges of the Great Plains wheat belt," said John Oades, USW Vice President and West Coast Office Director. The cost to produce wheat is also rising quickly and could conceivably out-pace the rise in wheat prices. For example, USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) calculates that the average cost to produce one metric ton of wheat was \$254.61 (\$6.93 per bushel) in 2007 and \$268.57 (\$7.31 per bushel) in 2008. The predicted average cost of production in 2009 is \$297.60 per metric ton or \$8.10 per bushel.

"This competitiveness of transgenic crops is a key reason why we expect to see continued erosion in wheat acreage in the U.S.," Oades said. "It is also a fundamental reason why U.S. producer leaders are making the effort to discuss the development of transgenic wheat with their customers here at home and around the world."

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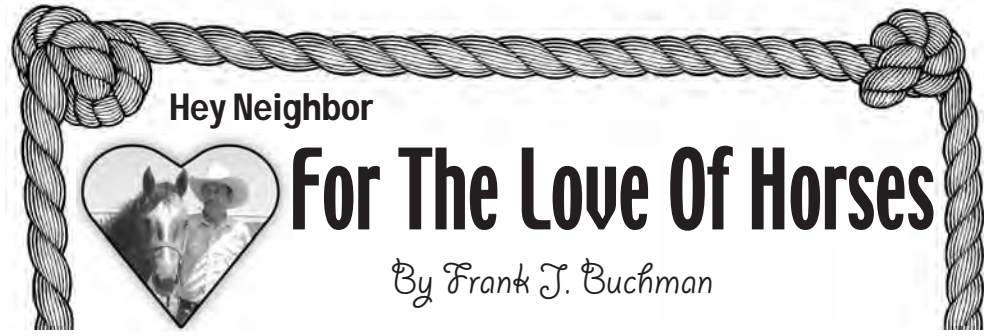


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By Frank J. Buchman

Triple Beneficiaries Of This Trail Ride

"There's no place like being in the saddle."

Jeanette Clingenpeel, better known as Jay, is of that opinion, makes the comment frequently and even concludes her voice mail messages with the thought as well.

So persuaded with the feeling, Clingenpeel, as president of the Flint Hills Riders Club, is expanding the pleasure to a most worthwhile cause and encouraging all horseback riding enthusiasts to join her in the effort.

"We are having the 2008 Saddle-Up Benefit Trail Ride, October 10-11-12, with three very important groups to be beneficiaries of our efforts," Clingenpeel announced.

Trail rides are quite commonplace, and fundraising events as such are becoming much more frequent, too. "This one is quite unique," qualified Clingenpeel, "as it will not just be a fun activity for horse people, but it will help the American Cancer Association, the Multiple Sclerosis Research Center and Chapman Disaster Relief."

It will be at the Cowboy Way Ranch and Vacation Resort near Westmoreland. "The ride will be set on over 1,000 acres of beautiful rolling prairie, with over 100 established campsites," Clingenpeel described. "There will be three trails

available: beginners, intermediate and experienced riders. We will have a wrangler guide for each group."

Before going into more details about the ride, Clingenpeel was eager to emphasize exactly what the benefits of the three days will be, besides horseback riding in the hills with friends and family. "We are a non-profit group, and we have a goal to raise \$20,000 for these three charitable causes," she stressed.

Pointing out the needs, Clingenpeel related that American Cancer Society figures reveal that over 1.3 million men and women in this country were diagnosed with some form of cancer last year. "The most terrifying part is that nearly one-half of them, 564,830, died from the disease," Clingenpeel said.

This trail ride replaces the Cancer Benefit event which has been conducted on the Foote Ranch for the past several years, it was clarified.

Exact figures are not known about the extent of multiple sclerosis, but estimates indicate approximately one-third of a million people in the United States have the disease. "About 200 new cases are diagnosed each week," Clingenpeel noted.

People in Chapman are recovering and rebuilding their community, but it is an uphill challenge, according to Clingenpeel. "These families are just like the rest of us, and high costs are making it even more difficult for them to pay for medical care, cleanup and rebuilding homes and businesses," she related.

Tentative trail ride agenda includes opening of the gate at noon Friday, Oct. 10, and setting up camp in the evening with participants responsible for their own supplies.

A breakfast is to be provided Saturday morning, Oct. 11, and the ride will begin shortly after, with dinner to be taken along in saddle bags. On the evening

agenda are a banquet, music by the Red River Band, an auction and drawings for several prizes including a colt and a saddle.

"The auction will have saddle pads, artwork, livestock and much more, with all funds going to the three groups benefiting from the trail ride," Clingenpeel detailed.

On Sunday, breakfast and dinner are to be provided, with participants riding during the morning after church services and then breaking camp in early afternoon.

Many individuals, businesses and groups have joined in the effort, according to Clingenpeel. "We have been fortunate to have strong sponsorship from several terrific local people and groups who believe like us that fellowship in the saddle and contributing to charitable causes in our society are a blessed thing



Jeanette "Jay" Clingenpeel of Mayetta will be riding her horse, Midnight, on the 2008 Saddle-Up Benefit Trail Ride near Westmoreland, October 10-11-12. She serves as president of the recently formed Flint Hills Riders Club, sponsors of the ride benefiting the American Cancer Association, the Multiple Sclerosis Research Center and Chapman Disaster Relief.

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that go hand in hand," she stated.

Individual cost of participation is \$45, with riders and their horses requested to bring a six-pack of Boost nutritional supplement. "We want to donate these to the American Cancer Society for cancer patients," Clingenpeel explained.

Sponsorships are still being sought as well. Levels of giving include Spur, \$150; Scout, \$250; Trail Blazer, \$500; Trail Boss, \$1,000; and Chuck Wagon, \$1,500. Each contribution will help support a specific part of the ride.

"If you are looking for a weekend getaway not so far away, this is the spot for you," Clingenpeel insisted. "You can make it as eventful

or as peaceful as you like. This will be enjoyable for the entire family. We hope you will join us for this weekend of fun and friends."

The Flint Hills Riders Club was formed this spring, with initial membership being former volunteers and participants in the On the Trail to a Cure Ride south of Manhattan.

"We formed our own club, picked up the reins and revamped the ride to be the second weekend of October each year," according to Clingenpeel, who is diversely involved with horses at Mayetta. She specializes in equine rescue, retraining, boarding and foaling.

Linda Reim of Wamego and Tina Pace of St. Marys are also officers of the sponsoring group and are involved

in horse rescue as well.

To register for the ride, find sponsorship details or for other information interested persons have been urged to call 785-845-2438 or e-mail kansashorselady@hughes.net. A website www.tjcfarms.homestead.com is available to download registration forms.

Peterson selected for wheat leadership training

Dana Peterson, producer policy specialist for Kansas Wheat, is one of 11 leaders who will participate in the 2008 class of the Wheat Industry Leaders of Tomorrow. WILOT is sponsored by Monsanto.

"We are extremely proud that Dana Peterson will represent Kansas in this elite leadership training pro-

gram. Dana already is an outstanding leader in the industry and we believe she will be a tremendous asset to the 2008 WILOT class," said Dusti Fritz, CEO.

This year's WILOT training will be held in St. Louis

from Oct. 25 until Oct. 30. Peterson, a native of Smith County, holds a Master's Degree in agricultural economics from Kansas State University and is a graduate of the Kansas Agricultural and Rural Leadership Class VII.

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In the not so near future, we will ultimately see those unintended consequences if JBS purchases multiple USA packing companies!

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As we have been packing the estate we have found many old and collectible pieces that are not listed, this is just a sampling as many items are not listed. Wilbur enjoyed tools very much and if there is a good tool you need we have got it. This is turning into a large auction and we will run two rings most of the day. Jarrod Gaines.

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Cool weather brings threat of sorghum ergot, say experts

Honeydew could begin dripping from grain sorghum and forage sorghum heads in Kansas this year, according to a Kansas State University scientist. The cause: sorghum ergot.

This disease occasionally causes problems in very late-maturing grain sorghum and on male-sterile forage sorghum in the

Central Plains, said K-State Research and Extension plant pathologist Doug Jardine.

Why the concern this year?

"The combination of cool nighttime temperatures and late-flowering sorghum in late August and early September is the reason," Jardine said. "Cool nighttime tempera-

tures inhibit pollination and create an avenue of infection for the organism."

Sorghum ergot infects the ovaries of sorghum flowers and often converts them into a white, fungal mass. The most obvious external symptom of infection is the sticky honeydew that often drips onto the leaves and soil, he said.

"Sorghum ergot infects only unfertilized ovaries. Once fertilized, an ovary becomes resistant to infection. Any condition that

prevents or delays fertilization increases the risk of ergot," he added.

Sorghum plants with inherent male sterility or with pollination difficulties caused by cool temperatures are most severely affected by ergot.

Once an infection has occurred, there is nothing producers can do to cure the disease, Jardine said. The only thing producers can do at that point is devise a

management plan for trying to avoid the problem next season.

"To minimize the development of ergot and limit its impact, producers should try to avoid late planting next year," he said.

The goal is to avoid low evening temperatures (below 55 degrees F) during the period three to four weeks prior to flowering and from flowering to five

days thereafter. Fields that bloom in July and August seldom, if ever, have problems with ergot, the plant pathologist said.

Photos of sorghum ergot are available in the publication, "Diagnosing Sorghum Production Problems" S-125 at: http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/crpsl2/sections/s125_C.pdf or at county and district K-State Research and Extension offices.



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Farm safety statistics tell strong story

Numbers always tell a story. For agriculture, the story line contains some harsh statistics:

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The 2006 death rate for farmers and farm employees was 28 in 100,000, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The 2006 injury rate for farmers and farm employees was 6 in 100.

As agriculture continues to be one of the most dangerous occupations in the world, the National Safety Council annually shines a spotlight on farming and ranching during National Farm Safety and Health Week, which is the week of September 21-27, 2008. This year's theme is "Farm Safely - Protect YOUR Investment."

Agriculture's death rate

ranks first among all occupations, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Mining ranks second with 27 work deaths per 100,000 employees and construction is third with 10 deaths per 100,000 workers.

"The Farm Safety Week theme emphasizes the value of safety and wellness to all agricultural producers," said John Slocombe, Extension farm safety specialist at Kansas State University. "We want to remind farmers of the need to be safe and stress the importance of protecting hearing, lung function, vision, skin, and the musculo-skeletal system."

Workplace injuries are expensive and inconvenient. For farmers it is estimated that four work days are lost for every injury. Meanwhile, the daily chores of feeding and caring for livestock, and planting,

tending and harvesting crops continue.

Slocombe noted that up to 60 percent of farm injuries occur when working with livestock. Most other injuries happen during crop production with machinery incidents accounting for most injuries.

Most farmer deaths involve tractors. The overwhelming majority of injuries occur among workers aged 45 and older. The average age of U.S. farmers is 56.

According to the National Institute for Farm Safety, there is a bright spot - the number of agricultural deaths and injuries has fallen gradually during the last four years. That decline is attributed to safer equipment and increased safety awareness, Slocombe said.

Feed starving fescue, bluegrass lawns in September for best results

Tall fescue, Kentucky bluegrass and other cool-season turfs finally perk up again in September when the days shorten and temperatures moderate — especially at night.

At the same time, though, these lawn grasses strive to become more dense and lush, according to Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

"They can naturally thicken up in fall by tillering — forming new shoots at the base of existing plants," Upham said. "Bluegrass can also spread via underground stems, called rhizomes."

"The only problem with

that is: Cool-season grasses use up most of their reserves, just trying to get through summer's hot weather. By fall, they really need food, to catch up again and improve."

That's why September is the No. 1 time to fertilize cool-season grasses, even if homeowners can only fertilize once a year, he said. The plants will make good use of the meal and do so rather quickly.

Of course, that quick use is why the second-most beneficial time to fertilize fescue or bluegrass is November, Upham said. The follow-up meal provides the

nutrients the plants will need through spring.

Upham recommends applying 1 to 1.5 pounds of quick-release nitrogen per 1,000 square feet in both September and November. So, with mixed-nutrient fertilizers, homeowners have to do some math.

"Suppose you look at a fertilizer bag and see it weighs 3 pounds. The label also says the content includes some phosphorus and potassium, but is 20 percent nitrogen," Upham explained. "Basic math will show that you'll need more than one bag if your lawn has at least 1,000 square feet."

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MISCELLANEOUS

Concrete forms; Cement mixer; Stihl concrete saw T5510AV; Sheet metal brake; Elect scissor lift; Metal drive thru paint booth w/exhaust fan/lights/windows dismantled; Coleman Powermate 1850 gen; Air compressors; Coml power washer; Mil Porta Band Saw - Sawzalls; Tbl saws; DeWalt Hammer drill; Battery chargers; All Pro 100,000 BTU/HR oil heater; Plywood; Elect wire; Patio style drs/windows; Sunrm windows; Alum patio material for sunrm; Fiberglass insulation; Roofing shingles; Siding; Gutters; Peripheral CD2car 10 disc CD changer; Emerson triple play CD player w/speakers; Misc faceplates/adapters for car stereos.

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balers; salvage iron, field cutter salvage; NH3 3-pt. applicator; 2 New Holland rakes; Case 5-16 mounted plow; small JD disk (good); 1 good Allis Chalmers roto baler; Allis 1200 field cultivator; several propane tanks for water tanks or scrap iron.

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 9401 E. Kellogg — WICHITA, KANSAS - 9:00 AM
 3939 S. Topeka Avenue — TOPEKA, KANSAS - 2:00 PM

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TRACTORS HEAVY EQUIPMENT

'91 GMC barrier truck with dump body; '95 Melroe Bobcat skid steer, No. G863H, diesel; '90 Ford dump truck, diesel; '83 Dakota Trail Eze trailer, 24'; '98 New Holland No. 7840 tractor; 2000 John Deere No. 1518 mower; John Deere No. MX10 cutter; 2002 John Deere No. 1517 mower.

TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS
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CARS & TRUCKS

7 - '01 thru '99 Crown Victorias; 6 - '98 thru '04 Ford Taurus; '01 chevrolet Lumina; '03 Ford Windstar minivan; '04 Silverado, 2500 util. bed, diesel; '02 Ford F250 ext. 4x4.

REFRESHMENTS.

TO BE SOLD AT TOPEKA MAINTENANCE YARD
 2:00 PM - 3939 SW TOPEKA BLVD.

CARS & TRUCKS

8 - '04 thru '08 Crown Victorias; '04 Silverado, 4x4 ext. cab; '05 Silverado 4x4; '05 Silverado 4x4; '03 Ford 250, 4x4; 2 - '03 Ford 250, 4x4 ext. cab; '04 Ford 250, 4x4 diesel.

TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS
 Alkoto power washer; 3 hp. air compressor; Binks paint gun; 2002 3M solar programmable changeable message sign, No. TPCMS-OT-SP 21x40; '93 Honda power carrier HP400; 12 window air conditioners; 4 ton condenser unit; Carrier roof top heat/cool unit Model 48N; shop vac; 10 Uniden scanners; Ford fan shroud; Chev./Ford

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'88 GMC dump truck, 8.2 diesel; '92 IHC 4900 6x4 tandem axle; '91 IHC 4900 6x4, tandem dump diesel; '95 Cronkhite 17x6 No. 2600 A trailer; 1967 asphalt paver, Model BSF-2, Cedar Rapids.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — 9:30 AM

Due to the death of my husband Jerry Kent, I will sell the following located at 1406 East 4th Ave., GARNETT, KANSAS.

TRACTOR & TOOLS

JD 790 D with loader, 50 hours; JD forklift for bucket; 5' 3 pt. blade; LX5 JD 6' rotary mower, new; Dixon Ram 44 mower with bagger; Snapper 656 mower with bagger; 500 gallon gas tank with electric motor; 5'x8' mower trailer; 6'x14' Performance trailer; lawn aerator; Craftsman lawn cart; Finco 12 volt sprayer; hand sprayer with wheels; back pack sprayer; Stihl chain saw 170; Stihl electric pole saw; 2 Homelite weed eaters; Homelite gas hedge trimmer; Shindawa weed eater; air compressor; acetylene welding outfit; air regulator valve; saw horses; steel posts, 6'; creosote posts; Ryobi angle grinder; 8' step ladder; electric box; tool box and tools; fishing equipment; 2 plastic water tanks; electric barrel pump; hydraulic jacks; Homelite 1" gas pump; shop vac; hillift jack; large box

end wrenches; air compressor, no motor; Fire Chief gas pump; space heaters; air bubble; battery charger; chop saw; bench grinder; Handy Man jack; post vise; car ramps; 48" Rigid pipe wrenches; 36" Rigid pipe wrenches; pipe cutters; pipe dies; Wayne 1/2 hp. shallow well pump; garden hose and reel; Ryobi garden tiller; Ariens garden tiller; garden planter; tomato cages; bolt cutters; metal lawn chairs; BQ smoker; lawn bench; gas hot plate; 2 wheel dolly; 100 new brick; lattice paneling, new; lawn edging, new; large metal rake wheel; flower pots; tractor lawn sprinkler; metal hog panel; gas reznor; scooter; tricycle; 2 fertilizer spreaders; oil field supplies; hand wrench; drop cords; cast iron stove; walnut cracker; 6 door lock; Kenmore 10' refrigerator; Fridgidaire 12' upright freezer; pile scrap iron.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — 10:00 AM

Offering for sale at public auction, located at 225 17th Ave., from the 4-way stop in Moundridge, KS 5 miles West & 1/4 mile North.

TRACTOR, VEHICLES & FARM RELATED ITEMS

1993 John Deere 770 FWA diesel tractor with John Deere 70 loader, 3 pt., PTO, hyd., roll bar, 567 hrs.; 1987 Ford conversion van, 302 eng.; 1977 Chev. 1/2 ton pickup; 1967 Rambler Marlin 2 door car; 1957 Studebaker pickup; 1948 IHC truck with bed; 5x16 bumper hitch open top stock trailer; 6x12 tandem axle bumper hitch trailer & ramps; 2 wheel trailer; 3 pt. post hole digger; 2 sec. drag harrow; 5' speed mover with hyd. cyl.; 2 sec. drag springtooth; 6' 3 pt. blade; slip in stock rack; BMB 6' rotary mower; Land Pride 6' 3 pt. PTO driven finish mower; yard sprayer; 2 - 300 gal. fuel tanks & stands; Dixon 36" cut 12 HP riding mower; Craftsman 12" band saw; Craftsman 10" table saw; B&D radial arm saw; Craftsman arc welder; Lincoln Weldan Power 150 11 HP welder/generator; Makita 14" metal chop saw; A frame; Mantis tiller; Ryobi gas powered line trimmer; drill press; cutting torch unit; welding table & vise; Sears air compressor; 3/4" socket set; 1/2" drill; routers; belt sander; circular saws; jig saws; elec. chain saws; shop vacs; c-clamps; Shop Smith; ladders; frame

jack; log chains; boomers; floor jack; combo wrenches; pliers; screwdrivers; hammers; impact wrenches; elec. & plumbing supplies; tap & die set; lumber; shovels; forks; hardware & organizers; Bolen G-10 riding mower; push mowers; shop built 12' alum. boat with trailer; Super Trike 3 wheeler; step-side pickup topper & more.

FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Curved glass china cabinet; kitchen cabinet; buffet; china hutch; recliner; pool table; vinyl sofas; 42" round table; treadmill; bookcase; entertainment center; 2 sewing machines; elec. organ; TV's; camel back trunk; hall tree; end tables; stereo; wooden desk; 6' unfinished dining table; wooden chairs; display case; dresser; bed frame; GE dishwasher; trash compactor; Whirlpool refrigerator; elec. range; side-by-side refrigerator with ice in the door; apartment sz. refrigerator; egg baskets; kerosene heater; elec. heater; Coca-Cola bottles; lamps; exercise equip.; books; pots & pans; patio furniture; player piano rolls; Winchester 30-30 rifle; Remington Wing Master 12 ga. shotgun; Jennings .22 revolver & more.

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Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith



A Labor Of Love

A few years ago I was recounting to a friend some misadventure with livestock, and he asked me a question which really made me stop and think.

"Why do you do it?" He went on to point out that I had responsibilities to take care of horses and cattle in all kinds of weather. Wet, dry, freezing and burning heat. Large animals can also step on your feet, crowd you into a fence, give you all sorts of problems. They

sometimes sicken and die, with considerable financial loss. Even at best, the market is unpredictable, and a year's hard work may result in very little gain.

I couldn't very well explain to him, and this made me wonder if I could explain it to myself. Ours has never been a very big operation. We raise no more than twenty calves in any year, and we have other occupations, too. But the livestock business has always been important

to us.

I recalled a remark of Baxter Black's. He'd never seen a cowboy, he said, who was saving up money to buy into a hardware store. However, he knew a lot of cowboys who were working in a hardware store or some such job, trying to save up to get back in the cattle business. Now why is this?

I tried to explain to my friend that it was for the exercise. Some people jog, or walk or run, play tennis or

golf. But none of these really appeal to me. The runners and joggers who go past our place don't appear to be having a great deal of fun. Golfers deserve special comment. There are a lot of golf jokes, which are really too easy. But something that's done for the exercise? Golf involves riding in a cart to where you get out, whack a little ball a couple of hundred yards, ride to that spot and whack it again. Even the equipment used is carried by someone else or in the cart. Well, to each his own. It's a way to get outdoors, and to do gender things.

But back to my story ... in the end, the exercise excuse for raising cattle and horses seemed pretty lame, even to me. So, why do we do it? I still didn't know.

About that time we were trying to upgrade the cow herd by artificial breeding. One of our daughters took the course at Kansas State University, and came home to teach me. This involved frozen semen and a tank of liquid nitrogen, and working out a routine suitable for our operation. Connie and I worked together on it, and had a certain amount of success.

That particular summer, she had gone on to other occupations. I was using a schedule that coordinated

the fertility cycles of the cows, but required intensive observation. Specifically, I'd watch the animals for a half hour at dawn and again at dusk for ten consecutive days. It was hot weather but both times were not at all unpleasant.

Each morning as I'd sit watching for activity, I'd notice an older man in a pickup truck with a bale spike in the back. He'd drive past on the road and we'd wave. He would go somewhere, pick up a single big bale of prairie hay on the spike, and wave on his way back. I don't know who he was, where he was getting the hay, or where he took it every morning.

One morning my cows were grazing near the road. Instead of driving the extra half-mile to the pasture gate and back, I parked on the

road and sat on the hood of the pickup. The old man drove past on schedule and we waved. But on his way back he stopped, parked behind me, and came over to visit. We remarked on the beautiful morning, and he made a couple of observations about my cattle.

Then he asked a question that wasn't really a question: "Don't you feel sorry for folks that live in town and don't get to do things like this?"

That was it, I realized. We both were out there, doing jobs that we could have gotten somebody else to do. But then, we'd be missing out on the fun of it. We wouldn't have the excuse to get out at dawn and enjoy the cool beauty of a summer sunrise. We do it because we love it. See you down the road.

Sorghum ergot can affect quality and utilization

Sorghum ergot can lower grain and seed quality, makes threshing difficult, reduces germination and seedling emergence, and predisposes seedlings to other disease, said Kansas State University scientist Doug Jardine.

It also reduces grain yield because infected flowers do not produce grain. The honeydew can coat the surfaces of harvest and handling equipment, making them unusable, or causing mechanical damage in the worst case scenarios, said Jardine, who is a plant pathologist with K-State Research and Extension.

As examples, he cited reports of auger motors burning up from trying to push infected grain through.

"Infected grain left in a truck or grain cart overnight can often end up looking like a Rice Krispie treat," he said.

Evidence to date suggests that sorghum grain contaminated with sorghum ergot sclerotia has little, if any, implication for animal

health, Jardine said.

Otherwise, there are a few other possible options for handling and marketing sorghum infected with sorghum ergot.

"In the past, growers have been successful in harvesting a field almost immediately after a hard rain that washes away most of the sticky residue. Unfortunately, that residue will reappear again within a few days of the rainfall. Others have tried to swath and

bale it. Some producers have grazed it off, and still others have tried to harvest the grain while it is frozen."

If the option is available, ethanol plants may take the grain, Jardine added.

"Where sorghum ergot occurs, the panicles left in the field after harvest may still have some of the honeydew and fungal spores on them, but it's very unlikely that this infected residue would cause a re-infection problem next fall," he said.

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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 25 — Pumper, crane, form trucks, vehicles, trailer, misc. & office items at Shawnee for Formerly PHD Foundations, Inc. & Triad Concrete Systems, LLC, Betterliving Patio Rooms of Kansas City, Erisman Plumbing & Secured Creditors. Auctioneers: Lindsay 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 Assn.

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 — Tractor, vehicles, farm related items, furniture & household items at Moundridge for Weldon Goering. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

September 27 — Tractor, tools & misc. at Garnett for Rosa Lee Kent. Auctioneers: Dale I. Douglass Auctions.

September 27 — Tractors, heavy equipment, tools & misc., cars & trucks at Wichita for Kansas Turnpike Authority. Auctioneers: Chesnutt & Chesnutt Auctions.

September 27 — Cars & trucks, heavy equipment, tools, misc., tractors & equipment at Topeka for Kansas Turnpike Authority. Auctioneers: Chesnutt & Chesnutt Auctions.

September 27 — Furniture, tools, antiques, collectibles, household & toys at Topeka for Brian & Kelly Hildebrand. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

September 27 — Farm consignment auction at Effingham for Area Farmers. Auctioneers: Hoffman 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 — Guns, Gator, clocks, furniture, antiques & collectibles at Council Grove for Marvin & Jackie Skinner & Others. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

September 28 — Furniture, appliances, collectibles, glassware, jewelry, lawn & garden tools at Lawrence for Kathleen Zimmerman Estate. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

September 28 — Furniture, household, appliances, glassware, tools & shop items at Topeka for Harriet E. Gay Estate. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon 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 2, 3 & 4 — Custom wheels, misc. car parts, oil, coolers, shelving & display racks, vehicles & misc. at Newton for Charles Hill-Hills Ampride & Hills Performance & Auto, Hills Convenience Store. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.

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 4 — Cars, motorcycle & tractors, car parts, tool, memorabilia & collectibles at Geneseo for Roger Vahsholtz. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

October 4 — Vehicles, machinery & farm related items, furniture, household & collectibles at Burton for Richard A. Boster Estate. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

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

October 5 — Coins & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

October 5 — Household & collectibles at Washington for A.D. (Bert) Chapin. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

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 9 — Tractor truck, heavy tow trucks, vehicles, trailers, motorcycle, tools & misc. at El Dorado for Squires Transport. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auctions.

October 9 — Furniture & household items at Concordia for Alice McKenna. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

October 9 — Real Estate-warehouse mfg. building, record collection, books, tools, collectibles, antiques & 5th whl RV at Cedar Point for Formerly Heckendorn Mfg. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp.

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 11 — Farm equipment, livestock equipment at Peabody for Fordyce & Marjorie Gray. Auctioneers: Gaines Auctions.

October 11 — Farm equipment, stock trailers, guns, shop equipment, log splitter, hay, camping, dogs, antiques, furniture & household at Chanute for Frank & Sharon Englebrecht. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Service-Fredonia.

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

October 12 — Real Estate-home, guns, mowers, books, tools, glass, antiques, collectibles & misc. at Gridley for Gary & Sonda Bruce. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp.

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 18 — Assort. of good tools & precision tools at Concordia for Fred Souchek Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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. Auctioneers: Yocum Realty & Auction Service.

October 25 — Toy & John Deere collector auction at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

October 25 — at New Cambria for Smith Salvage. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates.

October 27 — Lyon County Grass, stocked lake, timber & creek at Emporia for Bluejacket Ford, LLC. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

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

October 30 — Chase County Flint Hills grass at Cottonwood Falls for Mike & Jan McNiece. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 — 10:00 AM
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Buckle Up

The news has coincided recently with protesters demanding to be able to purchase raw milk, the AMA warning that home births are not safe, and desperate cancer victims reserving the right to buy alternative "cures" not approved by the F.D.A.

My father was born in 1918 in his mother's bedroom, drank raw milk and was raised in a family that used a variety of homemade or traveling medicine man's potions to cure what ails you. Farmers plowed with teams, had no indoor plumbing, chewed tobacco and worked like dogs in the field. The average lifespan of a man born in 1918 was 52 years. Significantly, among the causes of death were physical injury, infectious diseases and childbirth, for both the mother and the baby.

In the ensuing years, science, medicine, an easier lifestyle, air conditioning, pasteurization, preservatives and laws to ensure that drug companies prove their product does what they claim, have changed our lives and almost doubled our lifespan.

But, does the government have the right to insist you have your baby in the hospital, drink pasteurized milk and prevent you from taking unapproved natural supplements to treat your cancer?

The answer is no. Just like they have no right to stop you

from smoking, riding your motorcycle or your bull, or playing football without a helmet. In the beginning of the last century, 'caveat emptor' ruled. 'Buyer Beware' was the code of business. Consumers were not protected from salesmen. Over time, as we increased our knowledge of disease and human health, the government began to intervene ... pasteurized milk to prevent tuberculosis, licensing of medical personnel, doctors, nurses, and midwives, establishing the F.D.A. to protect the public, O.S.H.A. to safeguard employees, warning labels on cigarettes and alternative medicines, inspecting meat, auto-

mobiles, and soil-testing sewage drain fields before construction.

Sometime these interventions were designed to protect you from your neighbor. But the government does not, in my mind, have the right to protect you from yourself.

However, I do think that there ought to be some mechanism to protect children, maybe even animals from those who prefer to live their lives as if it were still 1918. Just because you don't want to wear your seatbelt, doesn't mean your little kids shouldn't buckle up!



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