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Chance to get into the country the focus of Wabaunsee County pumpkin patch

By Beth Gaines-Riffel, Editor

Winding down a gravel road in Wabaunsee County one can't help but notice the changing of the leaves, and the brisk nip to the wind. It's fall in Kansas and harvest is ongoing, but at Burch Acres harvest looks a little different. In fact one might not recognize it as work at all. The smiles are a mile wide on the faces of youngsters proudly toting freshly harvested prized pumpkins from the field to the horse-drawn wagon as the peals of laughter float out of the maze carved out of a forage field located nearby.

Yes, it is harvest time, but for Kent and Deb Burch, who have operated the agritourism operation near Alma for the past three years, the harvest is about memories and the experience of visiting a farm more than it is about anything else.

"We knew that this was something we wanted to do," Deb explained as a group of preschool-aged children from the Brilliant Beginnings daycare in Wamego disappeared down the path in the forage maze.

Offering an alternative to the typical "spooky" Halloween activities, the Burches promote a harvest

theme. "It's a chance for families to come out and enjoy the countryside," she added. The couple encourage those who visit to spend time under the wide-open Kansas skies as picnic tables and lawn chairs dot the landscape.

Deb estimates that those who visit generally spend a couple hours at the farm. During that time the Burches have a number of activities for families to enjoy in addition to picking pumpkins out of the patch. The forage maze, for families and groups and a small "grass maze" is offered for the younger set. A new attraction this year is the "hillbilly golf."

"We try to add something new each year," Kent explained.

The "hillbilly golf," which is comprised of nine holes of challenge — using tennis balls and wooden "clubs" — is only fifty cents per person and "it isn't as easy as one would think," Deb said. "We've been playing between groups. The grass was too tall initially so we had to mow it down a little."

The pumpkins are the primary reason visitors come to the farm, though — and getting a horse drawn-wagon rides adds a lot to the experience, according to the couple. "I had originally hoped to farm com-



Kent Burch, with son Wyatt at his side, drives the horse-drawn wagon back from the pumpkin patch where a happy bunch of preschoolers each selected a pumpkin of their own. In addition to the pumpkin patch a maze, photo backdrop and hillbilly golf are offered at Burch Acres.



pletely with horses, but found out that might not be reasonable so it made sense to use them this way," he said. Belle and Thunder pull the green wagon lined with straw bales down the pathways toward the patch of pumpkins and gourds before completing the circuit and depositing the visitors back up toward "the shack" that Kent designed and built. The wooden structure situated on an old running gear provides a perfect home base during the busy season — especially for their toddler son Wyatt — who is more than happy to greet visitors.

Pricing the pumpkins is done by size, starting at \$3 for the small pumpkins and going up to \$12 for the largest ones grown in the patch. They also offer an assortment of decorative gourds for those who want additional fall decor for their homes and yards. Kent noted that there are 18 different varieties grown in the patch which is nestled down by the creek which is adjacent to I-70.

"We have frontage next to the highway so we can post signs there. We get a lot of traffic from people

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Visitors disappear down the path through the forage maze at Burch Acres.

Plan ahead to dodge 'John Deere lows'

Farmers should examine costs now to make informed decisions on how to break even with higher operating costs, said a University of Missouri Extension specialist.

"Producers need to plan ahead, make a market plan and follow it so they don't get caught taking a lower price than they have invested in their crop," said Randa Doty, MU Extension agriculture business specialist in Nodaway County.

Producers who do not follow their market plan may fall into the trap of accepting whatever price they can get for their crop when

they need cash for payments, she said.

"There's usually a flood of grain on the market when payments are due," Doty said. "It's often referred to as the 'John Deere lows' in January because a lot of people have payments due then. Many farmers will load up, call their elevator and sell at whatever price they can get that day."

With rising costs and a volatile market, advance planning becomes even more important, she said. "Producers need to make sure they have a cash reserve. We're in a time of higher costs. Inputs are drastically higher, and rent

and land prices are increasing."

Cash rental costs for Missouri croplands increased an average of 14 percent since last year, according to the MU Extension publication "2008 Cash Rental Rates in Missouri."

"Some people with highly productive land are paying \$200 per acre or more cash rent," Doty said. "The better land will cost more. One farm was recently auctioned off for \$6,500 per acre. This is not typical, but it reflects the times we're in now."

Producers are facing input cost hikes that have

outpaced the average U.S. yield increase of about 1 percent a year, she said. Nitrogen costs rose 75 percent over last year; phosphorus increased more than 100 percent; potassium rose 250 percent; and fuel costs increased 75 percent over a year ago, she said.

Based on the 2008 cash rental rate guide, dryland corn growers with a typical yield of about 135 bushels per acre and an average cash rent of \$97 per acre would need to get \$4.79 per bushel to break even, she said.

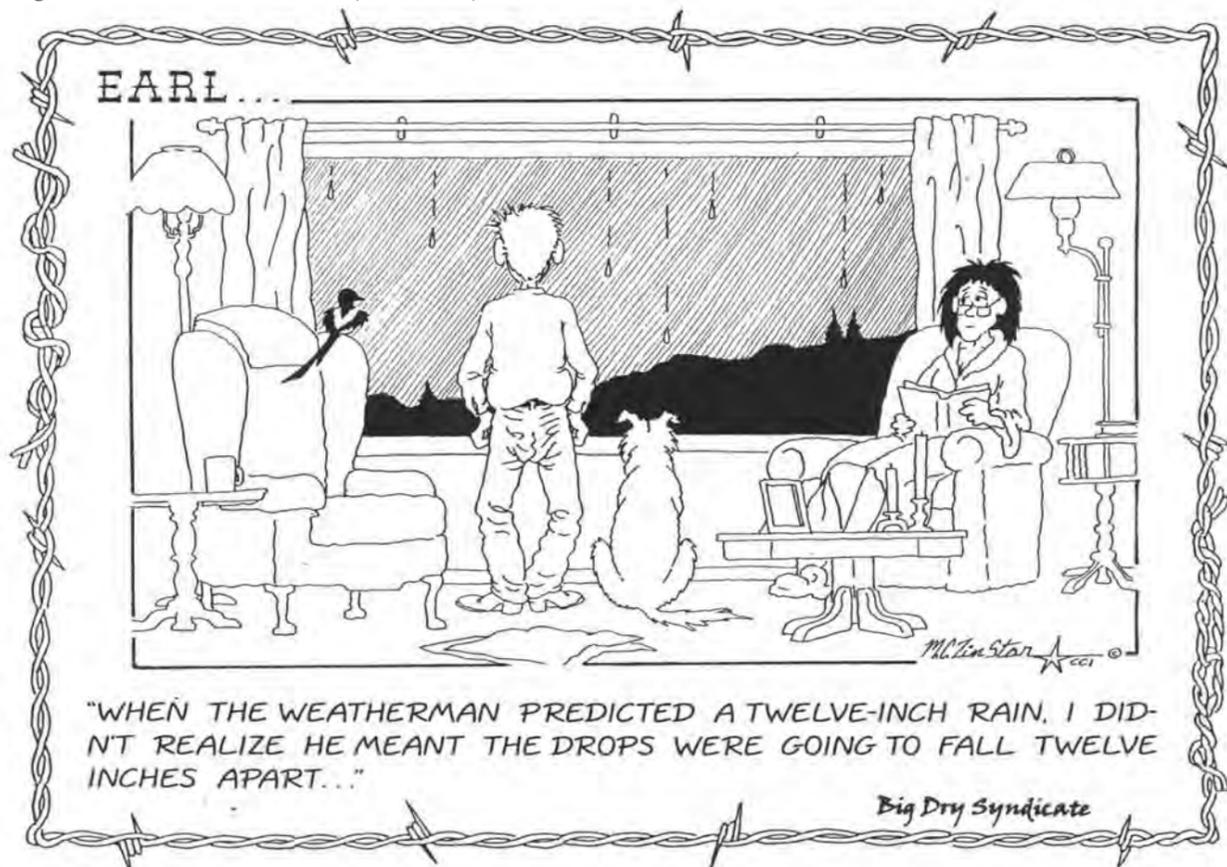
Soybean growers who yield about 42 bushels per acre and pay an average of \$96 per acre cash rent would

need \$9.82 per bushel to break even.

Break-even costs for wheat farmers depend on whether they harvest straw, Doty said. Wheat farmers with a yield of 56 bushels per acre, paying an average of \$86 per acre cash rent and not harvesting straw would need about \$7.50 per bushel to break even.

"These numbers are just to give producers an idea of the price they may need to sell their commodities to break even with today's input costs," Doty said. "They won't be exactly right for any one farm."

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Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

It's always a bit amazing to me when the transformation from summer to fall takes place. It always feels like it happens "overnight," if you will, although I know full well that it has been weeks in the making. I took a drive down one of my favorite tree-line streets in Manhattan late last week and reveled in the shades of red that had suddenly appeared on the maple trees that form a canopy. Ah yes, one of the wonders of fall that does make it my favorite season of all.

It is that shifting from the busy-ness of summer with a full complement of cropping, harvesting, weaning, gathering, preserving, playing and enjoying the long days to one of settling in for a "long" winter, provisions laid by and the prospect of a new growing season only months away. Ultimately we find ourselves waiting for the cycle to begin yet again.

And when things slow down across the countryside — although a favorite local elevator employee has prognosticated that harvest may be prolonged through Thanksgiving — meetings of ag-related groups pick up. That realization was made pretty clear as I perused the schedules of a couple annual meetings that I'll be attending in the coming weeks and months.

I was building my agenda for the annual meeting and was checking out who would be providing the keynote addresses and curious as to what the organization deemed the "hot" topics for presentations to their memberships and I found the lineup to be quite solid. I'm just glad that most of these meetings will be conducted after the general elections so that the hallway conversations will be "fresh." No longer will their be speculation about who the new President will be — but what that translates into for agriculture and the implications thereof. That is a change that I'm seriously looking forward too.

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

**"Always do right.
This will gratify
some people and
astonish the
rest."**

— Mark Twain

The view from route 8.

Ruralecon 101.

By Jim Suber

Apprehension fills the air everywhere. Nothing new there. What might be new, or renewed, is the fact that local, rural economies are faltering out loud.

Near home, the county government reduced its increase in taxes for the coming year budget to a smaller increase than what had been projected. There was rejoicing. Taxes will go up but not as much as thought. Something to cheer about? My bruise ain't as big as it was last night.

Over at the blues festival in Paxico one beautiful Saturday afternoon and evening, several thousand folks from near and far came to hear top flight blues performed live at the intersection of the town's two main streets. Watching that party was a principal in the sawmill up the road and across the river at Belvue. He and I visited a bit, then talked about logs and logging and milling them. He had real blues to sing, but he only talked calmly. His instrument is the steel band saw.

The upshot was that he thought sincerely that his was the only full time sawmill left operating within a 100 miles radius of Belvue. That takes in a lot of territory and a lot of down

time at other operations.

He said his crews were using fine oak that would have otherwise made good veneer for home interiors and furnishings as deck planks on trailers. The point is that the housing decline has put a stop to that particular segment of the sawmill and logging industries. There are lots of other uses for wood products, like those trailer decks, but one gets the point rather pointedly.

The blues played on and maybe only a handful of other folks in the audience knew about the local logging. A front page banner story in a central Kansas weekly newspaper this week told of the shutdown of the local brick plant, which had been turning out bricks for 50 years. They didn't run out of clay, no, but the 25 or so workers ran out of brick buyers, who are not buying bricks now. Lack of new housing is the culprit. So another small business beneath the federal radar here in flyover country is down and perhaps out.

Another article told of a town that has lost population since the 2000 Census. That is an old, old story repeating itself yet again. How much longer will we endure?

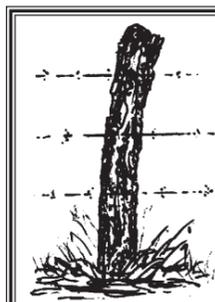
Another story in a weekly

paper told of a local effort to change a city's ordinance to allow certain forms of golf carts and other unconventional, off-road vehicles to be driven on streets under certain conditions. The article quoted officials from the association to which cities belong as saying a lot of municipalities NOW are studying the idea and some have even acted. This town's leaders at least decided to look at the idea that such local and fairly petty ordinances could and sometimes should be updated to fit the times. The times are such that a lot of older people would like to ride something down to the post office and coffee shop other than those \$4 a gallon gas hogs. They want to save their money for bigger deals, more important trips to see grandchildren. Yet, it is too far to walk for many who are elderly and often cannot walk very far.

Sadly, some small towns have already decided to keep things the way they were 25 years ago, ignoring present-day needs and realities and available safety features like signal lights, lights, brake lights, rollover bars and on and on. Mobility is difficult enough in rural areas in the central United States. We make life tougher than it needs to be. Maybe new blues are in the wings.

The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator
Lemon Meringue Pie



While I was traveling away from home, I noticed it was lunch time, so I stopped at a nice restaurant for one of my favorite dishes, barbecued ribs. After finishing them off, I still had room for dessert so I looked the pies over. After close scrutiny, I decided on the lemon meringue. It was a nice big piece that stood up tall. I do like the taste of lemon pie.

The pretty waitress sat the pie and a clean fork before me. Yes, sir, I was going to top off those ribs in style with a big piece of lemon meringue pie. The first bite was somewhat of a shock, however, as my fork moved down through the pie with great ease and no resistance. Finally it reached the lemon part of the pie, which I then noticed was rather flat and thin. Oh, it tasted very good, but there actually wasn't much real pie there; a large percentage of it was fluffed-up egg whites and thus mostly air. In my desire for the biggest piece of pie on display, I had been deceived by fluff and air.

As we are beginning to experience an economic meltdown, most realistic and thinking Americans are starting to realize that there has been a lot of meringue in our daily living. Many of us have been living way beyond the solid hard-core essential necessities of life to indulge in the fluff of more luxurious living. While it is true that a little meringue can add interest and enjoyment to a dish and to life, a steady diet of it is not what is needed; but after a while, one comes to expect it. If it is something that looks like fun, the attitude seems to be that we must do it or get it. With a little manipulation and scrounging, we can somehow come up with the money. We'll be in good company, for most everyone else is doing it. I'll give a few examples of things that come to my mind, and you can no doubt add to this or come up with a totally different list.

I watched the Kansas City Chiefs football game on television. Almost every seat in the stadium seemed to be occupied by someone decked out in red. The Chiefs did rather poorly; and by the fourth quarter, most of the thrill-seekers had left in disgust. I have heard that the cheaper seats are around \$80 while the best seats

are considerably more. That does not include the cost of travel, meals, and perhaps lodging. All in all, it's a pretty big ticket that often ends in disappointment — fluff (my dad seldom even came to watch me play football; he had cows to milk).

After church, the restaurants are usually packed, sometimes with waiting lines. We are often in this group. Then after the meal, there may be a concert in Salina, 50 miles away. If others are going along, we may drive two cars (although that is not the case now with fuel prices high and a need to save on energy) in case the women want to go shopping at the mall afterward — fluff.

One finds an old pickle jar at the antique shop. It isn't cheap but it adds to the collection, which is now up to 40 — fluff.

I am pretty sure many Americans are going to have to cut out the fluff and get back to the basic essentials of living. A good book from the library or a visit with neighbors may be all the fluff one needs or can afford.

This is not to say to stop spending, for our economic growth and prosperity is based upon the movement of dollars and its circulation from business to business. Without this income or money being spent in the stores, they will have to close their doors. I believe, however, that businesses that cater to fluff may have to cut back and that more of one's money will be spent closer to home to pay bills and provide for necessities while striving to stay solvent and financially strong. If the citizens of this country are financially healthy, our nation can be strong. If they indulge in spending for fluff that they cannot afford, our national economy will become fluffy, without substance, and will be blown about.

Are we a people of fluff or substance? Can we become united and revert back to an era of greatness when hard work and frugality were more prominent than the emphasis upon leisure and pleasure? Is the tail wagging the dog for many of us? I believe that if we all will cut back on the meringue and fluff, it will help us to get through this crisis and we'll be better off for having done so.

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BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Mule Business

There is a recurring condition in the life of the cowboy when bravado, belligerence and bent judgment overcomes the normal human self-protective instinct.

If medals were given for placing yourself in harm's way, deliberately sticking a porcupine down your shorts, or being wounded in action, Jack would be a highly decorated veteran! In addition to surviving such feats as riding his horse into a mud bog till they were both buried up to the head, rolling off a thirty-foot embankment, then landing feet in the stirrups but on the horse's belly, AND splitting his pelvis not once, but twice, Jack continues to walk that fine line between the Crash Test Dummy and fishing with dynamite!

Buddy Red was Jack's arch-enemy. He was a non-descript long-eared mule who had been sold three times but was returned each time before the check cleared. A few weeks after Jack's second split pelvis incident, he waddled out to the mule pen to grain Charlie Brown, a mule his nephew Lon was taking hunting that day. Uncle Jack was graining him before daylight so Lon could load him and go.

It was black as the inside of a cattle buyer's coin purse in a gun safe at the bottom of Lake Michigan when Jack, sans flashlight, felt his way to the corral in his pajama bottoms and flip-flops. With a bucket of oats he strode into the corral. The three

up the bucket, when Buddy Red planted two mule-sized hind feet on Jack's hip pockets and air lifted him into a full one-and-a-half flip!

When Lon showed up at dawn he found Uncle Jack crawling slowly toward the house. His pajama bottoms were hanging by one leg, his flip-flops still lay side by side in the corral where he had left them at take-off, and there were two lucky horse-shoe prints emblazoned bright red against the shiny white moon.

Eventually Jack sold Buddy Red to a hunter who asked if you could shoot off a him. Buddy was back in three days. "I thought you said you could shoot off of him!" complained the hunter with the fresh cast on his right arm.

"You can," said Jack, "... once."

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Kansas ethanol company files Chapter 11 bankruptcy

Gateway Ethanol LLC has sought Chapter 11 protection, the latest in a string of regional ethanol producers to shut down or declare bankruptcy.

Gateway, of Pratt, did not provide a complete listing of creditors in its abbreviated filing, but it checked off the box estimating its liabilities at between \$50 million and \$100 million.

The bankruptcy filing, made Sunday, was not unexpected. In May, Minneapolis-based Dougherty Funding LLC, which financed construction of Gateway's 55 million-gallon ethanol plant with a \$54.3 million loan, moved to foreclose on the facility.

Gateway is 62 percent

owned by Orion Ethanol Inc., a publicly held company based in Pratt, which is about 80 miles west of Wichita.

The ethanol plant began operating 11 months ago. Orion said the plant had the capacity to process more than 21 million bushels of corn and grain sorghum annually.

Gateway's loan default came shortly after Alternative Energy Sources Inc., a publicly owned ethanol company based in Kansas City, said that it would cease operations and Ethanex Energy Inc., which is based in Basehor, declared bankruptcy. Late last year, E3 BioFuels LLC of Shawnee, an ethanol producer with a

plant in Nebraska, also filed for bankruptcy.

Ethanol producers nationwide have been battered by surging prices for feedstock corn, the source of most ethanol, and lower ethanol prices resulting from oversupply.

In its filing, Gateway listed as its largest unsecured creditors Cargill Inc. of Minneapolis, with a claim of \$7.4 million; Noble Americas Corp. of Stamford, Conn., with a claim of \$4 million; and Indeck Power Equipment Co. of Wheeling, Ill., with a claim of \$954,228.

Gateway said it was continuing to operate its business and asked for permission to pay 11 employees.

ANTIQUA AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 — 9:30 AM

To be held at the National Guard Armory, located at the South edge of
CONCORDIA, KS.

NOTE: This is a large, nice, auction w/no miscellaneous, plan to attend & spend the day.

CARS & MOTORCYCLE
(Cars will sell @ approx. 1:00 P.M.)

1928 Chrysler 2 door sedan (complete, running, nice) original family owned car; 1962 Pontiac Tempest 2 door convertible, automatic, H.O. V8 car (runs, restorable); 1964 Honda 305 Dream motorcycle (complete, not running); Radiator Caps i.e.: 1928 - 1933 radiator caps, 3 rechromed, 1 - Chrysler Ram, 1930's; Chrysler Chief hood ornament;

PORCELAIN SIGNS & ADVERTISING

2 - Skelly Tagolene porcelain gas signs; DeLaval Separator sign; Coca Cola porcelain sign; Concordia Auto Club; Jacobsen Norway, Ks. cream can; RR crossing signs; Clifton souvenirs; Heilmans beer sign; Crown Royal mirror; Tolbert Oil silhouette; Linton Shoe Service; Camel cigarette sign; Coors PRCA beer sign; Lionel Electrains porcelain sign; 5 - Texaco Oil cans; Concordia Ice Co. pick; Union Leader tin; Sinclair tin; Rexall tin; Texaco Remington tank less oil tin; Bobs IGA milk jar; Maytag Motor Oil jar; Maytag Oil tin; Maytag Oil Black Sambo Axle grease tin; Coke bottle carrier; Coke trays; Coke bottle openers.

PEDAL TRACTOR, TOYS & KNIVES

IHC large "M" pedal tractor Dubuque, Iowa, ESKA, w/closed grill & bolt on axles, nice; Electric Casino pinball game; Erector set w/motor & box; 7 - mechanical toy animals; 12" tin robot; New Jet Sew-o-matic sewing machine w/box; 4 - old bobble head dolls; Davy Crockett bowl; Gabby Hayes movie viewer; Junior Fire Marshall badge; Disney tiny theatre w/12 books; Battery bartender; assort. of paper dolls i.e.: Baby Nancy, Cradle Tots, Jeans wedding, Cowgirl Jill & Cowboy Joe; children's creamer & sugar; Big Blue farm wagon; JD chuck wagon; NHTR-96 combine; IHC 5088 w/box; JD model 60 tractor; Farmall "H" tractor; Ford Golden Jubilee; Farmall F-20 tractor; Erector set; AHM elec. train; Pedal car body, rough; Chain toy Ferris wheel; chain toy roller coaster; Circa 1960's cap guns w/holsters; Tia Marx building; toy chest bookcase combo; chil-

dren's painted wood table & chairs; wood doll cradle; antique finger paint kit; bassinette; IHC square baler; ICH spreader; Lincoln logs; 2 - True-vue viewers; Stella 5 string guitar; 1 - 3D True Vue viewer; Marx mechanical train set; Walt Disney view master; Cracker Jack viewer; Pocket Knife Collection i.e.: Case, Kabar, Boker, Winchester, Barlow, Germany, Buck, Bowie, Schrade, Elvis knife, Klu Klux Klan knife, approx. 70 knives; Belt Buckles: 2 - 1980 Hesston miniature; 1 - 1981 Hesston; Pens: Esterbrook Stratford, Venus, Wear-ever; Kimberly, Universals; assort. of valentines.

CAST IRON, BANKS, CROCKS & PRIMITIVES

Ansonia cast iron Lion head claw foot mantle clock; Cast iron banks i.e.: Black Sambo 2 face bank; bulldog; lion; Santa, Aunt Jemima; speaking dog; clown; trick pony; turkey; Mr. Peanut; Banks i.e.: Betty Boop, Campbell soup, Nestles, Ford truck bank; Cast iron Scotty dog head vase; 20- E #80 Topsy cast stove; Oven cast stove; Crock: 5 gal. Redwing (small wing); 12 gal. Redwing; 5 gal. Leaf; 5 gal. Diamond; 2 gal. Western; 5 - crock jugs; 3 - crock canning jars; 4 gal. blue band; assort. of crock bowls; 2 - crock jugs; 3 gal. Pittsburg crock; crock bowls; blue crock bowls; Sponge ware crock bowl; Dempster pump; pitcher pump; 2 - Maytag engines; forge; hay fork; umbrella; clothes dryer; 3 - wood wall telephones; Kellogg wood telephone; desk phones w/ringer box; 2 - camel back trunks; crosscut saw; buck saw; well pulley; wood pulley; 2 - wood wringers; egg crate; cream can; kraut kutter; Aladdin Model II kerosene lamp; 8 - kerosene lamps; 14 lanterns i.e.: Rock Island, Dietz & etc.; organ stool; Perfection heater; sad irons; Zenith, wood battery radio; GE wood radio; horse collar; ooga horn; 3 - lightning rods; 1 - rod w/globe; cream separator; Airline M&W wood radio; lamp brackets; National cash register model #1058; Watches & Marbles; Elgin pocket watch; Elgin ladies watch; Hop A Long Cassidy watch; Woody Woodpecker watch; assort. of jewelry & turquoise; assort. of

marbles 2 lg. swirl shooters; Furniture: Champion wood ice box, nice; wood pop cooler (out of Strawberry store); Horn leg foot stool; oak school desk; 2 - elec. fans; Victor VV-IX record player; white painted cabinet; ladies high top painted dresser.

POTTERY, GLASSWARE & COLLECTIBLES

Roseville i.e.: 460-12" planter; 19-6" ewer; 868-8" planter; 32-7" vase; IFH-6" vase; 123-9" vase; 474-8" bowl; 1-J-4 vase; IPS-5 flower pot; 2852-6" bowl; USA 50-5" vase; 2 - 1141 candle holders; 1162-2" candle holder; 337-4" bowl; Hull Pottery i.e.: 127-4 3/4" vase; 2 - W-8 71/2" vases; 103 vase; W-14 10" planter; B7-81/2" vase; W2-5 1/2" vase; 23-6 1/2" teapot; 24 & 25, 3 3/4" creamer & sugar; 3 pcs. Van-Briggle; Green; Depression i.e.: bowl; serving plate; pitcher; candy dish; creamer & sugar; relish; vase; butter dish; Pink Depression i.e.: bowl, compote, cream & sugar, pitcher, 9 goblets, cake plate, 2 - serving bowls, relish, juicer top; 15 - cookie jars; Mugsy top; Puss-N-Boots bottom; 6 head vases; Shirley Temple pitcher; hobnail; crystal pitcher; painted mustache cup; blue Fire king creamer & sugar; orange creamer & sugar; McCoy teapot; 11 - FK Jadeite saucers; juice pitcher & glasses; Carnival ruffle bowl; Dutch girl pink syrup; painted cracker jar; Czech 10" pitcher; paper weight; Hobnail mustard; Hobnail cruet; assort. bird figurines; Fenton ruffle bowl; Jewel Tea casserole; green water jar; Austria hair receiver; candle holders; Orange Fiesta, 2 plates, 2 - salads, 2 - cups & 1 saucer; Carnival glass compote; decanters; Hull auto compass; box camera; waffle iron; Wagoner lead pot; apple peeler; Fenton basket; 5 - silhouette pictures; assort. of pictures; assort. tins; assort. bottles; BOOKS: Whitman i.e.: Bonanza, Gene Autry, Black Beauty, Treasure Island, Tom Sawyer, Big Valley, Little Golden Books; Roy Rogers; Zorro; Walt Disney Books; Shirley Temple 1936 "The Poor Little Rich Girl"; 1935 "Shirley Temple at Play"; Pen Peer 109 open face reel w/box.

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NOTE: Very nice, clean pickup, tools & precision tools. Fred made model airplanes & was very particular.

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(WILL SELL @ 12:00 NOON)
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TOOLS

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brating sanders; digital dial calipers; 2 dial calipers; 4 calipers; Porter cable belt sander; skil saw; Dayton disc sander; Craftsman 1/2" elec. drill; 1/2" air impact; air bubble; 2 wheel cart; tool box base cabinet w/top box; CRAFTSMAN TOOLS IE: 2 sets sockets; 1/4" deep well; 1/2" socket set; 3/8" drive sockets; combination wrenches; ignition wrenches; impact wrenches; micrometer; punch & chisel set; nut drivers; torque wrench; stud finder; tap & die set; TOOLS: Thorsen 3/8" socket set; 40 pc. socket set; 3 clamps w/incidence meters; 4 calipers; lg. assort. machinist reamers; lg. assort. drill bits; precision compass; carburetor wrench set; Forstners bits; precision screw drivers; 4 wheel pullers; crescents; crescents; pipe wrenches; assort. vice grips; levels; squares; tin cutters; wood bits;

hammers; soldering irons; lead ladles; glue guns; tap & die set; "T" handle hex key; needle nose pliers; bolt cutters; Stanley wood plane; carpenter's chest; 6 pc. flare nut wrench set; not drivers; screw drivers; assort. "C" clamps; bis sharpener; 2 dial indicators; micrometer; 6 pc. telescoping gauge set; 3/4" & 1 3/8" hole cutters; hand saws; allen wrenches; 3 tray tool box; alum. carrying case; cement trowels; assort. files; assort. electrical supplies; assort. rivets; assort. screws & hardware; Herters powder scale; 4 Xacte knife sets; 7 bolt cabinets, full; assort. of other hand tools & supplies.

GUNS

(WILL SELL @ 12:15)
Winchester model 12, 12ga. pump shot gun; Winchester Model 61, 22 rifle, pump w/scope.

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GRASS & GRAIN Our Daily Bread

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

Audrey Mayer, Haddam, Wins Recipe Contest And Prize For The Week

Winner Audrey Mayer, Haddam: "A different and yummy way to use up your pears. Tastes similar to apple pie, but milder and softer."

PEAR PIE

- 4 to 5 pears, sliced thinly
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 6 tablespoons flour
- Topping:**
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup butter

Mix pears, sugar, cinnamon and flour and place in unbaked pie crust. Cut topping ingredients together until crumbly and spread over pears. Bake 40 minutes at 400 degrees. If outer crust gets too brown, cover with foil the last 15 minutes.

Rita Hulsing, Topeka: "This is a healthy, low-fat dip you can spread or dip on cheddar cheese rice snacks, as well as a dip for fresh, raw vegetable sticks."

SOUTH OF THE BORDER DIP OR SPREAD

- 1 cup non-fat sour cream
- 1 cup salsa
- 2 tablespoons chopped green peppers
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley (optional)
- 3-ounce bag cheddar cheese rice snacks
- Assorted raw cut-up vegetables for dipping

Mix sour cream, salsa, green peppers and parsley and refrigerate until ready to serve. Dip or spread each rice snack or vegetable with the mixture. Enjoy.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "Sure smells good when you come home from work or being gone all day. Fix a

quick salad and you are ready to eat."

CROCK-POT SMOTHERED STEAK

- Round steak (2 or 3 pounds)
- 1 small onion, diced
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Soup can of water
- 1 beef bouillon cube

Brown steak in small pieces (floured). Put onion in bottom of crock-pot then add steak and seasoning. To pan drippings add soup, Worcestershire sauce, water and bouillon cube. Bring to a boil and pour over steaks. Cook on low for 8 hours or until done. Serve over mashed potatoes, rice or noodles. Can bake 1 1/2 hours or 2 hours in oven.

Julia Bergman, Seneca: "A quick and easy bar cookie

that takes less time than baking dozens of cookies."

MONSTER COOKIE BARS

- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups peanut butter
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 4 1/2 cups oatmeal
- 12-ounce package chocolate chips
- 12-ounce package M&M's candies

Mix in order given and press into a large greased cookie sheet. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Do not overbake!

Kathy Hogue of Topeka/Alma suggests inviting family over for the annual fall yard clean-up. "Entice them with the promise of this hearty stew at the end of the day. Serve with French bread, cheese and a favorite dessert."

GARDEN STEW

- 2 pounds stew beef, cubed
- Large yellow onion, chopped
- 2 red or yellow peppers, diced
- 14 ounces fat-free cream mushroom soup
- 14 ounces stewed tomatoes (onion/celery)
- 64-ounce bottle V8 juice
- 3 large chopped beefsteak tomatoes
- 8 ounces frozen corn
- 8 ounces Italian green beans
- 4 ounces frozen peas
- 8 ounces frozen cauliflower
- 4 ounces baby carrots, cut in half
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- Dash salt
- Dash pepper
- Dash oregano
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 teaspoons parsley

Divide meat into 2 heavy pots and brown in oil. Divide and add onion and peppers.

Cook slightly. Mix soup with liquid from canned tomatoes and set aside. Divide all other ingredients between pots and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender, approximately 3 hours. Add soup and cook an additional 40 minutes. Stew may also be cooked on low in 2 crock-pots all day.

Jo Hetzke, Barnes: CRISPY TURNIP FRIES

- 3 pounds turnips
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon onion powder

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with a piece of aluminum foil and lightly grease. Peel the turnips and cut into French fry-sized sticks, about 1/3 by 4 inches. Place into a large bowl and toss with the vegetable oil to coat. Place the Parmesan cheese, garlic salt, paprika and onion powder in a resealable plastic bag and shake to mix. Place the oiled turnips into the bag and shake until evenly coated with the spices. Spread out onto the prepared baking sheet. Bake in a preheated oven until the outside is crispy and the inside is tender, about 20 minutes. Serve immediately.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "This is a good quick meal or a tailgate food or a pig-out dish. Kids love it."

SLOPPY JOE NACHOS

- 1 pound ground beef
- 15 1/2-ounce can sloppy joe sauce
- 12-ounce package tortilla chips
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup sliced ripe black olives, optional

In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add sloppy joe sauce and cook uncovered for 5 minutes or until heated through. Arrange tortilla chips on a serving plate. Top with meat mixture, cheese and olives, if desired. Yields 6 servings.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: CINNAMON APPLE CHEX MIX

- 5 cups Wheat Chex cereal
- 1 cup lightly salted whole almonds
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped dried apples
- 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt covered raisins

Recipe uses microwave. In a large bowl mix cereal and almonds. In a 2-cup microwaveable cup, cook butter, brown sugar, corn syrup and

cinnamon uncovered on high for about 2 minutes, stirring after 1 minute, until mixture is boiling. Stir. Pour over cereal mixture, stirring until evenly coated. Microwave uncovered on high 3 minutes, stirring and scraping bowl after every minute. Stir in apples and microwave, uncovered on high, about 2 minutes or until apples just begin to brown on edges. Spread onto waxed paper or foil to cool for about 5 minutes. Place in serving bowl; stir yogurt covered raisins. Store in air-tight container.

Mary Rogers, Topeka: CREAMY POTATOES

- 2 cups half & half
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- (2) 12-ounce packages frozen thawed hashbrown potatoes
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch pan. In a small pan heat half & half, butter and salt until hot. Do not boil. Arrange potatoes evenly in pan. Pour hot mixture over potatoes. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until light golden brown.

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A couple from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

SALSA SKILLET

2 cups multigrain penne pasta, uncooked
1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
1 1/4 cups Taco Bell thick & chunky salsa, originals
1 cup frozen corn, thawed
1 large green pepper, cut into short thin strips
1 cup four-cheese Mexican-style cheese

Cook pasta. Heat large skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook and stir 2 minutes. Stir in salsa, corn and peppers and bring to a boil. Simmer on medium-low heat for 10 minutes or until chicken is cooked through, stirring occasionally. Drain pasta. Add to chicken mixture and mix lightly. Sprinkle with cheese. Remove from heat and cover. Let stand 1 minute or until cheese is melted.

FUDGE CAKE

1 cup unsalted butter
1 cup plus 3 tablespoons sugar
1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
4 large eggs
1/2 pint heavy cream
10 1/2 ounce package semi-sweet chocolate

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease the base of two 8-inch round cake pans and line with parchment paper. Combine butter, sugar, flour, cocoa, baking powder, salt and eggs in a large bowl. Using a mixer set on medium, beat until smooth. Continue until increased in volume, about 2 minutes longer. Divide batter between pans. Bake cakes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. Leave cakes in pans to cool for 1 minute then turn onto a wire rack. Peel off paper and cool.

Heat heavy cream just to a boil. Break chocolate into pieces and add to cream and stir until melted. Let cool and chill for 30 minutes. Whisk until thickened to a spreadable consistency. Using a third of frosting, put between layers. Spread the remainder over the whole cake.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "The fresh berries are enhanced by the light, citrusy frosting. Good for potlucks."

BLUEBERRY CITRUS CAKE

18 1/4-ounce package yellow cake mix
3 eggs
1 cup orange juice

1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries
1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
1 tablespoon grated orange peel

Citrus Frosting:
3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup butter, softened
3 cups confectioner's sugar
2 tablespoons orange juice
2 teaspoons grated orange peel
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 cups whipped topping

In a large mixing bowl combine the cake mix, eggs, orange juice and oil. Beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Fold in blueberries and

peels. Pour into two greased and floured 9-inch round baking pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely. For frosting, in a small mixing bowl combine cream cheese and butter until fluffy. Add the confectioner's sugar, orange juice and peels; beat until blended. Fold in whipped topping. Spread frosting between layers and over the top and sides of cake. Refrigerate until serving. Yield: 12 servings.

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COLLECTIBLES
Coke Vendo A23 machine; 8' oak showcase; oak curved glass china cabinet; oak church pew; oak princess dresser base; pine Hoosier helper; set 4 oak rabbit ear chairs; set 4 chairs w/needle point seats; 20's mahogany chest; maple commode; spinet desk; walnut 4 drawer chest; Jenny Lind bed; oak chifforobe; tin side open front pie cupboard; chrome dinette table; 80 pieces 2' x 8' tin ceiling w/corners; metal lawn chair; Goodyear belt buckles; tire ash trays, tins; Mercury dimes, silver half dollars, silver quarters, foreign coins; deer ink well; model boats; American Fire Dept puzzle; Old Stonewall whiskey picture; post cards; 20 gal Red Wing crock; 6 gal birch leaf crock;

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Child's interest in science a key to success — 4-H Launches National Youth Science Day

A child's interest in science may boost his or her career opportunities — and earning power, a Kansas State University specialist said.

Interests in science, technology, math and engineering can serve as a foundation for a satisfying career and also boost earning power up to 50 percent more than career choices not involving such subjects, yet interest in science classes in the U.S. is waning, said Gary Gerhard, Kansas State University professor of 4-H youth development.

Research on the subject is plentiful and findings are similar, said Gerhard, who noted that males are typically more interested in science than females and also more likely to choose such classes as electives in high school.

Students who shy away from choosing science classes

cite the difficulty of the classes and need to achieve as reasons for not choosing them, he said.

One study (Weinburgh, 1998), found that nearly 50 percent of children may lose interest in science by the third grade, he said.

Such attitudes are learned, rather than inherent, said Gerhard, whose job responsibilities with K-State Research and Extension include overseeing the implementation of a wide range of 4-H science and technology projects, which include Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and robotics.

A majority of 4-H projects include some aspect of science and technology, he said.

Given that, and the fact that 4-H programs and projects focus on age-appropriate, skill-building activities, the National 4-H Council is leading a campaign to en-

courage young people to explore science, engineering and technology, Gerhard said.

Citing the need for "One Million New Scientists, One Million New Ideas!" the 4-H Council has designated October 8, 2008 as 4-H National Youth Science Day.

The date marks the beginning of a national effort to spark kids' interest in science, Gerhard said.

The science campaign is open to all youth, and children and families need not be 4-H members to participate, Gerhard said.

To launch the campaign, the National 4-H Council has developed a National 4-H Science Experiment

using common household items. The project, "Helpful Hydrogels," calls for a disposable diaper, water, newspaper, scissors, a measuring cup and spoons, 1-gallon-size zipper lock plastic bag and a 9-oz. plastic cup.

The experiment tests a superabsorbent polymer (called hydrogels) from the diaper and encourages would-be scientists to consider other applications of the technology.

Water conservation and quality are examples, Gerhard said.

The experiment was developed by Dr. Bob Horton, 4-H Extension specialist at

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COLLECTOR TRACTORS: LAWN, GARDEN & FARM EQUIPMENT: HOUSEHOLD.
See last week's Grass & Grain for complete listing.
Auctioneers Note: The property has sold and all are moving. There are many very good items at this auction for you use. The tractors are ready for your collection. Plan to attend there is something for everyone. Refreshments available.
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APPROXIMATELY 374 ACRES OF SMITH COUNTY FARM AND GRASSLAND and CRP AUCTION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 7:00 P.M.
Auction Location: 627 Market Street PORTIS, KANSAS
REAL ESTATE LOCATION: From Portis, KS, 1 Mile North, 4 Miles East, and 1 Mile N to the NE corner.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Approximately 374 acres of Crop and Grassland and CRP. There are 91 Acres of Cropland which is planted to Wheat, Buyer will receive 1/3 of the 2009 Wheat crop and will responsible for 1/3 of the expense.
BASES: Wht. 48.9 Yield 39 * Corn 11 Yield 111 * Sorghum 30 Yield 55
CRP: 85.6 Acres are enrolled in the CRP Program with a payment of \$ 38.17 per Acre . Contract expires in September of 2012. Buyer will receive the balance of the CRP payments.
TAXES: 2008 and prior taxes will be paid the Seller, 2009 and subsequent taxes will be paid by the Buyer. Taxes are \$1,622.26.
MINERAL RIGHTS: Are believed to be intact and will sell with the property
POSSESSION: Immediate upon closing on CRP and any idle ground. After January 1, 2009 on the Grassland and after the 2009 wheat harvest on the balance of the cropland.
TERMS: 20% down day of auction, balance due upon closing and receipt of a marketable title as evidenced by title insurance. 1/2 to be paid by the Seller, 1/2 to be paid by the Buyer. Closing Date: On or before December 3, 2008. Escrow Agent: Gregory and Gregory Law Office Osborne, KS. Approximately 1/2 mile of fence needs to be built on the South side of the property, 1/2 of which will be paid by the buyer and 1/2 by the seller. This tract had excellent hunting potential. Nice piece of tillable cropland and grassland as well.
 All Information was obtained from the Smith County Courthouse and Farm Service Agency Office and are believed to be correct and true, however neither the Sellers nor the Auction Co. make any guarantees expressed or implied. Prospective Buyers are to make themselves aware as to the boundaries, easements, right of ways concerning the property. Wolters Auction, Jim Wolters, Broker is the agent for the Seller and the Seller only.
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AUCTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 — 12:30 PM
Due to the death of my husband, I have sold my home and moving. The following sells at 607 Sunset Lane, OVERBROOK, KS. (Hwy 56 and Sunset Ln., 1/2 blk. South.
 Modern oak dining table with chairs; modern oak computer station; Arcese Furn. dining table with 6 chairs, leaves, buffet, extra nice; modern oak 4 piece bedroom suite; modern oak TV cabinet; matching La-Z-Boy and Kay rockers; JC 2 piece bedroom suite; Wurlitzer spinet piano, 1960's; Sony Wega 50 in. TV with custom built cabinet, S-Master amp, surrounds system purchased 12/06; 1975 Hesston belt buckle; Kenmore Elite micro/convection; Kenmore small freezer; Amana refrigerator; Kirby Performance vac; 3 antique straight back chairs; antique wooden high chair; 3 dolls, 1950's; Marx metal doll house with furniture; 2 old quilt tops; Wedding Ring quilt with shams; Tompson Hybrid Seed Corn sign; some fancy work and cloth items; Craftsman 4 hp. walk behind string trimmer; Craftsman mini tiller; Craftsman rotary power drill; alum. 12 ft. folding ladder, new; Craftsman 14.4V 3 piece set, new; DeWalt reciprocating saw; Topper Jr. 410 single shot; Stevens 12 ga. single shot; hand tools, etc.
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AUCTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 - 10:00 AM
LOCATION: CORTLAND, NE. 3 miles South on Hwy. 77 to Hwy. 41 then 1/2 mile East on Hwy. 41.
TRACTORS
 1960 IH Farmall 560 diesel tractor, SN30738 with WF, quick hitch and 18.4x38 rubber; 1961 IH Farmall 560 diesel turbo tractor, SN38212 with NF, quick hitch and 15.5x38 rubber; 1959 IH Farmall 460 diesel tractor, SN10627 with WF, quick hitch and 15.5x38 rubber; 1942 IH Farmall H tractor, SN10416 with NF and 12.4x38 rubber.
COLLECTIBLES
 5 and 20 gal. Red Wing crocks; 3, 4, 8 and 10 gal. Western crocks; Klein's Hardware pitcher; ice box dishes; sewing rocker; high chair; oak dressers; 12 ga. double barrel exposed hammer shotgun; rinse tub; chicken waterers; large anvil; 2 - 48 in. steel spoke wheels; 4 - 36 in. steel spoke wheels; IH toy tractors, rough; sled and other small items.
STOCK TRAILER
 Rawhide 16 ft. bumper hitch stock trailer, nice unit with good rubber.
MISCELLANEOUS
 Poulan 2175 chain saw; battery charger; lathe knives; round bale feeder; 16 ft. cattle gate; 4 - 16 ft. hog gates; Brown 60 bu. hog feeder; electric fence; fence stretcher; gear puller; bar clamps; hole cleaner and auger; post driver; crow bars; shovels; sledge; garden tiller; misc. used lumber; extension cords; corn knives; hand saws; hand plane; roller chain; space heater; wire winder; old welder; 4 1/2 in. bench vise; hydraulic cylinders; umbrella; bolts, nuts, screws; kerosene heater; porch swing; Kenmore vac-shampoo; pressure cookers; SS thermos; mixing bowls; dishes; Tupperware and other small household items.
TOOLS
 Value Craft Model 8332 5 spd. 12x37 in wood lathe; Craftsman Items: 6 1/8 in. jointer-planer; 12 in. band saw; 16 in. scroll saw; 2 1/4 hp. power saw and 1/2 in. sockets; Power Kraft 10 in. radial arm saw and drill press; S&K 1/2 in. sockets; acetylene torch set, tall bottles; 1/2 in. air and 12 volt impact wrenches.
SALVAGE IMPLEMENTS
 2 combine headers; 2 silage cutters; 40 ft. elevator; 3 bottom plow; steel wheel rake and drills; Gleaner PT combine; 3 Snapper riding mowers; cultivators and 7 other row crop items.
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Association tells of top ten breeders in Kansas

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Angus Association.

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banks Angus Inc, Eureka, 371; Harms Plainville Ranch, Lincolnville, 341; Green Garden Angus Farm, Ellsworth, 305; Bohi Land & Cattle, Wellsville, 288-head; McCurry Bros, Sedgwick, 252 head.

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Angus cattle. "Our year-end statistics continue to demonstrate strong demand and extensive market penetration that Angus genetics enjoy," Schumann said. "These results underscore our members' commitment to providing genetic solutions to the beef cattle industry."

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"National Youth Science Day" for instructions.

The Ohio State University, Steve Spangler, science author, teacher and television personality, and members of the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology Leadership Task Force, who represent 10 land-grant universities.

Easy-to-follow instructions for the family-friendly experiment can be found on the Kansas 4-H website: www.kansas4h.org. Click on

The website also offers an opportunity for students to report their findings and sign up to receive feedback from the national experiment, Gerhard said.

The experiment can be conducted throughout the month of October, he said.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 — 10:00 AM

Location: 525 South 81 By-pass, McPHERSON, KANSAS

TRACTORS, FARM & SHOP EQUIPMENT

1929 Case C tractor, steel on front, rubber on back; Allis C tricycle front tractor with blade; International 100 Cub Cadet; Oliver 2 bottom plow on steel; Monsoon 4 wheeler ATV; KR Wilson 28 ton press; Cincinnati large industrial horizontal/vertical mill; #5 Warner Swasey turret lathe; wagon load of hydraulic pumps and cylinders; small gas engines; electric motors; several older boat motors.

COLLECTIBLES

Wagon load of older toys (20's-70's) and toy parts; Wagon

load of older tools; Wagon load of old car parts; Several store scales; 2 pedal cars; Hood ornaments; Small 2 hopper seed planter; Brass blade fan; old farm equipment literature and manuals; steel implement wheels and other yard art; Go cart; Edison phonograph; older radios, clocks, lamps, and ornate ceiling light fixtures; brass oilers; forge tools and blower; display cases; collectibles yet to be discovered.

HOUSEHOLD

Some collectible and contemporary furniture.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Mr. Unruh ran a welding and machine shop for many years. He was a fine craftsman and collector of many types of farm related items such as tractors, shop equipment and toys. This will be a fun day as we find out what they uncover.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 — 10:00 AM

7930 NORTH HOOVER RD., HESSTON, KS

(Exit 40 & I 135, East 1/2 mile to Hoover, south to sale site.)

NOTE: Jim Janzen was an automotive enthusiast as indicated by the sale listed below. He was partial to the 30's Fords and Willys. If this is your line of interest this is the place to be. Also a nice line of automotive tools and old and collectibles.

VEHICLES

1953 Willys Aero Ace, 2 dr. sedan. 47, 356 miles. All original. 1951 Willys Wagon-complete. 1935 Ford 2 dr. sedan w/o engine or title 1991 Ford Ranger XLT, 4 cyl. 5 sp. 1951 Dodge pickup cab. 1935 Ford grill. Many many automotive parts for the above mentioned as well as others.

OLD & COLLECTIBLE

Signs incl.: Dodge Brothers Sales Service; Texaco Motor Oils; Willys Sales-Service; Old Drink Coca Cola; Phillips 66; King Antique Museum. American Brakeblok; Delco Batteries; Hesston Specialized Farm Equipment w/ clock; Canada Dry. Old wagons; pedal car; old lic. Plates; 50-100 automotive manuals; National Motor Bearing Co. parts cabinet; High Grade No. 8 Pot belly stove; Ideal Universal Pot Belly stove; lots of automotive advertisements; assortment of toy cars & trucks; 6' display case; platform scale; old telephones; Ford Promotional record albums; local advertising memorabilia; Moundridge Creamery plates; yard sticks; several old Tonka Toys; Delaval Cream Separator manual; very unusual bdrm set w/ full bed, vanity w/ mirror, & 4 door wardrobe; Breakfront cabinet; Newman Bros. Pump organ; flat top trunks; and many other items.

SHOP TOOLS

Craftsman 24" metal lathe; 20 ton press; Miji-Lif parts washer; torch head w/ cart; bench

top drill press; 2 ton floor jack; engine stand; dual wheel grinder; Craftsman 2450 PSI 6.75 Hp pressure washer; Detroit Industrial tool battery charger; Craftsman 3 Hp belt dr. tablesaw; 16 gal. shop vac.; bench top band saw; HD dolly; Craftsman 10" Compound Mitre saw; Jig saw; Delta 12 1/2" X 6" planer; router table; bench top bandsaw; belt sander; 2 Hp 4 gal. pancake compressor; Ready Heater Kerosene Space Heater; McCullough chainsaw; Craftsman chain saw; A frame; Craftsman rollaway tool chest; tire changer; large vise on pedestal; Walker engine stand; log chains & boomers; chain hoist; hyd. Jacks; micrometers; many hand tools, many welding clamps; pipe wrenches; tarps & tie downs; and many other items.

YARD ART & MISC.

Horse drawn sickle mower; dump rake; 2 bottom plow; packer wheel; road drag; entertainment center; chest of drawers; fireplace insert w/ propane logs; animal traps; shell reloader; fishing poles & gear; Coleman picnic table; Coleman lanterns; hubcaps; fire extinguishers; crossbow & arrows; weed eater; Snapper string trimmer on axle; limb saw; saw horses; radiators; bird bath; steel wheels w/ axles; chime-nau; charcoal grill; Coleman propane grill; garden tools; red brick; cinder block; sm. 2 wh. Yard trailer; many Oak square cut poles; lots of scrap lumber; & much more.

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CHASE COUNTY, 78.5 ACRES, MATFIELD GREEN, KS

AUCTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 — 7:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: Community Building., Swope Park COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS

From Casey's Store on Hwy. 177 in Cottonwood Falls, Ks., turn East on Rd. 1/2 then take the first entrance (South) into Swope Park.

PROPERTY LOCATION: From Matfield Green, KS: 1.5 miles North on Hwy 177 to County Rd. 78, then West 1/2 mile to East side of property. **From Cottonwood Falls, KS:** South on Hwy 177 approximately 13 miles to Rd. 78, then West 1/2 mile to East side of property.

LEGAL: Lots 3 and 14 in Sec. 31, Twp 21 south, Rng 8 East of the 6th PM Chase Co., KS.

TAXES: \$178.50 Minerals: Buyer to receive Sellers 50% mineral rights.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 78.5 Taxable acres of native bluestem grass. High country on the North end of the property rolls toward Crocker Creek Valley on the South. Property is watered by beautiful pond nestled between the hills. The Flint Hills natural water filtration system creates a mirrored picture of trees and sky on the clear waters. Fences are mostly steel and 5 barb wire on the East and on the North. The balance is average hedge and barb wire. County road access on 2 sides is just 1/2 mile off the Scenic Byway Hwy 177. County Road 78 goes under the railroad which is a great safety feature. Electricity is 1/2 mile from the property, so building site is very possible.

REAL ESTATE TERMS: \$15,000.00 Earnest money payable evening of the auction at the signing of the contract. Balance on or before December 9, 2008 at which time Kansas Warranty Deed will be given. Title insurance will be split 50/50 between buyer and seller. Seller pays all the 2008 taxes and receives all of the 2008 pasture rent. All financing arrangements must be made prior to the auction. Any statements made evening of the auction take precedence over advertisements. All information gathered from Chase County sources, deemed reliable, but not guaranteed.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Talk about a view. Want a homesite with scenic tranquility? Crocker Creek and South Fork merge creating beautiful vistas, seen from this property. Watch the trains seemingly glide across the tree tops along the valley ridge. The North, West and South boundaries provide miles of open prairies. The county road ends at the Southwest corner of this property, providing for seclusion with no through traffic. Ag production plus the allure of the Flint Hills makes for a quality tract of land. An investment opportunity you definitely want to consider. Come see it. Inspection anytime with Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service LC. See our numbers listed below. Rick.

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FARM MACHINERY AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 — 10:00 AM

1487 E. 130th — MULVANE, KANSAS

DIRECTIONS: From K-15 and Mulvane, go East to Lucky 7 Saddle Club and Greenwich Rd., turn South on Greenwich Rd. to 130th, then West 1 mile to auction. There is a long drive on the South side of the road that leads to the auction.

VEHICLES

1998 Delta 88 Oldsmobile 4 door, 86,626 miles; 2001 GMC 3/4 ton 2500 diesel, heavy duty, 34,667 mi.; 1989 Chevrolet 2 ton wheat truck, steel bed with hydraulic pump; 1985 GMC diesel pickup 3/4 ton, 2500.

TRACTORS

John Deere Model 8630 with cab, air conditioner, 3 point hitch, Dyna Torque Goodyear radial tires, 14,380 hours; John Deere Model 4430 with cab, air conditioner, 3 point hitch, with Bale-Trak reader, 9172 hours; John Deere Model 4020 with 3 point hitch and front end loader, 5342 hours.

MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS

C-clamps; shop vise; 3/8" and 1/2" electric drills; angle grinder; electric sander; bench grinder; large bolt cutters; socket sets; hand saws; claw hammers; Lincoln AC welder.

MACHINERY

44 John Deere Model 900 field cultivator; 3 section anhydrous ammonia applicator; 30 ft. gooseneck round bale hauler, dual axle; 36' chisel 3 sections;

9' Big Ox 3 point blade; Garfield Model 8550 hydraulic dirt mover; 10' Tucker 2 wheel hydraulic land leveler; 3 John Deere drills Model No. 8350; 8' John Deere pull behind swather; John Deere side delivery rake, SN50640; dual wheel dry fertilizer bulk spreader; John Deere 6 row corn planter; 2 John Deere 5 bottom plows; 8' chisel, 3 point; drag spring-tooth, 3 section; 2 - 4 wheel Huskee 200 bushel grain carts; anhydrous ammonia tank; 3 point weed sprayer; hydraulic grain auger 45'x8"; 30' John Deere tandem disc Model No. 331; 24' Travelong gooseneck trailer; 22' Hillsboro trailer, Vin No. 1TH2A2FKBF100245; John Deere round baler Model No. 535; 3 point dual hydraulic tree shear; John Deere combine, Model 6600 with 18' header; John Deere combine Model 7700 with 20' header; John Deere wire square baler, Model No. 224WS.

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Trip to the pumpkin patch gives families an affordable fall treat

Continued from page 1 driving back and forth from Topeka that see them, including a lot of solidier from Ft. Riley looking for things to do," Deb said.

It's not just those looking for decorations that come to the fields. The Burches pointed out that they are again offering "Bluegrass in the Patch" late in the afternoon on Oct. 18 so those who visit that particular day will have the opportunity to listen to talented musicians in addition to the other regular activities.

"The popularity of local music is really growing in the area," Deb added.

A native of Arizona, Deb starts the seeds for the patch in a greenhouse. "We generally start planting in early June and stag-

ger every couple of weeks," she said. Getting a good stand of pumpkins has been a challenge for the couple. "We are learning a lot."

This year, a deluge found the couple's crop under several feet of water just after it had been planted. "The good thing about that was it washed away a lot of bugs," Kent said. "But now they are back in force." The growing conditions also affect the way the crop matures. A hot, dry summer will find the pumpkins ripening faster than desired. The cool, damp weather this season means that many of the pumpkins are just barely ripe. Customers are offered a set of nippers to help cut through the tough green

vines to release the chosen pumpkin.

Learning the agronomic aspects of a fall agritourism business has been one of the challenges for the couple. Kent admits that when they decided to open this venture three years ago, he thought that they would be "farther down the road" than they are currently. In addition to the farm, Kent maintains a job in town and although she has held several positions in retail, Deb is enjoying her time as a stay-at-home-mom to son Wyatt. "It's really about the people," Kent admitted. "We really enjoy this."

In addition to individuals and family visits on the weekends, the couple also offer schools, daycare's and churches group rates

which have an all-inclusive pricing option.

When asked about what advice he would give others considering adding an agritourism venue to a farm or ranch business, the couple urged the use of various resources, including the handbook offered by the Kansas Department of Commerce that focuses on developing successful agri-

culture-based tourism ventures.

Sarah Larison is the specialist with the Kansas Department of Commerce ag division. She indicated that there are approximately 250 registered agritourism operations in Kansas — which encompasses every aspect of agritourism from farm wineries, ranch tours and farm visits in addition to the

ever-popular fall pumpkin patches.

"By registering your agritourism venture there are several benefits," she explained. "One of the significant ones is the ability to post the signs pertaining to limited liability. This gives a layer of protection both to the farm and the visitors and gives notice that there are inherent

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 — 10:00 AM
282 Rd. 270 — COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS

DIRECTIONS: From Council Grove, approximately 8 miles SE on Dunlap Rd. to AB Ave. Then East approximately 5 miles (AB Ave. will turn into Rd. 270. From Americus approximately 2 1/2 miles North on Rd. F to Rd. 270. Then West approximately 3 miles. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

TRACTORS & TRUCK
1992 Agco Allis 8630 cab AC diesel, 24 spd., approximately 2300 hrs.; 1979 AC 185 diesel, dual hyd.; 1973 AC 175 gas with AC loader; 1974 Ford F-600 2 ton truck with 16 ft. bed and hoist with rollover tarp, low miles; 1980 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup doesn't run.

MACHINERY & TOOLS
Krause 5300 grain drill, 21x7 1/2 spacing, double disc openers, shedded; JD 8300 grain drill, 20x8 spacing, fertilizer, shedded, needs tires; Case 12 ft. tandem disc; Case 10 ft. offset disc; AC 3 pt. 4 bottom plow; JD 4 bottom steerable plow; JD 6 row rotary hoe; JD 6 row cultivator; AC mower conditioner, 9 ft.; AC small round baler; 14 ft. dump wagon IH, running gear; JD 14 ft. header; IH trail mower, no wheels; Wilbeck 12 offset disc, needs repair; Lincoln AC DC welder; welding table; Power Kraft table saw; M&M molder planer; lawn mower trailer; 3 pt. log splitter; 500 gallon field sprayer; Craftsman lawn tractor, 19 hp., hydro, 42" deck; Rockwell wood lathe; lathe tools; gear pullers; various hand tools; B&D bench grinder; Popular Mechanics tool chest; air compressor;

woodworking table; fuel barrels; Coats 1010 tire machine; MTD rear tine tiller; Vacaway seed cleaner; lots of salvage machinery and iron.

FURNITURE/COLLECTIBLES
Oak wardrobe; oak commode; kitchen cabinet; walnut rocker; wicker furniture; walnut buffet, small; oak 3 drawer chest; sewing machine cabinet; walnut parlor table; oak table; dining table; walnut kitchen cabinet;

brass and iron beds; Amana washer; Kenmore dryer; GE refrigerator; Gibson electric range; chest type freezer; metal patio furniture; various crocks; several camel back trunks; wood boxes; various glassware of all kinds; toy train; adv. items; wicker baby buggy; wood barrel; kerosene lamps; jars and bottles; Quaker State metal sign; large selection of tools and other primitives; iron baby bed.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is a partial list as it is impossible to find everything at this time. Should be lots of surprises. Come spend the day with us and enjoy the auction. For pictures go to www.hallgrenauctions.com

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She added that other benefits include a posting on the state's travel and tourism website, a tax credit of 20 percent for the

first five years toward the purchase of liability insurance and agritourism scholarships to improve or gather ideas for growing an agritourism business.

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farms, ranches, or our 15 wineries, not to mention taking part in hunting and fishing activities," Larison said.

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Deb Burch unhitches the team as a group prepares to visit the pumpkin patch near Alma

Only a few days left to vote for Kansas art

Voting for the 8 Wonders of Kansas Art will end on October 15 at midnight. A project of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, the contest is designed to educate the public about what there

it to see and do in the state and to encourage travel in Kansas. More than 6,500 votes have been registered from throughout Kansas and the U.S. and several foreign countries. The public can vote

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Stokes to resign as CEO of NCBA following annual meeting

Terry Stokes, chief executive officer of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), announced he will resign from his position following the 2009 Cattle Industry Convention, Jan. 31, 2009.

Stokes said representing cattlemen and championing their cause has been the greatest honor and the most fulfilling job of his career, but he explained it also is all-consuming. He said he is looking forward to spending time with his family and exploring new opportunities.

"Terry shared his news with the NCBA officers this morning. I speak for all of them when I say we want Terry to stay. His leadership and commitment to the beef industry are incomparable. Yet, personally, we respect and honor Terry's decision to make this life change. We only hope he continues to contribute to the industry; his leadership is that valuable," said Andy Groseta, cattle producer, Cottonwood, Ariz., and president of NCBA.

Stokes joined NCBA 12 years ago, in 1996, as chief financial officer. He was appointed CEO in 2002. During his tenure as CEO, NCBA grew revenues 41%. Membership grew more than 17% in the past three years.

"So much of Terry's work has been behind the scenes. He is not a 'look-at-me' kind of leader. So I'm not sure how many people realize what a difference he has made to NCBA and the beef industry. That said, I respect his personal decision to find the next mountain to climb," said Gary Voogt, a cattle producer from Marne, Mich., and NCBA president-elect. "NCBA deals with every issue the cattle industry faces, and Terry can speak to every single issue. He is amazingly adept at knowing what's going on and what needs to be done," Voogt said. Stokes led the NCBA team in its response to the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States, a response that has been credited for maintaining con-

sumer confidence in beef. Since that discovery in late 2003, Stokes has dedicated countless hours to working with the U.S. government convincing world leaders to open their borders to U.S. beef.

"Those who have worked with Terry know he is, above all else, a collaborator. He can bring a room of opposing interests and personalities together and find common ground. And that's because Terry is always focused on doing the right thing," said Steve Foglesong, cattle producer, Astoria, Ill., and vice president of NCBA. "NCBA has been Terry's extended family, and we are extremely thankful to his family for sharing him as long as they have. This industry and NCBA are better for it," Foglesong said.

Stokes also directed the development of a strategic plan for NCBA efforts funded by the beef checkoff, focusing on product innovation, nutrition and safety, what he calls the three pillars of demand. Most recently, Stokes ensured the 2008 Farm Bill included cattle-

men's top priorities, such as minimizing the recordkeeping burden of country-of-origin labeling (COOL) on producers and securing increased funding for conservation programs. "NCBA is a stronger association today because Terry has been at the helm. He leaves it with a clear vision: to create a growing, profitable and sustainable beef industry. We will miss his leadership, commitment and passion both to the industry and NCBA," Groseta said.

"Working with Terry through January next year, we will ensure a seamless transition," Groseta concluded. NCBA's officers will begin work on a search plan for the next CEO of NCBA.

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"You may not need the newest seed technology," Doty said. "If you usually

dry your corn with propane, you can cut energy use by waiting a week to let it dry out naturally."

Risk management is essential, she said. "If you have a market plan and safe targets, it will be easier to get a better overall price than if you try to do it last-minute."

Resources to help farm-

ers with planning and budgeting decisions are available online at http://fapri.missouri.edu/farmers_corner/. On the "Software Tools" page, users can download the Crop Budget Generator, a spreadsheet for developing custom crop budgets and evaluating leases.

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Signs; Pepsi clock; Walker muffer clock; railroad UP combine marker lamp, Santa Fe & Up items; 50 Hummels; 1000's sports cards stars & rookies from 60's; newer autographs, JD 7000 tractor banner; assortment paper advertising; pen & pencil collection; 12 pieces Fiesta; collector plates; Christmas items.

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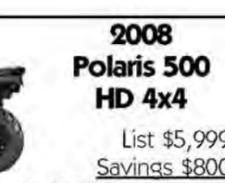
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USDA and DOE release National Biofuels Action Plan

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Ed Schafer and Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Samuel Bodman have released the National Biofuels Action Plan (NBAP), an interagency plan detailing the collaborative efforts of federal agencies to accelerate the development of a sustainable biofuels industry.

"Federal leadership can provide the vision for research, industry and citizens to understand how the nation will become less dependent on foreign oil and create strong rural economies," Secretary Schafer said. "This National Biofuels Action Plan supports the drive for biofuels growth to supply energy that is clean and affordable, and always renewable."

The NBAP was developed in response to President Bush's plans to

change the way America fuels its transportation fleets in the 2007 State of the Union Address. The President's "Twenty In Ten" goal calls for cutting U.S. gasoline consumption by 20% over the next 10 years by investing in renewable and alternative fuel sources, increasing vehicle efficiency and developing alternative fuel vehicles. "The National Biofuels Action Plan is a strategic blueprint that shows us the way to meet the President's goal of meaningful biofuels production by the year 2022," Secretary Bodman said. "And to do it in cost-effective, environmentally-responsible ways that utilize a science-based approach to ensure the next generation of biofuels that are made primarily from feedstocks outside the food supply that are produced sustainably."

The President's ambi-

tious alternative fuels production target was later followed by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) and the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act (FCEA) of 2008, which responded to the President's "Twenty in Ten" challenge with mandatory funding of more than \$1 billion for such energy activities as loan guarantees for cellulosic ethanol projects as well as other renewable energy and energy-efficiency-related programs.

The NBAP was developed and is being implemented by the Biomass Research and Development (R&D) Board. Co-chaired by USDA and DOE officials, the Board was creat-

ed to coordinate the activities of federal agencies involved in biomass research and development. Its membership represents the combined expertise and resources of senior decision makers from nearly a dozen executive branch agencies and the Administration.

Interagency working groups have been chartered with near term deadlines to deliver such key results as: the development of science-based sustainability criteria and indicators, 10-year R&D forecasts for research to develop cost-effective methods of producing cellulosic biofuels from non-food based feedstock, to advance these next generation biofuels

to commercialization, and recommendations on infrastructure issues.

DOE has dedicated more than \$1 billion to research, development and demonstration of cellulosic biofuels technology through 2009. Additionally, since 2006, USDA has in-

vested almost \$600 million for the research, development and demonstration of new biofuels technology. For more information about the NBAP and other USDA and DOE efforts, visit the following web sites www.usda.gov/energy and www.eere.energy.gov.

ESTATE AUCTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 — 10:30 AM
Phillip Billard VFW Post 1650, 3110 SW Huntoon
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Auctioneers Note: Mr. Mann was a career Air Force man. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing. He was a former post commander of the VFW, he did thousands of volunteer hours at the VA hospital, led the burial detail on over 400 funerals. He was the type of person who dedicated his life to freedom for our country. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Hank and his generation for their sacrifices for our country. Refreshments will be available by the ladies auxiliary of the VFW. Plan to attend this auction, there is something for you. All items are in excellent condition and ready for your use.

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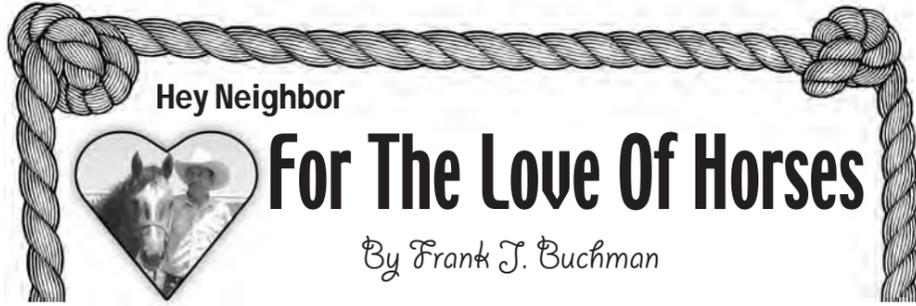
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By Frank J. Buchman

Horses Bitten By Snakes Need Immediate Veterinary Care

Snakebites can be deadly to horses. If they are not fatal, the wounds can have long-term detrimental effects.

"Death from snakebite, however, is not very common," according to Dr. Lyndi Gilliam, internal medicine specialist at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

"There can be continuing problems from the toxicity, but there is a lack of research in this area," she added.

Thus, hazards of snakes should not be taken lightly by horse owners.

Actually, snakebite is fairly common in certain areas of the United States, the veterinarian admitted.

"Horses are often grazing where snakes live, therefore encounters be-

tween the two are not uncommon," she explained. "When a snake feels threatened by the presence of a horse, their first response is to strike, often resulting in envenomation of the horse."

Rattlesnakes, copperheads, water moccasins and cottonmouths are threats to horses. "Their venoms are similar in many ways," Gilliam qualified.

Coral snakes are only

prevalent in the southeast part of the country. However, they must chew their prey to envenomate them, rather than strike them, and therefore they are less of a threat to horses.

Snake venom causes the breakdown of blood and protein and thus tremendous swelling in the region of the bite. "Due to the curious nature of horses, most snakebites occur somewhere on the head, which can result in swelling that restricts breathing and results in suf-

focation," Gilliam related.

Wounds also may occur on the legs or chest. "Leg bites can result in a large amount of tissue damage as the legs do not have extra space to accommodate a large amount of swelling," Gilliam commented.

Danger increases in an exercising horse, because the venom spreads faster.

"Size of the snake can be deceiving as far as its ability to be toxic," Gilliam insisted. "Juvenile snakes often have more potent venom than older snakes, making it important not to underestimate the danger of a bite, even if it was given by a small snake."

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While snakebites can occur at any time, they are more frequent in late spring and summer. The first sign of a bite is the swelling. On the head, the whole nose may swell, and blood-stained drainage is typical. Eyes can swell shut, with the ears drooping. Most horses become extremely depressed, and there is typically a rapid heartbeat.

"Swelling of the head can close off the airway and result in death," Gilliam emphasized. However, it is unlikely the swelling will reach that point within a few hours.

"Still, they often continue to swell in spite of treatment. One of the keys in treating snakebites on a horse's head is to establish an airway up the nose," the veterinarian alerted. If this cannot be done, a tracheotomy can be performed.

Veterinarians typically use anti-inflammatory medications along with pain relievers. "With severe swelling, steroids are often recommended initially, followed by non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as phenylbutazone," Gilliam stated. "These drugs should not be used in dehydrated horses."

Stricken horses often don't eat or drink and become dehydrated. "Fluids should be administered intravenously to maintain hydration," she noted.

Antibiotics are generally given to prevent secondary infection of snakebites. The medication antivenin is an effective but costly treatment, and horses can have adverse reactions.

Some rattlesnake species cause life-threatening nerve damage or bleeding disorders. "In these cases, antivenin may be the only treatment that will save the horse," Gilliam claimed.

Research is continuing on permanent or lasting damage of snakebites on horses. However, the veterinarian pointed out, "We do have reports of long-term effects on the heart."

Certainly, Gilliam is speaking not only as a professional but from personal

experience. "My own two horses were bitten on the nose on the same day and likely by the same snake," she said. "Both have had long-term effects on their hearts. It made me realize that just because they improve from swelling doesn't mean they've recovered."

Because of that, Gilliam acknowledged the importance of having repeated exams after the snakebite to detect any heart damage that may have occurred. "My horses didn't actually show signs of heart problems until one month after being bitten," she shared.

"It has long been a habit of people to just let the swelling heal and assume the horse is fine," Gilliam continued. "I caution against this and strongly recommend having monthly exams done for at least three months after the bite."

Vigilance is always recommended, but there's not any tactic to prevent horses from being bitten by snakes. "If horses are in areas with snakes, there is really not a way of preventing snakebites," Gilliam conceded. "The most important thing is to check horses at least twice daily so that aggressive therapy can be sought as soon as possible."

In conclusion, Gilliam summarized, "Early treatment is the key. Don't wait. If on a trail ride, see if the trailer can come to the horse rather than making the horse walk which would allow the venom to spread faster."



Immediate treatment is essential for horses receiving snakebites to help prevent death and long-term detrimental effects. Dr. Lyndi Gilliam, internal medicine specialist at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, shows a horse successfully treated for snakebite.

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Horsin' Around

By Don Goldsmith

Ku Klux Klan



A few years ago I was at the home of a friend, who was showing me some well-preserved horse equipment with a family history. A dark stain on one of the saddles, he said, was blood. His ancestor, who had owned the saddle, was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, and had been wounded in a shoot-out. In this part of the country, we're pretty close to our history. There are hundreds of family stories like this one. But we're close not only in place, but in time. The incident involving our friend's saddle happened in the late 1920s, during the lifetime of many people still living.

I'd almost forgotten about it, until I was speaking to a Historical Society in Valley Falls a while back. In informal discussion, we were talking about Civil War history. In the 1860s, there were pockets of Union and Confederate sympathy in eastern Kansas, often very close to each other. Rival towns sprang up to offset the other's claim. A prime example might be that of Lecompton, oriented to the South, sandwiched between Topeka and Lawrence, two of the most extremely "Yankee" of the frontier towns. Valley Falls, in the general area, was also Union oriented. I was surprised, then, when someone mentioned that the Ku Klux Klan had been active there. Not in the post-Civil War days, but in the 1920s. Edith Harden, secretary of the Valley Falls Historical Society, has done quite a bit of research on the Klan, and has sent me some material about that time period.

After World War I, there

was a resurgence of KKK activity across the country. Not merely anti-Negro, but very strictly against a lot of other things, too. The anti-German hatred left over from the war must have been a major factor. A different sort of Klan activity swept over the country, not limited to the south. The Klan purported to be a patriotic organization, holding meetings openly, with speakers and recruitment rallies. They stood for "full-fledged Americanism," which they saw as white, English-speaking Protestant Americans. At the height of their activity in the 1920s, they claimed four or five million members. There were large-scale Klan rallies in towns across the country, with a lot of news-

paper coverage. There were efforts to start new chapters. Apparently many people saw this as a lodge, similar to the Masonic organization, or Elks, Odd Fellows, fraternities, even the American Legion without the military requirement. Theoretically, no one knew who the other members were.

In the Valley Falls situation, the local chapter, Klan #69, was helped considerably by the fact that their leader, Clayton Wyatt, was owner and editor of the local newspaper, the Valley Falls Vindicator. He was also the postmaster, and a

deacon in the Church of Christ, and a highly respected citizen.

In 1925 and 1926, the Vindicator published news of Klan activities, and charter membership in Klan #69 was included in obituaries, along with church affiliation. There was a report of remodeling and dedication of the Klan Hall at 501 Frazier, Valley Falls, and the principal address by "Mr. Chas. H. Brayer, Grand Dragon of Kansas." The Klan was praised for this community effort (we have to wonder how the members

managed to remain anonymous with this sort of publicity).

The Imperial Wizard, Hiram Wesley Evans, a dentist from Texas, speaking to Kansas Klansmen, urged them to oppose all Negroes, foreign-born, Jews, and Catholics. In Valley Falls, traditional hate activities were somewhat limited, there being very few blacks, Jews, or foreign-born citizens not already assimilated. But there were Catholics ("Everybody knows the Pope was a foreigner," said the Imperial Wizard). Cross-

es were burned to "... warn Catholics to keep their place, not get into politics, nor marry children of Decent Protestant American Families." Yet, apparently there were no violent events in the area.

Nationally, the Klan suffered considerably in 1926, from the convictions of several top leaders for crimes such as murder, extortion, and corruption, and Klan #69 faded into history, without the formality of dissolving. Hate may not be dead, but we've come a long way.

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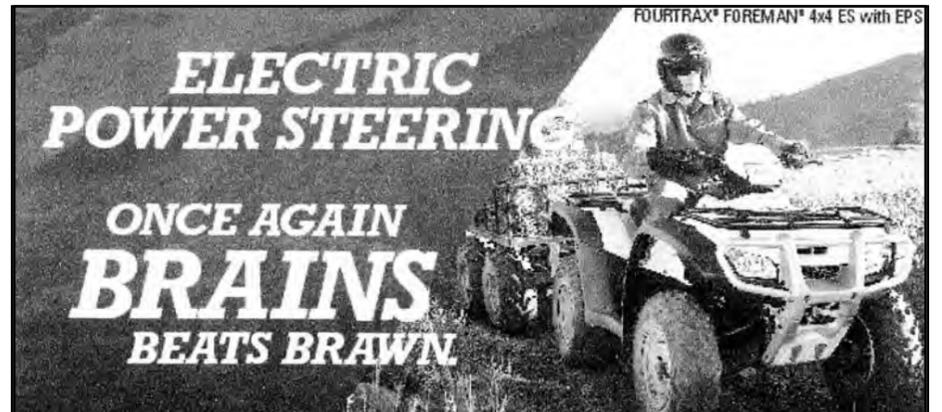


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CW	MARB	REA	FAT
1+10	1+.05	1+.14	1+.022
SW	SF	SG	SB
+26.26	+24.78	+10.60	+29.03

Sedgwicks Barbara 58IU

Reg. No. 16085916 • Sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004



BW	WW	YW	Milk
1+2.6	1+49	1+81	1+23
CW	MARB	REA	FAT
1+7	1+.16	1+.13	1+.000
SW	SF	SG	SB
+28.09	+20.76	+18.27	+33.20

Sedgwicks Blackcap 292U

Reg. No. 16085914 • Sire: BC Marathon 7022



BW	WW	YW	Milk
1+2.4	1+40	1+76	1+17
CW	MARB	REA	FAT
1+9	1+.12	1+.40	1+.010
SW	SF	SG	SB
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Sire: BW+.5 WW+.40 YW+.71 Milk+.30 CW+.18 Marb+.60 RE+.66 Fat+.032
\$W+.30.38 \$F+.14.63 \$G+.34.42 \$B+.56.95
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November 8 — Simmental, Angus, SimAngus, Red Angus Bull Sale N. of Wheaton for Moser Ranch.

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

November 8 — Farm sale at Barnes for Verlin Richter. Auctioneers: Jim Vathauer Auctions.

November 8 — Household at Abilene. Auctioneers: Allan Thompson & Ron Shivers Auctions.

November 8 — Real Estate & personal property at Junction City for Herbert Kalmar, The Estates of Hilda Williams & Leo D. Weiler. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auctions.

November 9 — JD toy auction at Kansas City, MO. Auctioneers: Phil Detrixhe & John Hutchison.

November 15 — Real Estate at Herington for John & Chandra Stuchlik. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Real Estate & Auctions.

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

November 15 — Farm sale, machinery & hay for Mr. & Mrs. Dean Hoffman. Auctioneers: Allan Thompson & Ron Shivers Auctions.

November 16 — Antiques & collectibles at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

November 18 — Lyon Co.

real estate at Americus for Wayne & Joan Gatewood. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

November 18 — JD farm

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

November 18 — House at Randolph for Vandahl Family Trust. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, auctioneers.

November 22 — Farm ma-

chinery, livestock equipment & misc. SW of Clay Center for Tom James Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Hauserman Bloom Auction Service.

November 23 — Annual female sale at Enterprise for Hedgewood Prairie — Jason & Brooke Woodworth.

November 29 — Guns, antiques & collectibles at Council Grove. Auction-

eers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

December 13 — Household at Abilene. Auctioneers: Allan Thompson & Ron Shivers Auctions.

January 1, 2009 — 24th annual New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

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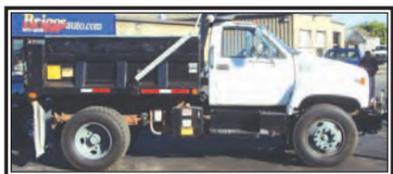
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