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Old-fashioned becomes new fashion at local dairy farm

By Beth Gaines-Riffel, Editor

It harkens back to an earlier time. A time where things were pure and simple. The work was hard, but rewarding. Many families had a connection to the food they consumed because they had a hand in getting the products from the field or barn to the table. But those days are now gone for most.

The Hildebrand family in Geary County is reaching back through the ages and bringing back farm-fresh flavor to the dairy case, complete with the nostalgic glass milk bottles which, in an earlier era, were commonplace in every family home. It's more than just forging a tie to the past, rather it's about insuring future profitability for the family farm, which is now seeing the third generation of dairy producers milk the cows and grow the crops.

The dairy is owned and operated by two brothers and their families. The first partner includes Alan and Mary Hildebrand and their children Melissa, a college graduate. Jacob, a junior at Chapman and Adam who is a seventh grader. Dave and

farm profitable. Alan noted their options including milking more cows, or figuring out how to get more return in a different form.

"We actually are milking fewer cows," Alan said. "We're milking about 150 head, which fits our facilities pretty well. That is down from what we were milking a year ago."

Looking for options

Making a dairy farm profitable is a challenge. Even if you are doing everything correct and managing the operation intensively to improve efficiency and production — the bottom line can still be pretty thin, partly because of the fact there is little control for the price being paid in a commodity situation. It was to that end that the family began to look for options for the dairy. They were seeking ways to add value to their dairy — much in the same way they add value to their grain and forage production on the farm by marketing those items through the cows.

"We all did some looking," Alan explained, noting each of the farm's partners had traveled to many of the dairy farms in the region that



Clean, empty bottles go down the line waiting to be filled with farm fresh milk. The milk is only hours old, not days, before it is pasteurized and bottled on the dairy farm.

purchased brand new. And while dairies are typically labor intensive operations with the required twice-a-day milkings, not to mention cow care and feeding, the bottling operation compelled the family to add to the labor force help on the bottling line as well as a driver to take the freshly bottled product to the stores in the region.

"I don't know that we fully understood the commitment it would take," Alan said.

Then there is the whole aspect of marketing. "We have to think about things a little differently," Alan said. Kathy, who is a fourth-grade teacher in Abilene and grew up in nearby Lindsborg, explained that her parents owned an art gallery. "There are some things that I want to try," she

also home to their storage facilities, where the milk waits prior to being shipped to stores, and a retail area.

The facility was designed as such as the milk from the parlor is piped directly over an stored in a tank until processed. According to Kathy, currently they are bottling about three days a week which gives adequate product to ship to stores at this time. As the demand increases and more stores start carrying the milk, she anticipates additional bottling shifts.

The stores currently carrying the product include the Ray's Apple Market chain in Manhattan, Council Grove and Clay Center. Keir's in Clay Center and Zey's in Abilene are outlets as are the groceries in Herington, Marion and Hillsboro. Steve's Country Corner convenience store in Chapman is also stocking the milk. As with other dairies that offer their product in environmentally friendly, reusable glass bottles, the Hildebrands charge a deposit for the bottles.

For the time being, Hildebrands offer their customers a variety of milk options — from the creamline, which is not homogenized, meaning that the cream will separate and come to the top of the bottle — whole, two percent and skim. A popular choice with young and old is chocolate. When there is enough cream, the dairy also will be bottling half-and-half.

While the family is getting their product on the shelves around the region at the current time, they also are looking to the future. They plan to include butter as well as ice cream in their offering at some point. "We'll have to add more freezers when we add the ice cream," Kathy said of the plans.

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The Hildebrand family is ready to welcome fans of farm-fresh milk to their recently completed store located just two miles west of Junction City on Hwy. 18, north a mile on Gfeller Road and then back 1/2 mile west on Rucker. Pictured are Adam, Jacob, Mary, Alan and Kathy Hildebrand. David Hildebrand, Kathy's husband, was unavailable for a photo.

Kathy Hildebrand and their daughter Julie, a senior at Fort Hays and son Tod, also a junior at Chapman High School, make up the diversified family business. The family launched the bottling operation on Sept. 26 after a full year of construction on the facility. Just this past weekend they officially held an open house at the plant to celebrate the addition to the farm.

Like many family farming operations, the Hildebrands were faced with the challenge of keeping the

were doing on-farm bottling and saw how the operations were designed and what advice they could share about starting a value-added venture.

One of the strongest influences for the family to take on this retail and milk processing/bottling aspect was Tim and Laurel Iwig of Tecumseh. "They have been a tremendous help to us," Alan said.

While the family talked about the idea of adding a value-added venture to the dairy for six or seven years, it wasn't until January of

2007 the family completed a feasibility study to assist them in making the determination if this would be a venture that would lend a new profit center to the family farm.

"We were kind of hoping, in a way it would turn out badly (the feasibility study)," Kathy Hildebrand, who is the office manager for the farm, explained. "But when it came back so positive, we knew this was something we were going to do." And positive it was.

Alan noted the study showed the family, in order



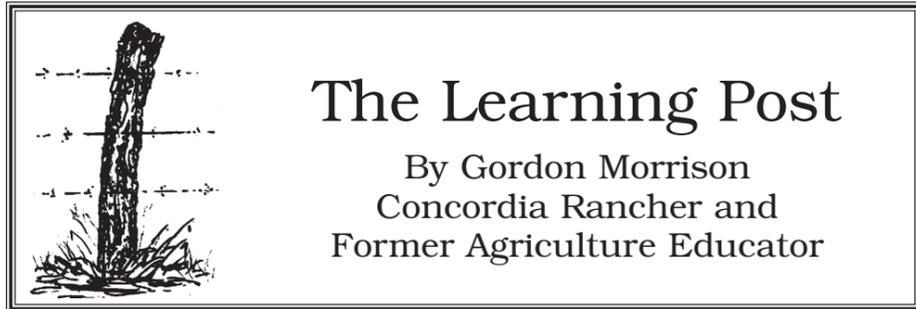
to be successful in this venture, they only had to capture 2 percent of the milk market in a 50 mile radius of the farm. "That not a big share," Alan said with a smile. And there is no doubt when compared to the \$16 per hundredweight price for milk producers are currently receiving from the commodity market, there is a lot more value to be captured by processing on the farm. But that too, comes with a price.

"We have \$10 per hundred above and beyond the price of producing the milk," Alan explained. "That cost is just in the processing." And there is also the overhead required to get set up to process the milk. The Hildebrands bought good used equipment where they could. Only one component of the processing line couldn't be sourced used and was

said. "I am excited about this opportunity."

With the farm located just to the west of Junction City, in the shadow of Fort Riley and with the shores of Milford Lake visible from the farm, marked by the two navy-blue feed silos, there is a built-in consumer base that in all probability has little connection to the farm, all potential customers. The Hildebrands feel that once people try their milk and taste the difference that an exceptionally fresh product has, they will be sold. Adding a processing component to the dairy brought on an entirely new structure to the dairy — both literally and figuratively.

The family built a building that houses their production line where the milk is processed, according to USDA specifications. It is



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Violence In 1887 Versus Debating In 2008

Recently when May and I were traveling on I-70, we stopped at the Kansas Originals store at the Wilson exit, where we have books for sale. While browsing, I noticed a postcard, showing gunslingers in front of the Wichita County Bank located at Coronado. I studied the card closely to see men such as Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Bat and Jim Masterson, and Bill Tilghman among others who were considered great lawmen or gunfighters of the violent West. Having lived in that area as a young child and knowing Coronado as only a grain elevator, I was surprised to learn it had been a thriving community in its day. Even though the postcard was \$3, I bought it to familiarize myself with these 17 men that had made history in one way or another. They arrived one day late for the Wichita County Seat battle, which may be why some of them were still alive for the picture.

When the West was being settled, many towns sprang up with first a bar, then a mercantile, a livery barn, blacksmith shop, jail, church, and school. However, many of these towns that sprang up so quickly soon died. If a town acquired a railroad line or became the county seat, its chance for survival was good. Competition to acquire the courthouse or train station was extremely fierce.

Leoti and Coronado were three miles apart, and both were flourishing and hoping to become the county seat. By law, an election had to be held to determine the will of the people of the county. Both Leoti and Coronado, fledgling towns, were determined to have the most votes in favor of becoming the county seat. To assure the election was fair, the governor of Kansas amended the law so that it required that all citizens desiring to vote had to be registered in order to be legal voters of the county. Enforcing the registration of voters proved to be costly in lives as a county seat war evolved.

According to the Wichita County Herald, of Coronado, the people of Leoti were determined that their town be the county seat. They hired a gunslinger, Charles Coulter, paying him \$750 to prevent the people of Coronado from registering. When toughs hired by Coulter to prevent

voter registration forced the issue at gunpoint, the Coronado would-be voters showed no resistance and left the place of registration to avoid bloodshed.*

The Coronado Herald published a story, stating that on Sunday afternoon, February 27, 1887, gunslinger Coulter and his henchman Rains, with five other toughs came from Leoti, three miles to the west, with a case of beer and insisted the Coronadoers drink with them. When they refused, they were made to dance while shots were fired at their feet and some were pistol-whipped on their heads. It wound up with Coulter shooting a Coronado man in the arm. This triggered a volley of shots from the Coronado crowd. When the dust had settled, Coulter and Rains lay dead while three more died of gunshot sounds for a total of five dead and one wounded. The seventh escaped back to Leoti.*

The Wichita Standard newspaper, of Leoti, gives a different view of the incident. It describes their neighbors to the east, the Coronadoers, as liars and not long-suffering, patient citizens like their local paper described them to be. They were accused of planning to kill any Leoti person who ventured into their town. The people who were killed or who died of wounds were left to lie in the streets, their bodies uncared for, until the people of Leoti recovered them.*

By reading accounts from newspapers from both towns, one can see that the papers were biased and unfair in their analyses of the bloodiest county seat war. What really happened is unsure except that five were killed and several wounded. In comparing this campaign (or battle) in 1887 to the campaign of 2008, it is good to recognize that we have become more civilized. Sure, there is a lot of rhetoric that is slanted and untrue, a lot of backbiting and negative ads, but in the 2008 election, at least no reported violence occurred.

Do you suppose there will even be some reaching across the aisle in an attempt to work and pull together for the good of our people, regardless of party lines? Let us hope so.

*History of Wichita County, Menonite Press, Inc., N. Newton, KS, 1980

COW POKES®

By Ace Reid

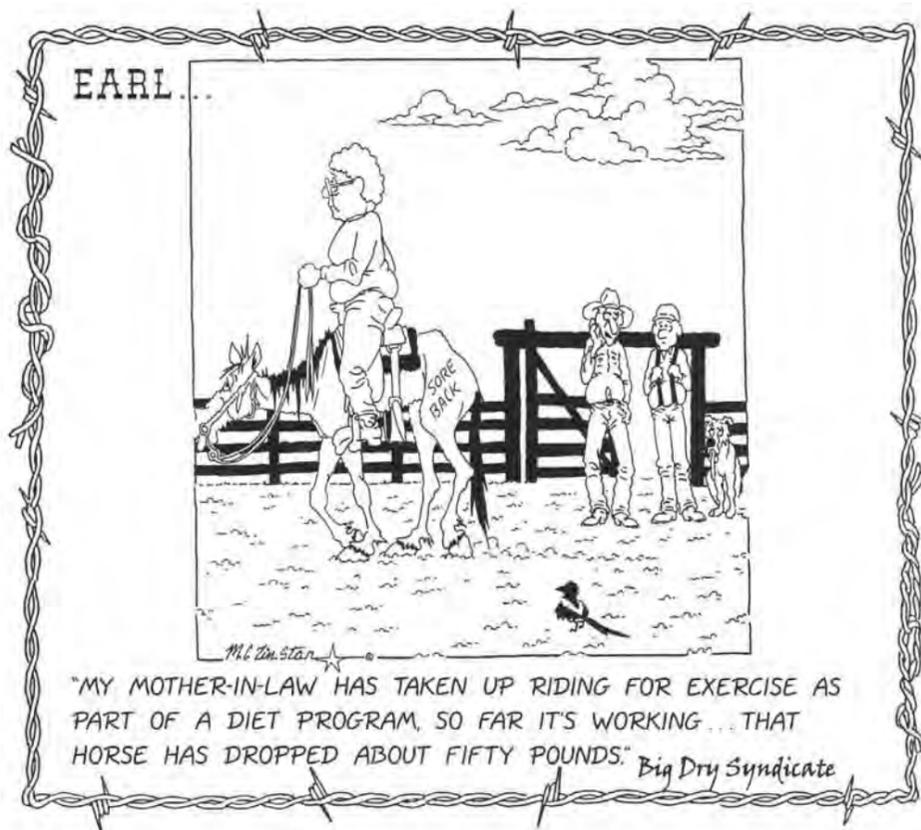


"I think I'm gonna take calf ropin' up as a hobby, I'm about to starve to death doin' it professionally."



"You are the embodiment of the information you choose to accept and act upon. To change your circumstances you need to change your thinking and subsequent actions."

-- Adlin Sinclair



"MY MOTHER-IN-LAW HAS TAKEN UP RIDING FOR EXERCISE AS PART OF A DIET PROGRAM, SO FAR IT'S WORKING... THAT HORSE HAS DROPPED ABOUT FIFTY POUNDS." Big Dry Syndicate



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

When you get this edition of G&G in your mailbox the centerpiece of the Thanksgiving meal should be thawing in your refrigerator (or you've secured a dinner invitation that frees you from this chore). And hopefully you've put yourself in the mindset of an attitude of gratitude, giving thanks for our many blessings. Or, if you've bypassed the blessing and moved on to the excess like many retailers want you to, you are strategizing for your pre-dawn shopping excursion, otherwise known as "Black Friday."

Well, in recent weeks there have been too many "black" days that have been anything but "fun" with the current market gyrations and the economic predictors looking anything but rosy and bright for much of the economy.

I know that there have been some good times for agriculture in the recent past, although they've certainly been tamped down by the accompanying cost

of doing business. Let's face it, the historically high price for fuel and fertilizer takes much joy out of the market-topping prices posted on the board of trade this past summer.

Much of that elation is now gone. But putting that aside for a bit, we should all take to heart that each of us generally has a lot to be thankful for.

Friends, family and community to call our own. A nation where we can each be as independent and individualistic as we choose. We can read contrasting opinions freely and express our own without fear of retribution or punishment.

Developing our own businesses that can succeed and grow because of our own contributions and hard work.

These are things that we can truly be thankful for this holiday season.

Wishing you and yours all the blessings that life has to offer. I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"

Giving Thanks

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,

For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,

For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,

For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home

Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,

For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,

For the good that our artists and poets have taught,

For the friendship that hope and affection have brought

Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,

For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,

For our country extending from sea unto sea;

The land that is known as the "Land of the Free"

Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

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Ag secretary touts growth in agriculture industry

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer is encouraging President-elect Obama to consider the successes of the Bush administration's agricultural policies while deciding what course his new administration will follow.

Schafer said the new president also will have to address the global issue of food security and find the resources that will be needed to feed the estimated 925 million people in the world who are hungry.

"This is the challenge of the 21st century," Schafer said during the keynote address at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau's annual convention in downtown Oklahoma City last week.

Schafer said American agriculture has enjoyed "remarkable prosperity" during the past eight years with unprecedented growth in foreign markets that now import more than \$100 billion worth of Amer-

ican agricultural products.

"A new global marketplace is emerging," Schafer said. American farmers and ranchers export \$30 billion in products to Canada and Mexico, the nation's top two agricultural partners, he said.

Schafer, former governor of North Dakota, said the Bush administration has negotiated 17 free trade agreements. Eleven have been fully implemented, and agricultural exports have risen more than 70 percent.

"The question for the next president is whether we will continue to seek broader markets," Schafer said.

Schafer said Bush has been a strong advocate for conservation, increasing spending by \$21 billion on such issues as soil conservation, preservation of wildlife habitats and environmental issues.

The administration also has supported infrastruc-

ture improvements in rural America, spending \$50 billion on local water treatment systems and similar projects.

"Further investments are going to be needed," he said.

Emphasis on renewable fuels has brought dramatic change to parts of rural America, creating new jobs and economic opportunity while helping to bring energy security to the nation, Schafer said.

On food security, the Bush administration has increased participation among those eligible for food stamps from 54 percent to 67 percent. And America currently provides half of the world's food aid.

But Schafer said more needs to be done to export American agricultural infrastructure and techniques to give overseas farmers and ranchers the tools they need to feed themselves.

The Obama administration also must address an animal identification program designed to trace livestock movements from birth to slaughter in an effort to pinpoint a single animal's movements after a disease is discovered.

Some livestock producers in Oklahoma and elsewhere have declined to participate in the voluntary tracking system, which the government promised to create after the nation's first case of mad cow disease in December 2003 in Washington state.

"It's an important public policy," Schafer said. But many farmers resist it because they feel it is government intrusion.

"There's a natural tendency of producers to want to be independent," he said.

Handling challenges with older children

Young adult children who leave home to pursue their education or a career typically look forward to heading home for the holidays but may be surprised to find some changes when they get there, said Charlotte Shoup Olsen, Kansas State University Research and Extension family systems specialist.

As young adults begin testing their wings, parents may find they enjoy their empty nest, with fewer day-to-day responsibilities and more time to pursue personal interests and activities, Olsen said.

"Bringing the family back together for the holiday need not upset personal growth," she said.

Accept that young adult children will want to spend time with friends, and may take family time for granted, Olsen said.

"Be respectful of each other," she said. A college student may want to sleep late to catch up on rest, while his or her parents may still want to schedule family night as usual.

"Growing used to seeing each other in new roles will take time, but doing so is part of the natural evolution of the family," Olsen said. More information on managing family relationships is available at county and district K-State Research and Extension offices and on the Extension website: www.oznet.ksu.edu.

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Case IH MX 270 MFWD JX 75, 344 hrs, 2 wheel open station

9270; 7150 MFWD

884, 2 wheel with loader

685 MFWD with 2250 loader

585, 2 wheel with 2250 loader

584, 2 wheel, open station

2 - 856; 656

Ford NH 9030 bidirectional, 3 pt., PTO on both ends, 4085 hrs.

MacDon 15' header with conditioner, fits 9030

8210 MFWD; 7710, 2 wheel

TW 35 MFWD Series II; TW 20 MFWD

4000; 3000; 9N; Legland 272

White 2-155 MFWD; 2-105

COMPACT TRACTORS

JD 970 MFWD with JD 80 loader and JD 8A backhoe

955 MFWD, 723 hrs. with loader

650 MFWD; 670 MFWD

Kubota L3130 MFWD, 1089 hrs. with loader

Kubota L 245 DT, MFWD

NH 1925 MFWD, 792 hrs. with loader

AC 714C

COMBINES

'05 JD 9560 STS, 576 sep., 848 eng., CM, DHP, chopper, 30.5x32

'00 9650 STS, 2056 sep., 3231 eng., DHP chopper, 18.4x42 with duals

9600, 723 sep., 1167 eng., DAM, DAS, F&A, chopper, 30.5x32

9500, 4x4, DAM, DAS, chopper, 30.5x32

9500, 4x4, DAM, DAS, chop-

per, 30.5x32

9500, 3128 sep., 5109 eng., DAM, DAS, chopper, 30.5x32

7720 Titan II, 4286 hrs., 24.5x32

7720, 5259 hrs., 24.5x32

7720 chopper, 24.5x32

6620 sidehill, 3820 hrs.; 6600 sidehill

Case IH 1666, 4x4, 1666, 4195 hrs., 4x4, RT 30.5x32

1660, 24.5x32

Gleaner NS

MF 540

PLATFORMS

JD 930 flex; 925 flex; 920 flex; 915 flex; 3 - 220 flex; 220 rigid; 2 - 216 flex; 2 - 100 Series 15'; 13';

CIH 1020, 25'; 1020 - 20'; 1020 - 17.5'

MF 1859, 12'

CORNHEADS

'85, 843

2 - 693

5 - 643

4 - 444; 443

Case IH 3 - 1063; 1044

Geringhoff PC 630

MF 1144

Gleaner N630

SKID LOADERS

JD 328, 1764 hrs.; 325, 3447 hrs.; 317, 2969 hrs.; 280, 3588 hrs.; 260, 1900 hrs.; 250, 3805 hrs.; 250, 917 hrs.; 240, 1190 hrs.; 240, 4042 hrs.; 240, 4073 hrs

NH LS 170, 945 hrs.; 2 - LS 160; LS 150; LX 665; LX 565; LX 885

Case 95XT

Mustang 2070, 122 hrs.

Owatonna 345

BALERS

JD 457 mega wide, silage special

457; 466 with net; 435; 335

5 - 336 square baler with thrower

Vermeer 605L with net

NH 648

Hesston 745

CIH 8430

Gehl 2580 with net

Gehl 1860

OMC 590

FORAGE HARVESTERS

JD 6 - 3970; 5 - 3950; 3940

NH FX 58, 1274 cutter hrs., 1781 eng. hrs., 4x4, metal

alert III

NH 365 with hay head

NH 6 row 30

2 - 900; 892; 790

Gehl 1275; 1060

FORAGE HEADS

JD hay heads: 5 - 7'; 5 1/2'

NH 990W; 890W

Gehl 1210

CORNHEADS

NH 919A 3; 3 row 30"; 2 - 824, 2 row 30"; 2 - 824, 2 row wide; 822

Gehl TR330, 3 row; TR 3038, 2 row; 1 row fits 860

WINDROWERS

JD 4895, 901 hrs.

CIH 8850

NH 1496; 1499

Mo Co JD 956; 2 - 955; 3 - 945; 936; 2 - 935; 4 - 930; 820; 1600; 1219

NH 1441; 116; 2 - 499; 489

CIH 8315; 8312

Hesston 1360; 1340; 1160

Gehl DC 2365

Mac Don 15'

CHOPPER BOXES

6 - H&S 7+4 on gears

H&S XL on gears

2 - Meyers 4516 on gear

Meyer 3616 on gear

Meyer 1600 on gear

2 - Meyer 620 on gears

Meyer 520 on gear

Meyer 518 on gear

3 Meyer 500 on gears

NH on gear

PLANTERS

JD 1780, 6 row 30

7200, 12 row 30

3 - 7200, 6 row 30

7000, 6 row 30

7000, 4 row

White 6100, 6 row 30

CIH 800, 4 row

SEVERAL PIECES OF TILLAGE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING

JD 724, 22' mulch finisher

Kent 20' soil finisher

Glenco 4300 20' soil finisher

Salford 499 soil finisher

JD 714, 12' mulch tiller

JD 915, 5 shank ripper

CIH 5 shank ripper

JD 630, 18' disc

Several plows, field cultivators and row crop cultivators plus all other types miscellaneous farm equipment



JD TRACTORS

JD 4240 diesel with cab, duals, quad range, good rubber, 110 hp, only 4800 hours, 2 hydraulic remote w/ 1000 & 540 RPM, nice tractor; JD 4640 diesel w/cab, duals, front weights, 7,000 hours, quad range w/quick hitch, 3 remotes, 1000 RPM; JD 4030 diesel, open station, nice tractor.



NH TRACTOR

2007 New Holland TC30 front wheel assist 30 hp diesel with 6' NH belly mower, PTO & 3 pt, roll bar, new rubber, only 68 hours.



SKID LOADER

John Deere model 250 diesel with only 380 hours, with foot control, great rubber, loader will

be sold with forks, bucket & like new Kansas Clipper tree shear-er.

ROTARY MOWER

2002 Bush Hog mod 2615 Legend; Bat wing with chain guards, nice mower.

4 WHEELER

Honda Fourtrax, 2 wheel drive, with front and rear racks.

ATV SPRAYERS

Schabin new 24 gallon sprayer with 7' boom & wand; 14 gal ATV 12 V sprayer w/ wand

TILLAGE EQUIPMENT

JD 7200 8 row corn planter; 8 row Buffalo 3 pt cultivator, w/extra sweeps & Robot guide; 30' cultipacker; 30' 3300 DD folding Crustbuster drill; 8 RM 8 row JD cultivator pull type 400 gal tandem axle Clark field sprayer w/ 40' booms; Krause 33' model 1976 folding disc; 24' Allis model 1600 folding chisel plow; Krause 25' folding disc; Kent V series 40' field cultivator; JD 400 3 pt rotary hoe; JD A1450 6 bottom semi mount plow; 3 Pt 12' JD chisel plow; 8 row 7000 JD corn planter.

HAY EQUIPMENT

1994 Vermeer 8 wheel rake on cart; Gooseneck 6 big bale side load bale wagon; JD 240 hydraswing swather, 14'; 1991 JD 435 big round baler with monitor and kicker, also gathering wheels on intake feeder; 3 pt bale fork; Pop up square bale loader; Bucket bale spear.

OTHER EQUIPMENT

3 pt mist blower; 2 Wheeled PTO generator; 3 pt seeder with electric fan motor; Pull type Allis Combine; 60' Mayrath 10" auger w/ swing out hopper; Jet Flow 6" & 8" portable augers; 3 pt pallet forks.

TRUCKS

1974 Ford F600, V8, 4 spd with split axle, with 16' hoist bed with 42" metal grain sides & metal floor; 1966 Chevy 60 V8, 4 spd with 2 spd axle, 14' hoist grain truck; 1984 Chevy Custom Deluxe 20 with 350 V8 pickup, 4 spd, 4x4, w/ gooseneck ball.

TRAILERS

20'x6' Delta gooseneck stock trailer, needs floor; 16'x6' Tandem, bumper flat trailer w/ fold up ramps; 24' Gooseneck flatbed trailer w/trailer house axles.

LAWN & GARDEN

Craftsman LT 1000 riding mower with 17.5 hp engine & 42" deck; Gas weed eater; And more.

CATTLE PANELS

Several portable 12' pipe cattle panels.

BOAT

14' Aluminum flat bottom Jon boat.

WELDER

Miller Dialarc 250 ac/dc arc welder on cart.

SHOP & TOOLS

Reddy Heater 115,000 BTU kerosene shop heater circular saws; Gear pullers; Angle grinder; Impact tools; 11 Drawer tool chest; Drill bits; Sockets; Hand wrenches; Pipe cutter; Creeper; 220V 100 gal horizontal air compressor; 2075 Poulan chain saw & Homelite CS-50 20" bar chain saw; Come-alongs; Pry bars; Bench grinder on stand; Shop press; Shop locker; Huge amount of bolts, nuts and washers; Craftsman 10" belt driver 3 hp table saw 12 V ratchet; Rope fence stretchers and more.

WOOD WORKING TOOLS

Ryobi wood bench drill press; Dewalt hand planer; Router; Lots of router bits; Wood clamp; Porta cable profile sander; Elect brad gun; Porter cable plate joiner.

CHINA

Nice set of Georgian Homer Laughlin china.

ANTIQUE FURNITURE

Oak teachers desk; Curved glass double spindle oak china hutch; High back 3/4 oak vict. bed; Duncan Phyfe china hutch.

TV & APPLIANCES

32" Sanyo portable TV; Chest type deep freeze.

HOUSEHOLD & HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Queen sized bed; Glider rocker; Full size maple bedroom set; 3 piece king size bedroom set; Area rugs; Roll top desk; Hide-a-bed couch; Leather office chair; 4 Drawer file cabinet; Rocker; Card table and chairs; Coffee table; Matching couch and love seat; Overstuffed chair; Recliners; Floral couch; Lamp stands; Dining tables and chairs.

FUEL TANK

100 Gal pickup bed tank with hand pump.

WATER PUMP

Pacer 100 GPM 2" pump with B&S engine.

MISCELLANEOUS

Squirrel cage fan; Mud flaps; Bug shield for pickup and many more unlisted items; Deer head mount.

2008 Grass & Grain Holiday Recipe Contest

Lynn Burgess, Lyons, Wins First G&G Holiday Contest And Prize

Winner Lynn Burgess, Lyons: "I am Swedish/German and have inherited some wonderful recipes over the years. My mom, Lois Heintz, always had plenty of these cookies ready for us when we got home from school. We usually ate the entire cookie jar!"

FLYING SAUCER COOKIES

- 1 cup shortening
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups Wheaties
- 2 cups oatmeal
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup nuts (optional)

Mix together until well blended. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 20 minutes. Do not overbake. Makes about 2 dozen.

NOTE: You can substitute Stevia or Splenda for the sugar and brown sugar and it almost tastes the same; or sometimes I only substitute the Splenda brown sugar.

Kim Johnson, Abilene: "A small piece goes a long way; very rich but is so good."

SWEET INDULGENCE CHEESECAKE

Crust:

1 box (any brand) brownies to make a 9-by-13-inch pan

Filling:

- (5) 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 5 large eggs
- 1/3 cup whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- Pinch salt
- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 cups coarsely chopped Snickers or Turtle candy
- 1 cup coarsely chopped brownie (leftovers from crust)
- 1/2 cup caramel sundae topping

Finishing Touches (optional):

- 1/2 cup melted white, milk or semisweet chocolate
- Chocolate curls or shavings
- Confectioner's sugar

Prepare brownies according to package directions and let cool. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Spray a 10-inch springform pan with non-

stick cooking spray. Line bottom and sides of pan with pieces of parchment paper, cut to fit, allowing pieces to extend a bit over top of pan (to make a collar). Arrange pieces of brownies to line bottom of pan. Save 1 cup for cheesecake filling. For filling, blend cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Add condensed milk and blend in eggs, cream, flour, vanilla and pinch of salt until smooth (about 5 minutes on low). Scrape bottom of mixing bowl often to make sure batter does not stick to bowl. Sprinkle 1/2 cup of white chocolate chips over brownies in springform pan. Add

the semisweet chips and chopped candy bars to filling and mix well; fold in brownie chunks, trying not to break them up. Pour half of the batter over the white chocolate chips and pour caramel topping on top of batter. Pour remaining batter on top of caramel topping. Swirl batter with knife briefly. Pan will be very full. Place cheesecake pan on cookie sheet and bake about 50 to 60 minutes or until set. Turn off oven, open oven door, and let it cool in oven 1 hour and then in refrigerator overnight. Remove from pan and place on serving plate. Before serving, drizzle with melted chocolate allowing chocolate to drizzle down sides also and garnish with chocolate curls and dust with confectioner's sugar. Cut into 16 servings and enjoy.

Susan Harms, Davenport, Neb.: "This is a good recipe that is a hit these cold, wintery days and especially easy with the use of a crock-pot."

CROCK-POT CHICKEN WITH DUMPLINGS

1 cooked chicken (or favorite pieces of chicken cooked & diced; use what your family will eat)

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups sliced celery
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 1/2 cup sliced carrot
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- (4) 14-ounce cans chicken bouillon/broth (or make your own)
- 16-ounce can Grands! Home Style Biscuits

Seasoning, as preferred
Place the chicken in a large 6-quart crock-pot. In a large skillet melt butter and saute celery, onion and carrots (can adjust amounts of these ingredients to your likes). Add cream of chicken

soup then slowly add and stir in 1 can chicken bouillon/broth. Mix well. Pour into crock-pot and add more chicken broth or bouillon equivalent to three cans of broth. Allow ingredients to come to a slow bubble and then quarter each biscuit and place pieces on top. Do not stir biscuits into broth. Place lid on and leave while cooking on high about 2 hours. Add seasonings to your taste before stirring dumplings into soup and serving. This can also be cooked on the stove in a large pot. Cook until dumplings are done. Very easy to prepare and delicious.

Joyce Maginness, Fostoria: "Use up leftover cooked poultry from holiday. Add a salad and a veggie for a hearty lunch."

TURKEY NORMANDY

3 1/2 cups or 1 small package of herb seasoned stuffing mix

- 1 stick butter, melted in 1 cup of hot water
- 1/4 cup green onion, use green tops
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- Dash of salt
- 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 cups of diced turkey (or chicken)
- 2 eggs

1 cup of milk
1 can of cream of mushroom soup

Grated cheddar cheese (approximately 1 to 2 cups, depending on personal taste)

Mix stuffing with butter melted in hot water. Combine onions, celery, salt and mayonnaise in a separate bowl. Mix this well with bread mixture. In a greased 9-by-13-inch pan, pat half of bread mixture and spread on turkey (or chicken). Top with rest of bread mixture. Beat eggs then add milk and beat; pour over all. Refrigerate overnight. Take out of refrigerator 2 hours before serving and spread with mushroom soup. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for 40 minutes and sprinkle with cheese and bake additional 10 minutes.

Sandra Norris, Abilene: "I found this recipe in the American Profile paper."

CINNAMON CARROT PIE

- 2 cups cooked mashed carrots
- 12-ounce can evaporated whole milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 10-inch unbaked pie shell

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine carrots, milk, eggs, salt, ginger and cinnamon. Beat for 2 minutes. Bake 15 minutes then lower heat to 350 degrees and bake 45 minutes longer or until filling is set. Serves 8.

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Thelma Baldock, Delphos: "Store-bought pizza is loaded with ingredients we should not be eating. Look at what is in it. Besides, you can make pizza cheaper."

HOMEMADE PIZZA DOUGH
2 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons oil
1 package dry yeast
1 cup lukewarm water

Dissolve yeast in warm water and add the sugar, salt and oil. Mix in flour; set aside a few minutes. Spread dough in pans (I use Pyrex). Do not grease pans. Divide dough in whatever size pizza you want. This is enough for four 10-inch pizzas. With oiled fingers, spread dough in pan and top with whatever you like. Our favorite is spread pizza sauce to within 1/2 inch of edge. Spread no-bean chili to 1 inch from edge. Cut slices of Sargento cheese into five pieces and place on top so each serving has cheese on top. Bake in a 425-degree oven until brown. Colby-Jack reduced cheese has only 50 calories per slice, made with 2% milk.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
HOT SWEET SAUSAGES
2 tablespoons oil
(2) 14-ounce packages beef smoked sausage, cut into 1-inch pieces
14-ounce package mini smoked cocktail sausages
9.2-ounce jar plum jelly
4 teaspoons hot mustard
1 tablespoon honey
2 teaspoons lemon juice

In a large skillet heat oil over medium high heat. Add sausages and cook for 5 to 10 minutes stirring frequently, or until lightly browned; drain. In a bowl combine jelly, mustard, honey and lemon juice. Add to sausage and cook over medium low heat for 5 to 6 minutes or until heated through.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "A sweet tooth favorite and easy to make."

NUTTY BARS
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup butterscotch chips
1/4 cup oleo
1/2 cup peanut butter
2 1/2 cups small marshmallows
1 cup salted peanuts

Microwave chips, oleo and peanut butter 1 minute in a covered microwave dish. Stir until smooth. May need to microwave some more if it isn't smooth. Add marshmallows and nuts and stir until coated. Spread in a 9-by-13-by-2-inch pan. Cover and chill 30 minutes until firm. Cut into small squares.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
PEPPERMINT FUDGE CUPS
1 cup white chocolate morsels
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup whole milk
1 tablespoon peppermint extract
2 cups confectioner's sugar
10 peppermint candies

In a bowl combine white chocolate, butter, milk and extract. Microwave on high for 30 seconds intervals, stirring between each until chocolate is melted and smooth, about 2 minutes total. Gradually add sugar, stirring until mixture is smooth. Beat at high speed with an electric mixer for 3 minutes or until shiny and smooth. Crush peppermints (I place in a plastic bag and crush with a rolling pin). Spray paper or foil miniature muffin cups with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle half of crushed peppermints evenly into bottoms of cups. Spoon fudge mixture evenly over peppermints. Sprinkle each evenly with remaining crushed peppermints. Chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
CRANBERRY APPLE BARS
2 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 egg yolks
1 cup butter
2 cups cranberries, frozen
1 Granny Smith apple, finely diced
2 tablespoons orange juice concentrate
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/8 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped nuts

For the pastry bowl mix the flour, 1/2 cup sugar, vanilla and egg yolks. Cut the butter into this mixture. Form a ball and chill for 1 hour. Grind the frozen cranberries. In a saucepan mix the cranberries and apples with the orange juice, 1 1/2 cups sugar, cornstarch, ginger and salt. Simmer on the stove until thick, about 15 minutes. Add the chopped nuts and chill. Press two-thirds of the pastry into a 9-by-13-inch pan. Spread with cranberry apple filling. Roll out the remaining pastry to about 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into narrow, about 1/2-inch wide, strips using a pastry wheel. Arrange the strips in a crisscross fashion across the top of the filling. Bake in a 375-degree oven for about 20 minutes. Cool and cut into squares.

Thanksgiving Table Settings

(NAPSA) — You can make your holiday table even more inviting this year by bringing the outdoors in. "These works of art will not only bring fresh flowers and natural elements into your home, they will help you set a beautiful table," says lifestyle expert Julie Mulligan. From vegetable place-card holders to unique containers for centerpieces, here's how she does it:

Artichoke Place Card:
Push apart top leaves of artichoke and remove center and heart. Insert glass votive in cavity and fill it with water. Snip flowers to height of holder and arrange. Preferably, the flowers will lean over rim. Insert the place card behind a leaf of the artichoke. "If you don't have a glass votive, simply fill the cavity with wet floral foam and insert your flowers in it," says Mulligan, who advises 1-800-FLOWERS.COM.

Floral Place Mat:
Cut a circular mat slightly larger than your plate from corrugated cardboard. With floral adhesive or hot glue, attach leaves of different fall colors to the edge of the cardboard so that they will appear around the plate. Cut stems of flowers short and glue a smaller ring of flowers to the edge of the cardboard



making sure you leave the tips of the leaves exposed. Attach another row of leaves, spacing over top of flowers. Keep adding leaves until the mat is filled.

Vegetable Vase Arrangement:
Create a harvest-style centerpiece by combining flowers and vegetables. "The shape and texture of a butternut squash makes it

hard to tell at first that it's not a ceramic container but rather a real vegetable," says Mulligan. Select a butternut squash that stands up nice and straight and cut off the top. Scrape out at least 2 1/2 inches of the inside being careful not to get too close to the outer skin. Fill the hole with water or use a small piece of soaked floral foam cut to fit the opening. Place an assortment of fall flowers in the hole. "Foam works best with flowers that have a firm stem such as roses, carnations and poms."

For beautiful Thanksgiving arrangements, such as Country Harvest by Julie Mulligan, a breathtaking combination of fresh flowers that captures the essence of an autumn day in the country, you can visit 1800flowers.com or call 1-800-FLOWERS.

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The remaining recipes are left over from the regular "Our Daily Bread" contest. They are too good not to print for the holiday season. Enjoy!

Mary Longren, Holton: "This special recipe was given to me by a friend many years ago. It is a treat for anyone who loves seafood."

SHRIMP BAKE
 3 cups sliced celery
 1 cup chopped onion
 2 cans cream of mushroom & celery soup
 1/2 cup juice from canned mushrooms or water
 1 can drained mushrooms
 2 tablespoons butter
 3/4 cup chopped green pepper
 4 ounces pimentos, drained & chopped
 5 ounces sliced water chestnuts
 6 ounces cashews
 1 pound cooked cleaned shrimp
 2 cans chow mein noodles
 Combine celery and onion in liquid and simmer until onion is soft; drain. Brown mushrooms in butter and combine all ingredients except noodles. Season to taste. Layer bottom of a large greased baking dish with 1 can of noodles, then mixture and top with noodles. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 12.

Kay Spoo, Frankfort: "A good vegetarian stew. Very colorful."

HEARTY WINTER STEW
 1 1/2 cups water or vegetable stock (low-sodium vegetable bouillon cube may be substituted)
 1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce
 1 onion, chopped
 1 red bell pepper, diced
 5 large garlic cloves, minced
 4 cups bright orange/yellow winter squash (any variety), cubed, seeds removed
 15-ounce can chopped tomatoes
 1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder
 1/2 teaspoon cumin
 Black pepper to taste
 15-ounce can kidney beans, rinsed thoroughly
 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen corn
 Heat 1/2 cup water/vegetable stock and soy sauce in a large pot, then add onion, bell pepper and garlic and cook over medium heat until the onion is translucent and most of the water evaporates. Cut the squash in half and remove its seeds. Peel and cut into 1/2-inch cubes. Add squash cubes to the onion mixture, along with the chopped tomatoes, remaining 1 cup water/vegetable stock, cumin, chili powder and pepper. Cover and simmer until the squash is just tender when pierced with a fork or about 20 min-

utes. Add kidney beans and corn. Cook 5 minutes longer. Add additional water/vegetable stock as needed to prevent stew from drying out.

SPECIAL RICE
 2/3 cup chopped walnuts
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 3 tablespoons butter
 1 1/2 cups hot water
 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 1 1/2 cups frozen broccoli florets
 1 cup uncooked instant rice
 In a skillet saute walnuts, onion, sesame seeds, salt, garlic powder is butter until onion is tender and sesame seeds are golden brown. Add water and soy sauce and bring to a boil. Stir in broccoli and rice. Cover and remove from the heat. Let stand 5 minutes or until rice is tender.

CINNAMON-APPLE HONEY CAKE
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, divided
 3/4 cups thinly peeled tart apple
 3 tablespoons butter, softened
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1 egg
 1/3 cup 2% milk

1/4 teaspoon vanilla
 3/4 cup flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 2 teaspoons honey
 Line a 6-inch round baking pan with parchment paper. Coat paper with cooking spray. Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon. Arrange apple slices in a single layer over cinnamon. In a small mixer bowl cream butter and brown sugar until crumbly, about 2 minutes. Beat in egg. Add milk and vanilla and beat on low speed until blended. Combine the flour, baking powder and remaining cinnamon; stir into creamed mixture just until blended. Spoon over apples. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Invert immediately onto a serving plate and drizzle with honey. Serve warm, if desired. Yield: 4 servings.

CARROT BARS
 1 cup sugar
 3/4 cup oil
 2 eggs
 1 cup flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup shredded carrots
 1/2 cup walnuts
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13-inch

baking pan. Stir the sugar, oil and eggs together in a large bowl until blended. Combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in a medium bowl and stir with a whisk to blend. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and stir to blend. Add the carrots and nuts and stir until you have a smooth batter. Pour batter into prepared pan and smooth the top. Bake until toothpick inserted in the center of the bars comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Frost with cream cheese frosting.

CARAMEL APPLE BARS
 2 1/4 cups flour, divided
 2 cups quick-cooking oats
 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup butter

4 cups cored & chopped Granny Smith apples
 12-ounce jar caramel ice cream topping
 Set oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with nonstick spray. In a bowl combine 2 cups flour, oats, brown sugar, baking soda and salt. Using a pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly; set aside 2 cups of mixture. Press remaining crumb mixture into bottom of prepared pan. Top evenly with chopped apples. In a bowl combine caramel and remaining 1/4 cup flour. Pour evenly over apples. Top with reserved crumb mixture and bake 33 to 36 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely. Chill for at least 2 hours before cutting bars to serve.

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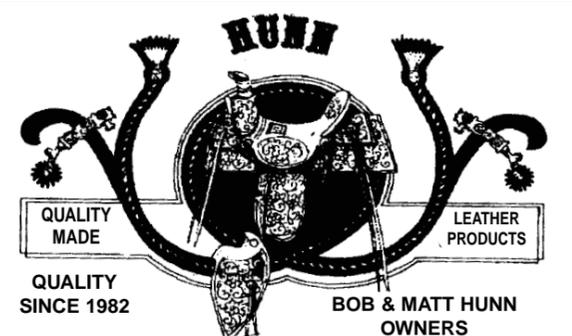
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To arrive at an average cost, the American Farm Bureau Federation asks volunteer shoppers to shop for traditional holiday foods and then compares their costs to arrive at an average cost for a classic holiday dinner for 10 each year, said Karen Blakeslee, Kansas State University Research and Extension food scientist.

This year's tally, which covers the cost of a 16-pound turkey, 14-ounce package of cubed stuffing, 30-ounce can of pumpkin pie mix, two pie shells, 3 pounds of sweet potatoes, 12 dinner rolls, 1 pound of green peas, a one-pound relish tray (with carrots and celery), a gallon of whole milk, a 12-ounce package of fresh cranberries, one-half pint of cream and miscellaneous ingredients (salt, pepper, and spices, for example) is \$44.61 — or \$4.46 per person.

The 2008 cost for the meal for 10 is up slightly — \$2.35, which is about 6 percent more than the 2007 cost which was \$42.26, Blakeslee said.

Costs will vary a bit with shopping choices available locally, said Blakeslee, who encourages families and friends to share the planning and preparation of the holiday feast to simplify the process, add enjoyment for everyone involved and share the costs.

Blakeslee advises keeping food safety in mind when asking for volunteers or making assignments, such as asking those who travel the farthest to bring non-perishable food items.

While much of the food safety advice for the perennial meal focuses on cooking a turkey to 165 degrees F to reduce potential risks from Salmonella or E. coli O157: H7 that may be present on the uncooked poultry, allowing leftovers to stand at room temperature for extended periods of time also can increase the risk of foodborne illnesses, she said.

Roasting or otherwise cooking a turkey to 165 degrees F will kill Clostridium perfringens, bacteria that also can sometimes be found on turkey. This bacteria can form spores that can

return to their vegetative state (and cause illness) if cooked turkey remains at room temperature too long, Blakeslee said.

HOW LONG IS TOO LONG?

Remove cooked turkey from the carcass and store all leftover meat in shallow containers. Cover and refrigerate the leftovers within two hours (or less) after roasting or cooking, she said.

Leftover turkey can be reheated to 165 degrees F and should be used within two to three days, the food scientist said. When wrapped, labeled and frozen after a holiday meal, leftover turkey will typically retain its quality for up to three to four months.

More information on food, food safety, nutrition and health is available at: www.oznet.ksu.edu/foodsafety and www.oznet.ksu.edu/humannutrition/.

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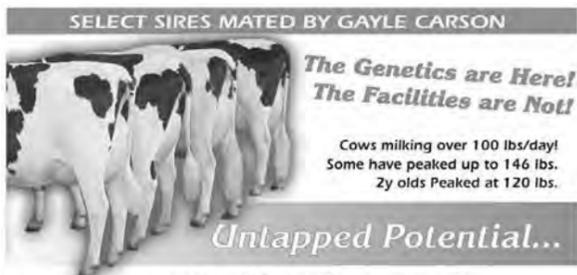
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Horsin' Around

By Don Goldsmith



Thanksgiving

I've said that this is one of my favorite times of the year. The weather is usually still pretty nice, there are fall colors and smells. The sunsets are better than at any other season.

And there's Thanksgiving.

There are many unique things about this holiday. One of the best is that it's more predictable than most. It's always on a Thursday, at least so far. I do hope they don't try to move Thanksgiving to a Monday. I'm not taking well to having Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays be on some other date so they can be on a Monday. Even the Fourth

of July isn't on the Fourth any more (We might as well change the time of day a couple of times a year, so everybody has to reprogram all the digital clocks and watches, right? How stupid can we get?)

But Thanksgiving is a happy time. There is absolutely no smell in the world like that of a roasted turkey. Somebody recently quipped that if God hadn't intended for us to pig out on Thanksgiving, He wouldn't have created thirty-pound turkeys. Makes sense to me!

In my parents' home, it was a tradition that the husband was in charge of stuffing and cooking the turkey. I think that must

have been a custom of that generation. Probably it was because of the sheer size and weight of a big bird. Anyway, it's okay with me. I enjoy the custom, and am pleased to be married to a woman who grew up in the same tradition. For many years it was the only time that I, as a mere male, was allowed in the kitchen.

That's loosened up a little now. I do part of the cooking since we got all those kids out of the nest. I've got some pretty good recipes of my own. But, back to Thanksgiving.

It was a bit startling to have one of my sons-in-law call me a few years ago to ask for my stuffing

recipe. Actually, there is none. I just make it up, tossing stuff together as I feel like it. Onions and celery, of course, maybe a little green pepper. Lots of sage, giblets, salt and pepper. Sometimes I've put in some chopped apples. My dad used to use oysters or sausage or both, but I usually don't. The real trick to my stuffing is the bread. At least three kinds: white, whole wheat, rye, cornbread, any of the dark breads, any three. And it should be toasted before breaking it up. That's a special flavor.

I didn't intend to make this a recipe column, but why not? That's what it's about.

Well, not really. It's not Turkey Day, as we hear it termed sometimes. It's not merely to pig out disgust-

ingly. Not just a time for cute little cartoons in the grocery ads ... stylized turkeys and cute little Indians ... Pilgrims in funny little buckle shoes and black hats carrying blunderbuss firearms (which wouldn't be invented for another hundred years).

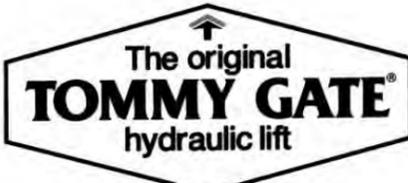
What it's about is the giving of thanks. At the first Thanksgiving, thanks for their first crop. Their guests were the local Indians, who had taught the immigrants how to farm. The newcomers from England were growing crops that they had never seen before: Corn, beans, pumpkins, cranberries, potatoes. Things we take for granted. It was time to say "thank you" to their neighbors, because they surely could not have survived without help.

But these people also wanted to give thanks to God for their survival and for a good crop.

And once in a while we need to do the same. Our country and our world are troubled. It's very discouraging sometimes to see that a lot of people think that the answer to those same problems is more and bigger government. Where did we get the idea that somebody owes us anything that we could have done for ourselves? What happened to the work ethic?

Even so, we come to Thanksgiving, and we pause to give thanks for what we do have. Is there really any country where we'd rather be eating Thanksgiving dinner with friends and family?

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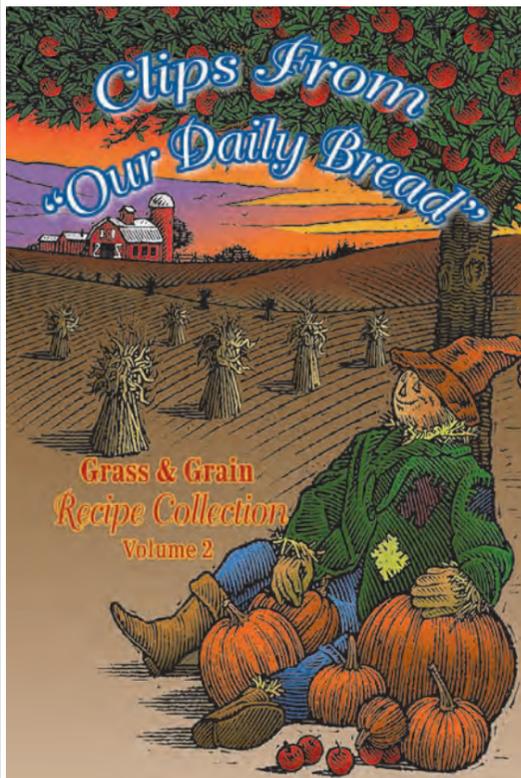


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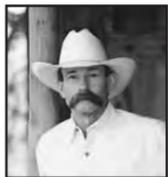
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Dick ran cows on some pretty rough country in southern Arizona. Every year he'd gather his herd off the Galliuros. Every year he'd miss some. So after shipping in the fall he and Alvin would ride back to the mountains to gather cutbacks, strays and wild cattle. Up on a high ridge they spotted a rangy black bull they'd missed last year as well. He was a renegade.

The two men traversed the canyon and started up the ridge. The ground was rocky, festooned with ocotillo,

prickly pear, cat claw, greasewood, bunch grass, evergreens and scrubby cedar. The desert horses picked their way along. Alvin navigated past a twenty foot drop-off. Once he successfully made the crossing he looked back to see that Dick had dropped behind. Alvin rode on till he reached a tree covered plateau where the bull waited. While allowing his horse to blow he shook out his rope, dropped the knot over the horn and ran a piggin' string through his belt.

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Spokeswoman Sharon Watson said that National Guard members will leave in February and will be there for a year. They will be part of an agribusiness development team that's a joint effort of several federal agencies and the Guard.

The National Guard will be working with Kansas State University over three years to build continuity and relationships with local and regional Afghan leaders and the population.

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to help homeowners achieve good all-round results:

As with cutting grass, use a sharp blade to ensure fall's leaf mulching is done correctly and without undue strain on the mower's mechanical parts.

Remember: Mowers cannot safely mulch sticks, branches, cans, toys, bones or other litter buried under leaves. In fact, hitting such objects can easily cause mower damage. Even worse, it can kill or injure the operator or people nearby. So, kick up fall's

leaves to look for debris before mowing.

Eye and ear protection is always a good idea for mower operators. Mulching dead leaves tends to be dusty, dirty work, however. So, consider adding a dust mask.

Dry leaves are easiest to mulch. Some operators prefer a little moisture in the leaves to keep the dust down, but you should not mulch wet or soggy leaves. Inspect the mower's air

filter before and after mowing, and clean it, if needed.

Mow often — when you can still see grass peeking through the leaves. Trying to mulch too many leaves at once can damage a mower, injure the operator, and/or create a mulch particle size that's less than optimal.

"Besides, the frequent mowing will also encourage stronger turf root growth," St. John said.

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Saddle Still Favorite Place For Lifelong Alma Cowboy

Few if any know more about Wabaunsee County's Flint Hills pastures than Martin Gnadt.

He's seen thousands and thousands of grassland acres from the back of his horses and can quote stories about every one of them

from more than eight decades.

That's how long the Alma cowboy has claimed the Flint Hills as home, despite a couple of sashays into New Mexico and Missouri to do a few years of cattle work.

"I knew from the time I could crawl that I wanted to be a cowboy. My dad said I'd either be a cowboy or a preacher, and cowboy won out."

Horses were the source of power in 1923 when he was born, and it wasn't but a

few years after that when his dad, Fred Gnadt, put him on the back of a work horse pulling a cultivator. "That was my beginning, and I've liked to be on a horse ever since."

Raised on Kuenzli Creek east of town several miles, Gnadt was like a kid in a candy store as he recently remembered every home-stead, pasture gate, ownership change and specific stories of cattle workings and gatherings from more than 80 years ago up to recent days.

Not stories one wants to recall, but two incidents when Gnadt was quite young still lay heavy on his mind. "One of the neighbor boys fell off a donkey he was rid-

ing, got hung up and was dragged to death," Gnadt soberly recalled. "Another time, one of my friends was riding with us and about the same thing happened."

"The saddle turned, his shoe got caught in the stirrup and the horse ran off," Gnadt continued. "Fortunately, this time the boy wasn't hurt, just scared, and it completely soured him on horses. I put covers on those stirrups when I got home, so that would never happen again." The saddle still hangs in Gnadt's garage.

Despite having had a lot of horses, Gnadt considers his first horse, a gray mare called Belle, one of the best.

"Of course, I rode her all of the time. I did everything on Belle. She could really cut a cow," Gnadt exclaimed. "One time I even roped a critter without my saddle, put the rope around Belle's neck and got it in."

Already as a teenager, Gnadt and Belle were in demand over a wide area at about a dollar a day for gathering and working cattle. The now-famous mare lived to be 34 years old.

From a family of five siblings, including one older brother and three sisters, Gnadt started high school, but farm work soon demanded he stay home to do

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as good as the old stumping grounds, and it wasn't long before the couple returned to Alma. "When our son, Paul, passed away, we reacquired this home place," Mrs. Gnadt related.

Again cowboy work and carpentry were Gnadt's professions.

A couple Appaloosa geldings were purchased, broke and used as his main mounts for many years. "They were grandsons of Bright Eyes and a top pair. Duke was struck by lightning, but I still have Ace, who is 30. Ace is really the best horse I ever owned."

Gnadt now rides his five-year-old sorrel Quarter Horse mare called Sissy.

Dogs have been a good friend to Gnadt in livestock handling. "I've had several nice dogs, and my last one finally just got too old," he remarked. "Dogs are just like horses. If one has the natu-

ral ability, a person doesn't have to do much training. You must have their respect, and they pick it up from there on their own."

Gnadt has continued buying young horses and gentled them for resale as saddled and mountable, ready

to ride. "Geldings are easier to sell, but I've found mares very nice to work with," he assessed. "I've always done my own shoeing, ever since I was 13," Gnadt inserted.

Among his saddles are one he had made by Fred Mueller in 1939, his break-

ing saddle which has no horn, and his main saddle which is black with silver show spots. Still using a two-horse trailer, Gnadt's rig is well-recognized over a wide area.

A four-wheeler is now often his mount doing cattle work, where Gnadt is still in demand. "I look after several pastures of cattle, and I helped gather about 5,000 head this summer."

Sunday afternoons typically find him riding his horses, and he participates in trail rides and parades. "I usually carry a 'Lest They Be Forgotten' flag in the Veteran's Day Parade," Gnadt vouched.

In the evening, Gnadt often plays his electric guitar accompanying Mrs. Gnadt on the organ. "Mary played organ at church for over 30 years. She reads the music, and I play along with

her by ear, though I'm not too good," he relayed. Very interested in keeping history alive, Gnadt has spent many days helping at the Wabaunsee County Museum.

"There are a lot of problems in the world, and I pray about them. That's all I can do. I have always tried to take the Lord with me every day. I'll have a horse and keep riding as long as I can," Gnadt concluded.



This five-year-old sorrel mare called Sissy is Martin Gnadt's main riding horse as he looks after cattle and assists with a number of cattle gatherings in Flint Hills pastures, something he's done for more than eight decades.

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November 29 — ATV, guns, antique furniture, glassware, collectibles, furniture, appliances, mower, shop items & misc. at Burns for Estate of Pauline Heyman. Auctioneers: Sam Griffin Auctions.

November 29 — Tractors, 4 whlr., ATV sprayers, tillage equip., hay equip., trucks, trailers, lawn & garden, cattle panels, welder, shop & tools, woodworking tools, household & misc. at Blue Mound for Robert West Estate. Auctioneers: Marty Read Auctions.

November 29 — Consignment Auction W. of McPherson. Auctioneers: T&A Auctions.

November 29 — Marion Co. Farmstead, tractors, machinery & farm related items at Goessel for Merle & Lois Selzer. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

November 29 — Furniture, juke box, corn stove, guns, riding mower, tools & misc. at Eudora for Jeff & Sandy Ocham-paugh. Auctioneers: Paxton Auctions.

November 29 — Guns, antiques & collectibles at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

November 29 — NE Pott. Co. land-native grass pasture at Onaga for Heirs of Edwin Roggenkamp. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

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November 29 — Coins, pickups, car, guns, antiques, collectibles, furniture & appliances at Council Grove for Robert Andres Estate & Others. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

December 4 — Shawnee Co. Land at Topeka for Anna Jean Filkins. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp.

December 4 — Complete dispersal at Cedar Point for Chuck Magathan-Silver Creek Dairy, Inc. Auctioneers: Burton-Fellers Sales.

December 5 — Farm sale, household, collectibles, guns, coins at Burdick & Herington for C.L. Booth. Auctioneers: Bob Kichaefer, Dave Bures.

December 5 — Land auction at Beattie for Kathie Rueger. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Olmsted Auctions.

December 5 — Lincoln Co. native & expired CRP pastureland at Lincoln, Ks. for Kathy A. Weatherley. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty-Frank Prince.

December 5 — Tractors, combines, skid loaders, balers, planters, tillage

equip., misc. farm equip. at Stratford, Wisc. for Central Wisconsin Cooperative. Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

December 6 — Nemaha County Land at Seneca for Bill Nordhus. Auctioneers: Seneca Realty, Mike Kuckelman.

December 6 — Jefferson County Farmland at Nortonville for Dan & Karen Ruhlman. Auctioneers: Pagel Inc. Realty & Auctions.

December 6 — Tools, parts, office equipment & misc. at Salina for Ross Truck Line. Auctioneers: Roger A. Johnson & Sons.

December 6 — Tractors, machinery, farm related items, household & misc. at Lincoln for Clyde & Barbara & Stan Beck. Auctioneers: Post Rock Auctions.

December 6 — Late fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

December 6 — Collector cars, die cast cars, tools & memorabilia at Belleville for Sells Enterprises, Doane Sells. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

December 6 — Farm equip., trucks, trailers, wagons, livestock equip., hay, tools & equipment S. of Fairbury, NE for Dale Duis. Auctioneers: Kettelhut Auctions.

December 6 — Forklift, machinist, shop equip., office equip., furniture & misc. at Lawrence for Mastercraft. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

December 6 — Vintage glassware, kitchen items, furniture, antiques, collectibles & misc. at Louisville for Ruth Stalcup, Larry Winkler & Carl Brothers. Auctioneers: Raymond Pageler & Mike Meyerkorth.

December 6 — Real Estate & tools at Clay Center for Amy Affleck & Harry Affleck. Auctioneers: Ray-

mond Bott Realty & Auction.

December 9 — Harvey Co. land at Sedgwick. Auctioneers: Farmers National Co. Auctions.

December 10 — Land auction N. of Axtell for Jean & Keith Deters. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Olmsted Auctions.

December 10 — Rice Co. land at Bushton. Auctioneers: Farmers National Co. Auctions.

December 10 — Meat processing equipment at As-saria. Auctioneers: Blomquist Auctions.

December 13 — Household goods, glassware, antiques, tools at Clay Center for Wayne & Gloria Reed Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

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

December 14 — Automobile, antiques & household at Waterville for Margaret Anderson. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

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

February 11 — Cloud & Republic Co. land at Concordia for Karl Morgan Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

February 14 — Black Hereford sale at Leavenworth for J&N Ranch.

March 14 — 23rd Annual Concordia Optimist Club Consignment Sale at Concordia.

March 21 — Farm Sale Southwest of Concordia for Bedford Malmquist Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 28 — Registered Angus bull & female production sale W. of Topeka for Mission Valley Ranch.

K-State Ag Profitability conferences slated in six Kansas locations

The current roller coaster economy is making it harder than ever to plan for a profitable future. To help Kansas agricultural producers keep informed of trends, opportunities and challenges, Kansas State University Research and Extension will host Ag Profitability conferences over the next three months.

The conferences will be held in six locations around the state to give farmers and ranchers the option to choose the location most convenient for them. The programs vary somewhat at each location. They will cover such topics as Grain Market Situation and Outlook; Bioenergy Trends and Economic Impact; Cattle Outlook; Land Ownership; 2008 Farm Bill; Crop Insurance Changes, Land Lease Arrangements; Affordability of Technology; Fertilizer Profitability; Labor Efficiency; Managing Risk Using AgManager.Info; Current and Future Factors Affecting Agriculture; and Fertilizer Prices/Breakeven.

The dates and locations for each conference are:
 Dec. 9, 2008, Wichita: 4-H Hall, 7001 W. 21st. St.
 Dec. 17, 2008, LaCrosse: City Auditorium, 417 Main St.
 Jan. 27, 2009, Downs: Memorial Hall, 500 Morgan Ave.
 Jan. 29, 2009, Lyons: Rice Co. Extension office, 701 E. Main St.

Feb. 26, 2009, Goodland: Specific location to be announced.

Feb. 27, 2009, Garden City: K-State SW Research-Extension Center, 4500 E. Mary St.

More detailed information about registration and the topics to be covered at each location is available on the Web at <http://www.agmanager.info/events/> or by calling (785) 532-1504.

Loans promote energy efficiency

Kansas homeowners are eligible to apply for a reduced-rate loan to improve the energy efficiency of their home, said Bruce Snead, Kansas State University Research and Extension's specialist in residential energy.

The loan, via the Kansas Energy Efficiency Program, is similar to a second mortgage. But, it's available at a "blended rate," said Christine Reimler, homeownership manager for the program.

"Fifty percent of the loan for an approved,

energy-saving improvement will qualify for 0 percent interest," she said.

Examples of energy saving improvements might include insulating a home or replacing an older, inefficient furnace with a new and more energy efficient model.

The loan program is available to all Kansans, Reimler said.

More information about the reduced-cost loan program is available by contacting Reimler at (785) 296-4818 or by checking www.kshousingcorp.org/programs/keep.shtml.

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Weather wonders: plains plants produce ribbon-like 'ice fringe'

During recent cold weather through much of the central High Plains, some people saw an unusual kind of frost - a phenomenon called an "ice fringe," said State of Kansas Climatologist Mary Knapp.

"Typical frost forms when moisture in the atmosphere is left on surfaces as a frozen layer," said Knapp, who heads the Kansas Weather Data Library, based at Kansas State University. "In folk tales, you'll hear of Jack Frost's painting windows with this type of ice."

An ice fringe, on the other hand, occurs when moisture seeps from a plant or plant stem and then freezes, she said. This often creates the appearance of a frosted fringe or ribbon around the plant. But, it also can look like what are popularly known as frost flowers or blossoms of ice.

"Since the moisture is coming from the plant itself," Knapp said, "you can get an ice fringe even when the atmosphere is too dry to produce to produce a typical frost."

Research scientists with photos of the phenomenon posted on the Web include James Carter, Illinois State University (<http://www.ilstu.edu/~jrcarter/ice/index-2005.htm>), and Bruce Means, Coastal Plains Institute (http://www.brucemeans.com/photo_iceflow_ers.htm).

Information about Kansas weather is available on Knapp's Weather Data Library website at www.oznet.ksu.edu/wdl/. Her "Weather Wonders" audio reports are also available on the K-State Research and Extension Kansas Radio Network website at www.oznet.ksu.edu/radio/.

Dairy

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While they plan to have most of their milk arrive at the consumer table through grocery outlets, the farm store gives people a chance to "come to the farm."

In addition to the various milk lines for sale, the Hildebrands also include custom-processed beef from their farm as well as Harvest Lark cereal bars that are baked nearby. Shoppers will also find several varieties of Wiebe Cheese from Durham and Grannie's mustard that is made near Hillsboro available for purchase. The store is open from 9-6 during the week and on Saturdays.



The bottles filled with chocolate milk are removed from the line and placed in plastic shipping crates in preparation for being delivered to the grocery stores along the Hildebrand route. Dave Hildebrand, in the red, keeps an careful eye on the capping machine.

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