



Community comes together to rebuild historic blacksmith shop

By Beth Gaines-Riffel,
Editor

Nestled in the rolling hills of northern Kansas is the small, farming community of Cuba. The Republic County community is enjoying a bit of a renaissance. World-renowned photographer, Jim Richardson, a native of nearby Belleville, put the small community on the map more than 30 years ago as he came to document the lives of ordinary people calling Cuba home. Like many communities, as the farms became fewer and bigger the population dwindled — with added pressures of shopping opportunities in nearby communities with hospitals and doctor's offices drawing residents away. And it has taken its toll.

Community volunteer JoAnn Holmberg probably put it best: "Jim Richardson came to town to watch us die, and we just aren't going to let him see it," she said matter-of-factly. But, she added, Richardson has done a lot for the community. His photographs can be seen in many of the buildings around the community.

It's a place where the people matter. A lot. And it is that close-knit web of people that pull together to make things happen. In addition to Richardson another individual who has regularly and significantly given back to the community is Glenn Lojka.

Take, for instance, the recently restored blacksmith shop. Historical documents indicate that this practical, solid smithy — is the longest continually operating blacksmith business in Kansas. It was once owned by Lojka's family. Artisan, craftsman, educator and maybe most importantly Cuba native Glenn Lojka was a driving force being the monumental undertaking to restore the shop to its former condition. It was an early goal to be able to actually use the blacksmith shop as a bridge from the past to the present.

What the community lacks in numbers — the population is a mere 215 — it makes up in moxie.

When Lojka first pitched the idea about bringing the blacksmith shop back to its former glory, he wasn't even sure that it was a task that the group could get done. After all, the building was just barely a shell of its former being.

"They didn't say 'no,'" he said of the pitch. He added that if the project was going to come to fruition, there had to be buy-in by the community, and luckily

there were six volunteers, including Joe Chizek, that came forward and agreed to work on the project. "Anything can be done if you have the will," Lojka said. A deadline of three years was informally established to see the project through to completion.

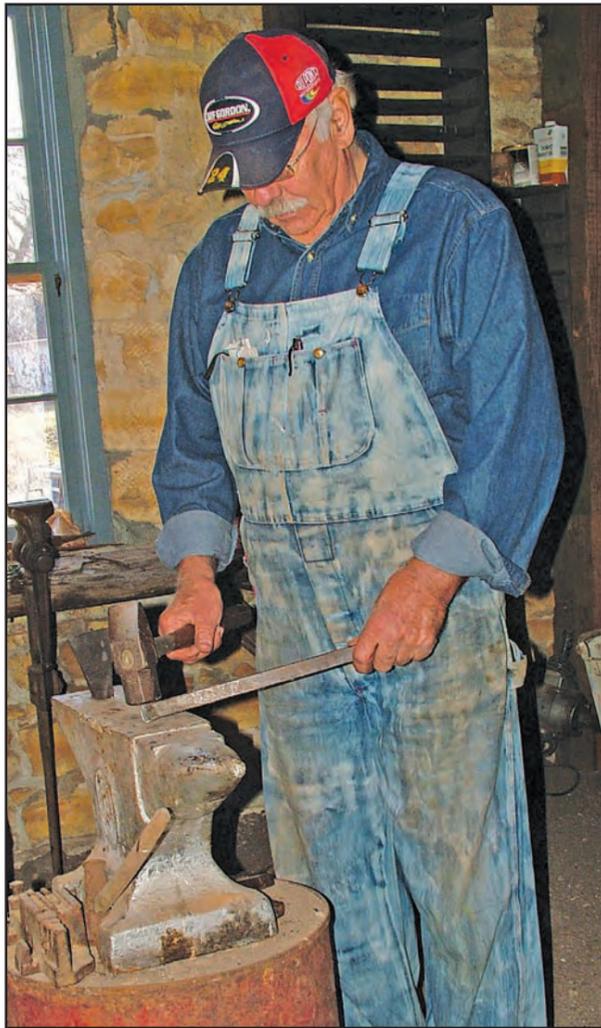
The project was put together using Rock-A-Thon funds as well as obtaining a lot of grants, donations of money and equipment from not only Cuba residents; money began to come in from the surrounding area as well.

March of 2009 will mark three years since the idea was first pitched, and while it took a lot of hours of sheer

back from ruin was Darrel Kroulik, a area craftsman and stonemason that was charged with the daunting task of saving the building. "It was in pretty bad shape," Kroulik said of the building. "It was quite the job."

The community plans on having the newly restored blacksmith shop open for demonstrations and field trips in order that the youth of the area might have a better understanding about the blacksmithing trade and how important it was to the early agricultural settlers.

Strolling down the main-street of Cuba, one could be inclined to think that the clock might have stopped — or at least slowed down a



Cuba native Glenn Lojka, an educator by training and dedicated volunteer, hammers on an original anvil found in the shop. He noted that a blacksmith was a critical component in agricultural communities as a source for machinery repairs and parts.

back-breaking labor, the job was recently finished. The blacksmith shop was officially unveiled at the Christmas in Cuba celebration which took place the weekend following Thanksgiving.

Lojka is quick to point out that an army of volunteers came together to make the project a reality. Or, more accurately stated, eventually an army worked on the building. In the beginning there were six individuals that stepped forward to work on the restoration.

One of the key individuals to bring the building

little. Although there is a modern office building housing the local bank, the old-fashioned grocery and café provide welcome haven for the residents of the area — not to mention service that can't be found in the businesses in the chain stores found in the larger communities. They now can point proudly to their "new" blacksmith shop.

Bessie Trecek Chizek, a 93-year-old resident of the area who still lives on her farm outside of Cuba along Mill Creek, noted that she recalled doing business at



JoAnn Holmberg and Glenn Lojka stand outside the refurbished and restored Cuba blacksmith shop. The only thing left intact when the project started nearly three years ago was the forge. The building's stately stone walls had collapsed from years of neglect.

the shop when Joe Sterba, 'the old man,' was the proprietor.

"I remember it being a dirty, smoky place," she said, laughing as she enjoyed an afternoon treat of a root beer float at the café on Main Street — a popular local gathering place. The other informal headquarters for the community is the local grocery owned by Dale Huncovsky. He noted that the back area of the store, where the coffeepot is nearly always on, is where many in the community gather. "A lot of decisions have been made right back here," he said.

On the walking tour of the community, Holmberg pointed out the old doctor's office that was in the process of being restored as well as the foundation that had been poured to accommodate a two-room school house that will eventually be moved to the site and will serve as a community museum of sorts. "Since we've lost our school, we need someplace to put our trophies," she said. Mementos of earlier high school classes line the walls of the community

building which also serves as the local senior center.

Another source of pride is the Harvest monument, a sculpture created by Lojka to honor the early Czech settlers to the area that was installed along the main street.

If you wonder how a town of a couple hundred people can manage to make all this "progress," you don't have to look much further than the annual event calendar.

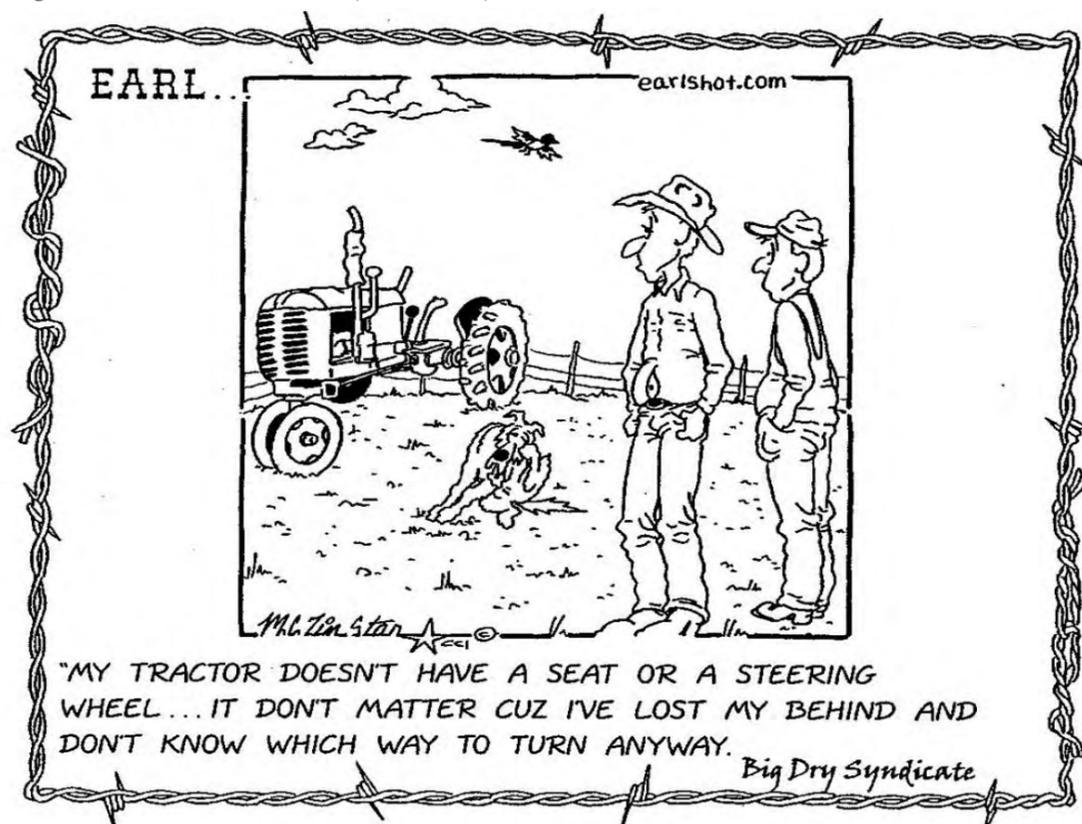
This year marks their 33rd annual "Rock-A-Thon," a week-long festival of the community's heritage and a powerful fund-raising tool that the Cuba Boosters use to fund many of their projects.

Just how powerful, you may inquire? Well, the 315 hours of rocking-chair rocking done each March generally results in a bump of \$20,000 plus for the town coffers. And the group isn't willing to rest on its laurels; a tally posted on the wall for all to see gives a daily breakdown of the funds generated as well as the previous year's take, just to keep the giving on pace.

And don't think for a mo-

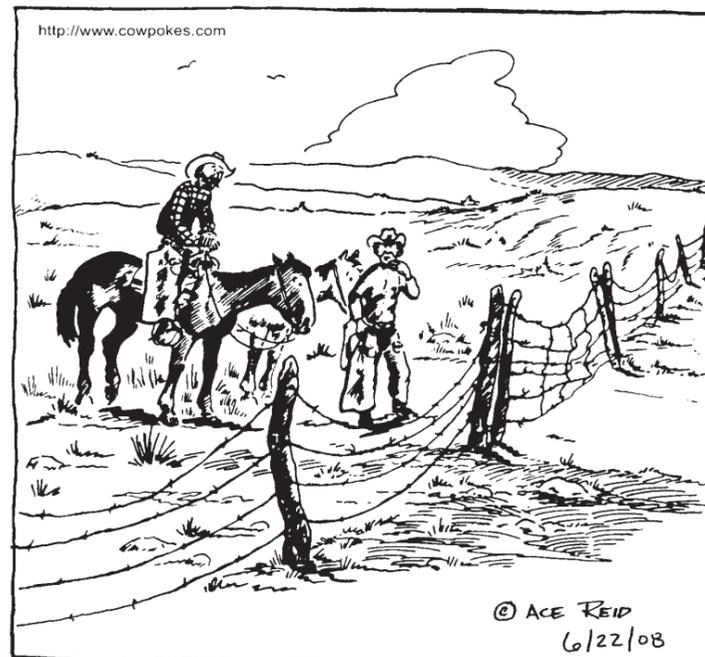
ment that the boosters only take on small projects. Their refurbished two-story community building, a former Czech lodge — which is sought after for a myriad of community events — including weddings, funerals, reunions and community Thanksgiving celebrations. That doesn't include the reg-

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By Ace Reid



To live at this time is an inestimable privilege, and a sacred obligation devolves upon you to make right use of your opportunities.

— Grenville Kleiser (1868-1953), American Author



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, as the old song goes. Right now I couldn't agree more. Unlike past years when I've had "issues" with getting the tree put up in a timely fashion, thanks to a super-anxious five-year old and her helpful older brother the tree is up and even decorated. It must be some kind of a record.

A year ago this week the mother of all ice storms was lurking in the shadows and most of us were blissfully unaware. The recollection sends shivers down my spine. Although, as I dropped some boys off for some sports weight-training, it was casually mentioned that they could use a few extra days tacked onto the regularly scheduled Christmas vacation. I firmly stated that I hoped that was one Christmas wish they didn't receive this year.

Christmas wishes seem to be all around. Producers that I've had the chance to visit with are wishing that the announcement by President-Elect Obama in regards to his choice for the next Secretary of Agriculture would be made sooner rather than later. Not that it makes a lot of difference one way or another, but the knowledge that the individual has a good working relationship and understanding of Midwest, commodity-driven production would certainly be welcome news and a "Christmas wish" granted. At the time of this writing, Wed. Dec. 3, there have been no appointments made and I'm tapped to attend a Wichita meeting where one of the popular names on the short list, Charlie Stenholm, will be presenting a keynote address. That being said, there may be a "breaking" edition of the column in the second section of the paper if anything newsworthy is released.

But that aside, end-of-year preparations are well under way for most operations. In talking to some of the farm management association folks, the tax-preparation meetings are going strong and farms and ranches everywhere are taking stock of the year. It has been a breath-taking ride for many. Some took advantage of record-high prices, which was necessary to offset the high costs of doing business in terms of fuel, fertilizer and seed. Others, whether due to poor planning (or none at all), or a marketing plan gone awry, didn't capitalize on the opportunities the market presented and the reality of the economy right now is not a rosy one. The highs have been high and the lows certainly low. Decisions will have to be made about what the future holds and if changes are to be made either by one's own volition or due to prodding by a financial institution. It can be an uncomfortable place to be.

But I'm a believer that knowing what you are up against — or for that matter who is going to be the next USDA chief — gives some sense of control. And if you know what the reality of the situation is, an appropriate and effective game plan can be devised.

And speaking of planning, I am looking for a live nativity celebration to photograph for the holiday edition of the G&G, so if you know of one that is slated for this weekend, please drop me a line with the details.

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

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The Learning Post

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The Economic Solution

Last week I attended the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts held in Wichita. The main topic of conversation as we visited around the tables and in the halls in small groups was the economy. Seventeen of our family clan spent Thanksgiving with us. What was the subject most frequently discussed? The economy. I walked a mile to the mailbox to pick up the mail. A neighbor stopped to give me a ride. Guess what we talked about.

I listen more than I talk because I don't have a solution to this problem. However, I heard some interesting comments on a business news show. The Friday after Thanksgiving is known as "Black Friday" to retail merchants. While this expression might at first sound somewhat sinister, it is really the day when sales are great enough to move the merchants out of the red ink and into the black to where they begin showing a profit for the year. Customers apparently are not in a generous spending mood until late in the year. Why?

Last week on Black Friday, people got up early to hurry to stores offering early morning specials. Hundreds of customers rushed to a Walmart store in the northeast to make sure they were in time to get certain advertised items before the supply ran out. The crowd of eager buyers amassed at the door and at opening time rushed the entrance, tore the doors off their hinges, and became a mad mob, knocking down an employee in their haste, and trampling him to death. They were too intent on grabbing the specials to take time to assist the poor man.

We are told by our government that the way out of our sick and sluggish economy is to spend and spend more. Apparently, few people have accumulated savings that would sustain them for very long; and much of what they have invested in has been devalued 20 to 50 percent. Ford stock that was valued at \$8 per share is now down to around a dollar at this writing. It could go to zero.

Do we dare express why people get into a buying mood during the last quarter that could help

strengthen the economy? There may be various reasons, but I believe that most people understand that it is mainly because of Christmas. And Christ is the reason for the season. Christ — God's great gift of love to mankind, the savior of the world.

The scriptures tell us about the birth of Christ, of his 33 years of living among his people, and of his death and resurrection that again demonstrate God's great love for mankind. We know the story, but do we believe and act upon it? One part that most of us put into practice is the giving of gifts, which is practiced fervently. After Jesus was born, the wise men came bearing gifts to him. The rest of the story is ignored by many. In fact, there are those who try to avoid the word Christmas altogether because Christ's name is in it.

What has happened to America? While it is no longer considered a Christian nation (and some might argue that it never was), it was founded upon Christian principles that also allowed for freedom in religion. Even the inscriptions on some of the beautiful old stone government buildings in Washington, D.C. proclaim the influence of God's word upon our forefathers as they established the principles and doctrines of our government. Now there are those who want to discredit him and remove any mention of him as though he doesn't exist.

Yet, each year our people embrace the giving of gifts in celebrating the Christmas season but too often ignore the reason for this holiday. It seems strange that this same Jesus Christ and his birth are being relied upon again to help put our merchants in the black before the year's end.

Note: The book Views from the Learning Post makes a good Christmas gift and is available from Gordon Morrison, 1268 Key Road, Concordia, KS 66901. It sells for \$15 (including tax) and can be shipped to you, or it may be available in a store near you. Shipping rates: \$4.80 for 1 to 2 books or \$9.80 for up to 10 books by priority mail; one book by regular mail is \$3.30. Call 785-243-3833 for information.



Glenn Lojka operates the forge in the Cuba blacksmith shop. The forge was the lone piece of the historical site that remained intact and didn't have to be rebuilt from the ground up. It was reinforced for safety reasons during the restoration process. Historical records indicate that the shop was first owned by John Davidson with the structure built in 1889. In 1958 Frank Lojka purchased the shop and later sold it to Joesph Sterba who then operated the business until 1977.

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ular roller-skating outings on Saturday afternoons by the local youth on the spectacular wooden floor underneath the mirror-encrusted dancing ball suspended from the center of the room in the center of the floor. The second floor even has a stage from which a pageant is staged each year during the "Rock-A-Thon." Lojka and Holmberg recounted that at one time the Lawrence Welk band played on the stage.

The community is not without challenges. The town is home to several centenarians — those who have seen 100 years come and go — and the number of

younger community members seems to struggle to remain steady. But that seems to matter little. The group who are passionate about seeing the community survive are working to make sure that those who call Cuba home have a quality of life that is good — as evidenced by the park improvements.

So by the activity around Cuba of late, it would appear that Richardson may have to wait quite a few more years if he's waiting to see Cuba fade into the history books. And for the group of volunteers that work tirelessly to preserve the farming community, that is welcome news.

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EARLY MORNING SWEET ROLLS

2 packages dry yeast	5 to 6 cups flour
1/2 cup warm water	1 cup butter
2 cups lukewarm scalded milk	2 cups brown sugar
1/3 cup sugar	1/2 cup light corn syrup
1/3 cup oil	Pecans or walnuts, optional
3 teaspoons baking powder	Topping:
2 teaspoons salt	1/4 cup sugar
1 egg	2 teaspoons cinnamon

Dissolve yeast in the warm water. Stir in milk, 1/3 cup sugar, oil, baking powder, salt, egg and 2 to 3 cups flour, mixing until smooth. Stir in another 2 1/2 to 3 cups flour to make dough easy to handle. Knead it for 8 to 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl to rise until double, covered. While dough is rising, melt 1 cup butter, 2 cups brown sugar, and 1/2 cup light corn syrup until the sugar is dissolved. Divide evenly into 2 greased 9-by-13-inch pans. Sprinkle with nuts if desired. When dough has doubled, punch down and divide in half. Roll out each half into a 12 x 10 rectangle. Spread with 2 to 3 tablespoons of softened butter. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup sugar and 2 teaspoons cinnamon. Roll up jelly roll style and cut in 12 slices. Place on topping in the pan.* Repeat with the other half of dough. Let rise 30 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. When done, invert pan immediately.

*NOTE: You can refrigerate these rolls for 24-48 hours before the final 30 minutes rising or freeze them after forming rolls. Thaw and let rise before baking. You can also use this dough for traditional cinnamon rolls. If using frozen rolls, I usually set them out on the counter at bedtime and they will be ready to pop in the oven the next morning.

Janet Jehle, Baldwin City: "I make these at Christmas and give them for gifts, especially for people you don't know what to get for."

PEANUT CLUSTERS
1 pound almond bark (not white chocolate chips)
12 ounces chocolate chips
1 pound salted peanuts
Melt almond bark and chocolate chips in double boiler. Add peanuts. On counter top, layer about 2 sheets of newspaper and then waxed paper. Spoon from double boiler to waxed paper.

Margaret Bairow, Westmoreland:
GRAHAM CRACKER CANDY

2 cups sugar
1 cup cream
1 1/2 squares chocolate (can use cocoa)
1 pound bag marshmallows
3 cups graham cracker crumbs (rolled into crumbs)
Nuts, optional
Vanilla, optional

Cook the sugar, cream and chocolate together until it forms a soft ball in cold water. Have the marshmallows ready and add to mixture, stirring until marshmallows are melted. Add graham cracker crumbs, nuts and vanilla if desired. Pour into a pan, let set then cut into squares.

Mariana Kemper, Logan: "This recipe was given to me

by a friend. I often make it to serve with cinnamon rolls and quick breads when we have guests for breakfast."

FRUIT SOUP
2 1/2 cups water
3 tablespoons quick tapioca
6 ounces frozen orange juice, undiluted & thawed
1/2 cup sugar (or Splenda)
Pinch salt
10 ounces frozen unsweetened strawberries, thawed
16 to 20 ounces frozen unsweetened peach slices, thawed & cut in chunks
3 bananas, sliced
1 orange, cut in chunks
1 cup blueberries, fresh or frozen

Put tapioca in cold water in a medium saucepan. Cook with sugar and a pinch of salt over medium heat until the tapioca is clear, stirring occasionally. Place sliced bananas in thawed orange juice and stir to coat. Add other ingredients and chill. Will keep for a couple days in the refrigerator. Serve cold.

Verna Lee Musselman, Clay Center: "I certainly enjoy all the good recipes in your paper. This recipe is good at Christmas and all year long. I found this recipe in a magazine and I have made these several times

this past year. I always put each individual truffle in a paper candy cup."

COOKIE DOUGH TRUFFLES
1/2 cup butter, softened
3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
2 cups all-purpose flour
14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 1/2 pounds semisweet candy coating, chopped

In a mixing bowl cream the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add the flour, milk and vanilla; mix well. Stir in the chocolate chips and walnuts. Shape into 1-inch balls and place on waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Loosely cover and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours or until firm. In a microwave-safe bowl melt candy coating, stirring often until smooth. Dip balls in coating and place on waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate until firm, about 15 minutes. If desired, remelt remaining candy coating and drizzle over candies. Store in the refrigerator. Yield: 5 1/2 dozen truffles.

Beth Scripter, Abilene: "Great served with large corn chips."

MEXICAN CORN DIP
2 cans Mexican corn, drained
1 cup mayonnaise
3 to 4 green onions, chopped
8 ounces sour cream
12 ounces shredded cheddar cheese
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 can green chiles, chopped
Mix all ingredients well. Make it the day ahead and keep in refrigerator so flavors can blend. If you want it spicier add a little chili seasoning.

Cecilia Holle, Marysville: "Great for the holidays and New Years. Kids love them."
COOKIE ON A STICK
2 cups oleo, softened
2 1/2 cups sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
24 popsicle sticks
Sprinkles

Combine oleo, sugar, 1 egg and vanilla. Sift in dry ingredients and mix well. Roll dough into walnut-size balls. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheet and flatten slightly (1/2 inch). Press stick into the flattened side of cookie and press down. Roll each cookie into sprinkles then flatten. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.



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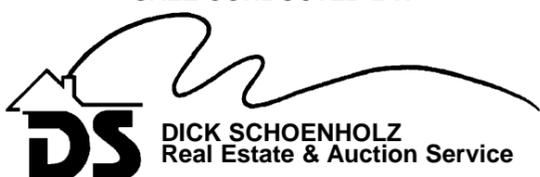
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Nila Haefner, Wheaton:
FROSTED APPLE CINNAMON BARS

Bars:
1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 1/2 cups uncooked old-fashioned oats
3/4 cup softened butter
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 package cinnamon-flavored baking chips
1 cup apple, chopped
Nuts, optional

Frosting:
3 cups powdered sugar
3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup butter, softened
Ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, salt and baking soda in a medium bowl; stir in oats. Combine butter, brown sugar and sugar in a large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat until well mixed. Stir in cinnamon chips and apple and nuts, if using. Spread batter into a greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan and bake for 33 to 38 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely. Combine all frosting ingredients in small bowl. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Spread over cooled bars. Sprinkle with cinnamon, if desired.

Doris Shivers, Abilene:
"This is a good dessert and easy to make. My family loves it."

FROSTED PINEAPPLE LEMON GELATIN
20-ounce can crushed pineapple
(2) 3-ounce packages lemon

gelatin
2 cups boiling water
2 cups ginger ale, chilled
2 large firm bananas, sliced
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup heavy whipping cream
Drain pineapple, reserving juice; set pineapple aside. In a bowl dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in the ginger ale, bananas and reserved pineapple. Transfer to a 9-by-13-by-2-inch dish. Refrigerate until firm. For topping, combine sugar and flour in a small saucepan. Gradually whisk in reserved pineapple juice. Bring to a boil over medium heat and cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat. Stir a small amount into egg and return all to the pan, stirring constantly. Cook and stir until a thermometer reads 160 degrees and mixture is thickened. Remove from the heat and stir in butter. Cool to room temperature. In a small mixing bowl beat cream on high speed until stiff peaks form. Gently fold into custard. Spread over gelatin. Refrigerate 1 hour until chilled. Yield: 12 servings.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "Nice to have made ahead of the rush."

CHRISTMAS SALAD
1 can cherry pie filling
1 small can crushed pineapple (well drained)
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 1/2 cups small marshmallows
1 medium container whipped topping
1 small package pecan pieces
Mix in order given. Chill. Add a few drops of red food

coloring if cherries are pale. Freezes well.

Barbara Vail, Topeka:
"This recipe is so good, I said they were almost sinful. Very, very good."

PECAN PIE MUFFINS
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup flour
1 cup chopped pecans
2/3 cup melted butter
2 eggs, beaten
Combine brown sugar, flour and pecans; mix well. Add butter and eggs; mix well. Fill paper-lined muffin tins two-thirds full and bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes (15 to 18 minutes for mini cupcakes). Cool.

Julia Bergman, Seneca:
NO-BAKE PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE
8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1 cup canned pumpkin
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
8-ounce tub whipped topping, thawed & divided
1 prepared graham cracker pie crust
Beat cream cheese, pumpkin, sugar and pumpkin pie spice with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Gently fold in 2 1/2 cups whipped topping. Spoon mixture into crust. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight. Serve topped with remaining whipped topping. Store leftovers in refrigerator.

Marlene Swisher, Reading: "This soup is one of our favorites."

CHEESEBURGER SOUP
1 pound hamburger
3/4 cup chopped onion
3/4 cup chopped carrots
3/4 cup diced celery
1 teaspoon dried basil
1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

4 tablespoons butter, divided
3 cups chicken broth
4 cups diced potatoes
1/4 cup flour
8 ounces process American cheese
1 1/2 cups milk
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup sour cream
Brown beef and set aside. In same pan saute onions, celery, carrots and the seasonings in 1 tablespoon butter until vegetables are tender. Add broth and potatoes and beef; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 10 to 12 minutes. Melt butter; add flour and cook and stir for 3 to 5 minutes. Add to soup and bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low and add cheese and sour cream.

Ida Eatinger, Raymond:
"These are easy to make and look nice on a cookie tray."

PEANUT BUTTER FINGERS
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/3 cup crunchy peanut butter

1 egg
1 cup regular oats, uncooked
12-ounce package chocolate morsels
1/2 cup sifted powdered sugar
1/4 cup crunchy peanut butter
2 to 4 tablespoons milk
Combine first 9 ingredients in a large bowl; mix well. Press dough into a

greased 9-by-13-by-2-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and sprinkle with chocolate morsels. Let stand 5 minutes or until melted; spread evenly. Combine powdered sugar, 1/4 cup peanut butter and milk; beat well. Drizzle over cookies. Cut into bars. Yield: 2 1/2 dozen.



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2008 Grass & Grain Holiday Recipe Contest

**Marcia Emig, Goodland:
MARINATED CHEESE
APPETIZER**

Marinade:
1/2 cup olive oil
1/2 cup white wine vinegar
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
3 tablespoons minced green onion
1 teaspoon sugar
3/4 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
3 cloves garlic, minced
2-ounce jar diced pimiento, drained

8-ounce block sharp cheddar cheese, chilled
8-ounce package cream cheese, chilled
Fresh parsley sprigs

Combine the marinade ingredients in a jar, cover tightly and shake well. Set the marinade aside. Cut the block of cheddar cheese in half lengthwise then cut crosswise into 1/4-inch slices; set aside. Repeat procedure with the cream cheese. Arrange the cheese slices alternately in a shallow baking dish, standing the slices on their sides. Pour the marinade over the cheese slices, cover and marinate in refrigerator at least 8 hours. Transfer cheese slices to a serving platter in the same alternating fashion, reserving marinade. Spoon marinade over the cheese slices and garnish with parsley. Serve with assorted crackers.

Kristie Dressman, Frankfort:

**WARM WINTER
LEMON CAKE**

*1 package yellow cake mix (2-layer size)
2 cups cold milk
1 1/4 cups water
*2 packages (4-serving size each) lemon flavor instant pudding & pie filling
1/3 cup sugar
2 tablespoons powdered sugar
*May use different flavors of cake mix & pudding
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare cake batter as directed on package. Pour

into a greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish; set aside. Pour milk and water into large bowl. Add dry pudding mixes and sugar. Beat with wire whisk for 2 minutes or until well blended. Pour over batter. Place baking dish on baking sheet to catch any sauce that might bubble over sides of dish as dessert bakes. Bake 55 minutes to 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool 20 minutes. Sauce will thicken slightly as it cools. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Spoon into serving dishes and serve warm. Store leftovers in refrigerator.

Here are a couple candy recipes from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

**WHITE COCONUT
FUDGE**

2 cups sugar
1/3 cup white corn syrup
1/2 cup drained, crushed pineapple
1/2 cup light cream
1 tablespoon butter

1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup flaked coconut

In a large saucepan combine all ingredients except coconut and pecans. Cook, stirring until mixture reaches 235 degrees F on candy thermometer. Cool for 20 minutes. Add vanilla and beat until creamy. Stir in pecans and coconut. Pour into buttered 8-by-8-inch pan. Cool and cut into squares.

**Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
FLAVORED DIVINITY**

2 cups sugar
1/3 cup white corn syrup
1/3 cup hot water
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons dry gelatin, such as cherry, strawberry, raspberry, lime, etc.
2 egg whites
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped nuts, optional
In a heavy saucepan stir together the sugar, corn syrup, hot water, salt and gelatin. Bring the mixture to a

boil and boil until the mixture reaches 250 degrees F on a candy thermometer, stirring occasionally. Beat the egg whites until stiff. Slowly pour the hot syrup into the egg whites, beating on high until mixture is stiff and loses its gloss. Add vanilla. Add nuts if desired. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto waxed paper.

The next two are from Marcia Emig, Goodland: "Especially nice for Christmas with orange slices floating in it."

RED PUNCH

3 packages strawberry Kool-Aid
1 3/4 cups sugar
1 1/2 quarts water
1 can pineapple-orange juice
1/2 jar cranberry juice cocktail
Mix and chill. Add 1 bottle of ginger ale before serving.

SALMON BALL

16-ounce can salmon

8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 teaspoons grated onion
1 teaspoon horseradish
1/4 teaspoon salt

Remove skin and bones from salmon; drain and flake. Mix salmon with rest of ingredients and shape into a ball. Chill and enjoy!

**Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
SOFT
GINGERBREAD**

1/2 cup sugar (white & brown mixed)
1/2 cup shortening
1 teaspoon ginger
2 teaspoons baking soda, dissolved in 1 cup boiling water
1 cup sorghum molasses
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 1/2 cups flour
2 eggs, well beaten

Mix all ingredients except the eggs then add them just before baking. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until done.

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*This week's recipe is
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CORNBREAD
from
Sandy Hill, Eskridge*

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So I sat down and wrote what has become the "Cattleman's Weather Guide."

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3. If cattle in open field and in a bunch, storm can come from any direction.
4. If the cow is urinating on a rock it will be a down-pour.
5. If it is a Black Cow there will be dark storm clouds.
6. If it is a White Cow probably hail.
7. If it is Black & White Cow nobody knows what will happen.
8. If cattle are running, you better run.
9. If a Bull is present more beef on the way.
10. If the cow is on a hill get to higher ground.
11. If the cow is in the valley don't dilly-dally.

12. If the cow has head down you get down.

13. If the cow is wagging tail, continuous wind.

14. If the cows follow each other, they're all lost. No report.

15. If the cows are going in a circle they need to be rounded up.

16. If the cows are sleeping make glue out of them.

17. If the cow steps in his own patty, things are going to get slippery.

18. If the cow falls down the temperature is falling.

19. If the cows are breathing hard, smog is heavy.

20. If the cow hits the barn, check the fog level.

Marty Hedman
CLAY CENTER

Suggestions for handling pressures of economic crisis

Almost every day the news reports that the stock market has plunged once again. Investment dollars are being lost and it is getting harder and harder to make ends meet.

Not only are consumers having to pay more for goods while their investment dollars are going down, many families also face the additional challenges of income decline or even job loss, said Sissy Osteen, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service resource management specialist. "When things get extremely tough financially, many people simply don't know where to turn or what to do first," Osteen said. "When feelings of confusion and helplessness set in, it's time to get help immediately, before things get worse."

For those who are having trouble simply paying all of the bills, let alone extra expenses such as holidays, car repairs or other expenses, contact Consumer Credit Counseling Services. CCCS has helped thousands of people learn to manage their resources, balance budgets and get out of debt. This is done through comprehensive personal finance education and credit counseling.

Osteen said CCCS not only helps people with debt counseling, but also helps consumers in all stages of their financial lives and helps them take steps toward personal money management success. Osteen also suggests calling agencies such as United Way or the Salvation Army to see if there is a list of community resources. Some organizations have help lines to answer questions consumers have about where to find help for specific issues.

For years the Salvation Army has been known to help families throughout the year and especially during the holiday season. It can be hard to meet financial obligations throughout the year, but the holiday season puts added pressure on bank accounts that are already stretched thin.

"Call your local Salvation Army and inquire about gift assistance for your children. They also may offer food baskets to those families in need," Osteen said. In Oklahoma, ONG offers its Share the Warmth program, which is administered through the Salvation Army. It assists those who are having trouble paying their heating bills due to a financial emergency.

"One thing to keep in mind is that you shouldn't be ashamed to ask for help. There are resources and agencies out there that are designed specifically to help you," she said. "On the flip side of that, individuals who can afford to help should do so. It's easy to make a monthly contribution to your gas bill that helps support the Share the Warmth program."

The local housing authority may be able to help with rental assistance or temporary housing. Churches in the area often have programs to help those in need. Many communities have a food bank that can be used year around.

With the holiday season upon us, it is important to know that help is available. It is also a good time to keep others in your thoughts. Be sure to make contributions to worthwhile charities in your area that can help families in your community. "Check with your local city office or the local Cooperative Extension Service office to help find the resources available in your area," Osteen said. "Even though times are financially difficult, it's important to realize you're not alone and there are places to turn for help."

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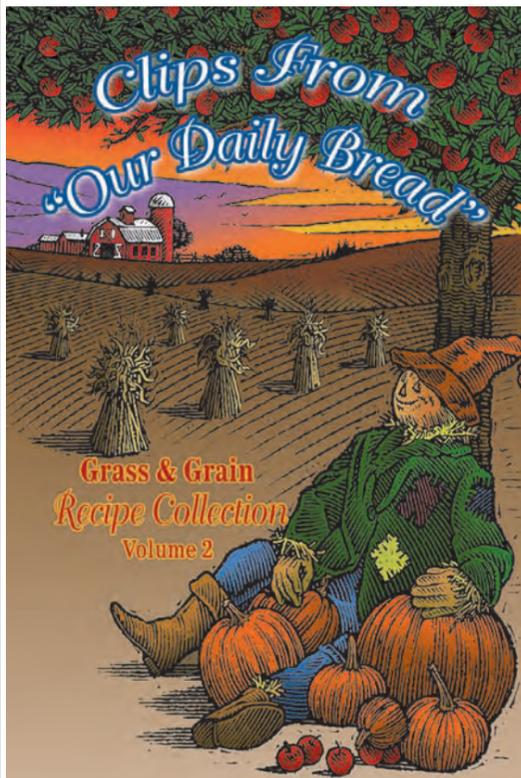
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Some Nebraska farmers facing soil compaction problems

In a year like this, when crops were slow to develop and then frequent fall rains impeded harvest, many farmers may count themselves more fortunate than usual if they have all their picking and cutting wrapped up prior to Thanksgiving.

In order to finish before winter sets in, however, many farmers have returned to fields with their combines at times when soggy ground conditions might normally have led them to wait a while longer and allow more time for drying.

Now, some of those farmers may spend the cold months wondering how much problem with soil compaction they will experience as a result.

Wet soil compressed under the weight of combines, tractors, grain carts and trucks can form a hard layer that is difficult for crop roots and water to infiltrate in the future.

Plants grown on that

type of compressed soil may be smaller and less vigorous and may not take water the way they should. Also, they may be more susceptible to disease and insect pressures than they would be otherwise.

"Plant roots need air spaces in the soil to grow into and through," said Ron Seymour, extension agriculture educator for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Adams County. And while ruts on the surface of the field provide ready evidence of compaction, the compaction layer can extend well below the surface of the rows where wheels ran down through the root zone for future years' plantings.

"It's a mess," Seymour said. "It's probably one of the worst things that can happen to you (as a crop producer.) It can heal itself, but it takes a long time."

Many farmers concentrated this year on cutting

their soybeans first, allowing extra time for moisture content levels in their corn to decrease. Meanwhile, one rain delay followed another. Nebraska Rainfall Assessment and Information Network readings since Sept. 1 show some impressive totals up to 13 inches and beyond in one location northwest of Hildreth and 10-12 inches at numerous other reporting stations.

While farmers took the necessary steps to get a valuable crop in the bin, Seymour said, some field damage has been done in the process.

"It's been wet," he said. "I think people have pushed it more than they should have."

Brandy VanDeWalle,

Seymour's UNL extension counterpart in Fillmore County, said most farmers in her area have finished harvest by now, and that for the most part the corn stood up in the fields long enough for them to get to it. She agreed that the ground took a beating in the process, however.

"I've seen some of the fields where there are quite a few tracks," she said.

UNL experts say the more soils are tilled using a disk or other implements, the more susceptible to compaction they will become.

When soil is tilled less, it contains more organic matter (debris from past crops) and therefore has more structure to it, meaning it

can better withstand the weight of heavy machines like combines.

Seymour warned that, no matter how bad the compaction may be, farmers will only make matters worse if they go out and try to disk or deep-till a field when it is too wet.

"If it's compacted now and it's wet, there's really nothing you can do," Seymour said.

Given enough time, compaction layers will break up naturally, aided by soil freezing and thawing, Seymour said.

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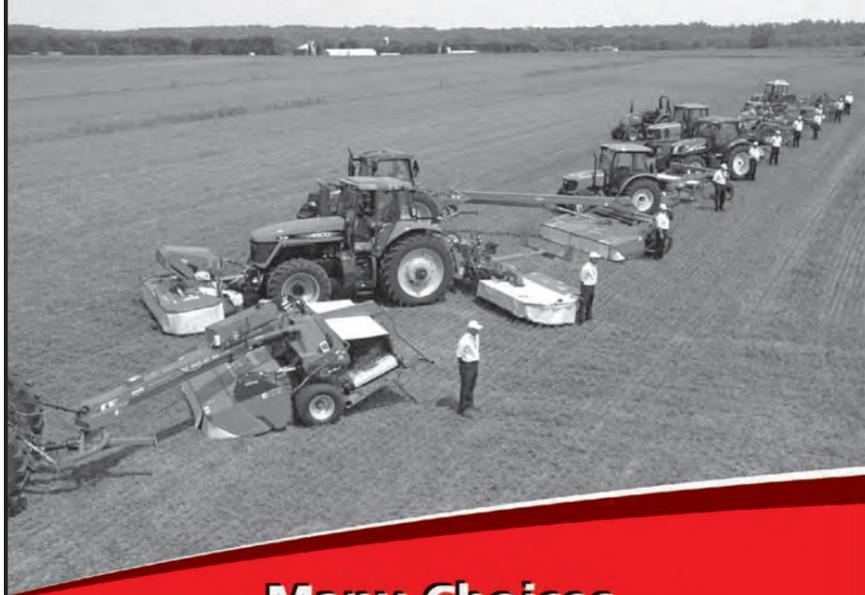
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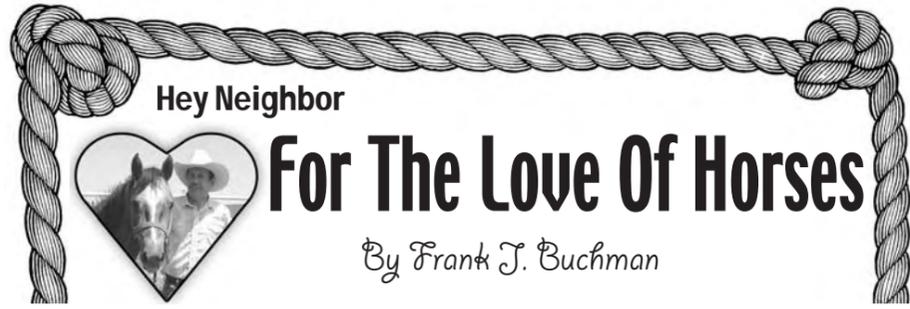


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Black Horse Hitch Helps Spread Agriculture's Story

That 60th birthday present certainly was big and black, and it certainly has grown in many directions in five years.

"I was completely surprised when my wife and family got me a team of Percheron horses for my birthday," admits Charles "Chuck" Munson of Junction City.

Possibly even more surprising to the well-known, lifelong Angus breeder is how that present has developed into an important part of the diverse endeavors at Munson Angus Farm.

"Chuck had always talked about the last team of horses his dad, Ralph, and uncle Gaylord had when he was just a small boy," wife Deanna Munson informs. "So I talked it over with our children, David and Michelle, and his mother Bernie, and we all agreed that getting him a team would be what he'd really appreciate."

Deciding to do it, and accomplishing the task while keeping it a complete surprise took some doing, but with considerable effort, a team of Percheron geldings was acquired.

"We had Chuck, with about 70 friends and relatives in our garage who

started singing 'Happy Birthday,' when the team and Michelle, who had flown in from California, came driving into the yard."

Those team harness lines found a perfect fit in Chuck's hands. "Even though we didn't work cattle on horseback, and I can barely remember farming with horses, I always seemed to have a fondness for teams," he admits. "The first year, some corn was picked using the team and a load of wheat was hauled to Geary Grain in town, but we don't use them for farming, just driving for fun."

"Before long we had people ask about using the 'black team' for weddings, surrey rides and celebrations," Chuck continues. "From there we started having working farm tours, a Pumpkin Patch as an educational outing for youth, and also participating in other events in area communities. It's just continued to grow."

Whoa, we can't get the cart in front of the horses (pun intended). "I had to do a lot of searching, and it was quite a process to find just the right team," Deanna recalls. "It had to be black, very gentle and very well broke. Ellis and David

Flickner of Kingman finally helped me locate the Percherons Dan and Duke at an Amish farm in Indiana."

Harness is essential for a working team, but Deanna had that figured out. "My folks, Fred and Lucile Michaels, had a set of harness hanging in the barn at their Osage County farm near Lyndon," she reflects. "It hadn't been used but one time, before Dad sold his team in the early '50s, but with a lot of cleanup and oiling, the harness worked fine."

In their refurbished tack, Dan and Duke quickly adjusted from their real farm work to a life of leisure in Kansas. "The first days here, they just stood at the fence watching the tractors doing the field work they were supposed to be doing," Deanna reflects. "They are absolutely the perfect team for us."

Son David, who didn't have much experience with horses, intervenes, "There has been a certain extent of blood, sweat and tears, though. It's sure been an adventure."

With 5,000 acres and 200 purebred cows, the Munsons began to realize that keeping up with demands for the black team was more than they could do by themselves.

"We enjoyed them so much, but it required time that we didn't have and still be able to get all of our farming done," Chuck inserts. "Ben Bennett lives just down the road and knows a lot about horses, so I asked him if he'd come over and help."

Geary County Commissioner Bennett, former government teacher and wrestling coach who team ropes and boards horses, jumped at the chance.

"I kidded Chuck that if he wanted to spend the money, we could really have some fun," Bennett remembers. "I had worked horses on a farm when I was in high school, and I was excited to be able to do it again."

"It's been a fun avocation, and I don't ever need to be paid. We just want to make it a break-even adventure," Bennett admits.

Chuck quickly credits, "Ben has really helped us develop our horse program. He is the head trainer and driver, and helped come up with a lot of the things we're doing."

Diverse demands for the team made the Munsons decide to expand their horse ownership. "We bought another almost identical team, Ben and George, in Iowa from a person who had been

providing carriage rides and decided to sell out," Chuck relates. "We got them, along with their harness and a 16-seated wagon in a package deal."

Dan and Duke are now 18 and 19, weigh over a ton each and stand over 17 hands (68 inches) tall. Ben and George are five years younger, but similar in stature. Interestingly, they wear size eight shoes, compared to many horses wearing a size one. "They all eat two bushels of oats a day," Chuck says. "We have to plant one field just to feed them."

While the original harness is still in use, along with the tack coming with the second team purchase, a third set of show harness has been added. "We had Sam Bontrager at Yoder make us a set of harness with silver spots. Each harness weighs over 70 pounds. It's a lot easier for two

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Percheron geldings Dan and Duke were given to Chuck Munson as his 60th birthday present by his family. That was five years ago, and the team has become an integral part of Munson Angus Farm's diverse entrepreneurial program including offering working farm tours. Shown with the team are Laura and David Munson, trainer-driver Ben Bennett, Chuck and Deanna Munson, driver-groom Patty Harrington and Snyder the Labrador.

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people to harness a team," Chuck admits.

Vehicles are essential for driving the teams. In addition to the wagon, the Munsons have a surrey which seats six and is often used for weddings and celebrations. It has a set of runners that can be attached for driving as a sleigh during winter snows.

"We have a trolley with occupancy for 25, but 20 can ride more comfortably," Bennett describes. "Our two fore carts are used for training and pulling farm machinery. The hay rack is now mostly just for display."

A box wagon, originally used on the farm many years ago, is in storage, with repairs needed before it can be put back into use.

There is a stone horse barn on the farm, which the family considered restoring for equine housing, but they decided to construct a new stable on Black Horse Lane at Munson Angus Farms. With two large stalls, each for a team, plus a tack room, vehicle storage space and a harnessing area, there was also an office, which has now been converted into a kitchen.

"Meals offered on our tours have become so popular that we decided to get

commercial licensing for a preparation area," Deanna notes. Then Bennett adds, "We've had to make a few other additions to the barn, like a wash rack and harness stand." A white fence surrounds the adjacent pasture where the teams graze daily.

Grooming and harnessing the teams is a major effort. "It takes two people over an hour to get each

team ready to hook," Bennett reveals.

In addition to the public events, the black teams have successfully competed in several shows. "Both teams won ribbons in farming and driving classes at the state fair and Salina," says Bennett.

The horses have been driven in a four-horse hitch. "That really is fun, and some day I'd like to put them with

a third team to drive in a six-horse hitch," Bennett comments. "We don't ride

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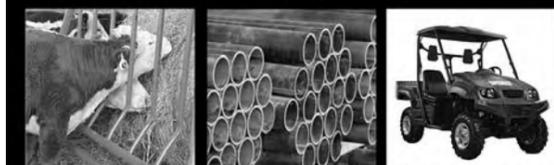
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the horses, and I don't drive them single. They are so attached to each other that they get very upset when we try to separate them."

When Dan, one of the original geldings, had to be admitted to the K-State Veterinary Hospital at Manhattan for a bladder ailment, Duke had to go along. "They just can not be separated because they've been together so long," Bennett declares. "I just don't know what would happen if one died. We'd probably lose them both."

Trucks and trailers are required to haul horses and their vehicles. "We generally have two trucks go with each team, and at least two

people are needed every time a team goes on the road," Bennett details. "We'll have teams at Manhattan and Abilene at the same time before Christmas."

Horses are fun for the farm, but the Munsons contend that the Black Horse Hitch's part in telling agriculture's story has been the most important contribution. "Our working farm tours and the Pumpkin Patch have proven quite popular," Deanna claims. "We've had the opportunity to tell thousands of people what life is really like on the farm."

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Horses are a familiar connect to a farming history

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While the horses provide rides to visitors around the farm, Chuck and David explain details on the operation and Deanna relates facts on the farm production. "Many children, and often their parents too, don't have any realization where the food on their table really comes from," Deanna emphasizes.

Chuck's great-grandfather, Carl Munson, came to Geary County in 1869 as a stone mason and acquired the first farm acreages. "Stone from that land was used in many structures at Fort Riley, K-State and the

state capitol," Chuck relates.

Expansion at the farm has continued with the first Angus introduced in 1924 from neighbor century-breeder Fairview Angus Farm, operated today by Andy Schuler Jr. at Chapman. "Our cow herd still relates back to those original heifers," relays Chuck.

Seedstock production remains a part of Munson Angus Farm, with a dozen bulls and much of the heifer crop, after in-herd replacements, sold as breeding animals. However, Angus merchandizing has taken a sharply new angle.

"We had been selling our steers directly to a packer,

but when that plant closed, we decided to try direct marketing," explains David. "Steers are processed at the plant in Clay Center, and we sell all-natural, premium Angus beef by the piece, quarter or half here at the farm. Now, we also have a retail store downtown, which my wife Laura operates."

Deanna instantly interjects, "Those primed, aged Angus steaks and the 90/10 ground beef are another thing that help make our working farm tours so popular." Of course, Deanna's Homemade Ice Cream and Laura's Cole Slaw are also highlights for guests.

So well-liked has been Munson Premium Angus Beef that one steer is being processed each week for that craving. "Our growth has been phenomenal already, but our goal is to sell about a hundred head a year as beef products," David remarks.

Many people are involved in the seemingly vast Munson activities. "We couldn't do everything without lots of help, and most of it is volunteer labor," Deanna praises.

Assisting as horse drivers and trainers are Patty Harrington, Jerry Spencer and Cecil Carter. Les Fehr is the pumpkin agronomist

with over 4,000 fruits grown this year and 2,500 given to children. Peggy Bennett, Ben's wife, is host for the Pumpkin Patch bonfire where the youngsters toast their own treats.

Dawn Miller is the receptionist who does activity scheduling, and Cathie Dunn is the cook in charge of farm meals. Bernie Munson still lives on

the farm, while Fred and Lucile Michaels now live in Junction City, and all continue to have active interests in the operations. Of course, Snyder the black Labrador is always helping, too.

"There are a lot more people who help us in so many ways, and we certainly appreciate everybody," Deanna acknowledges.



Ben Bennett drives a team of Percheron geldings pulling a surrey filled with guests touring Munson Angus Farms near Junction City. The farm hosts visitors who learn how Kansas farmers help feed the world population. Children are given pumpkins and treats during Pumpkin Patch activities each fall, while most adult groups are served Munson Premium Angus Beef meals.

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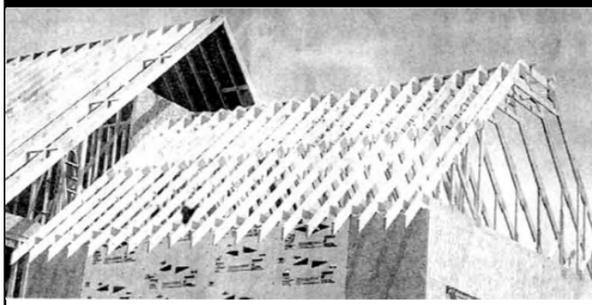
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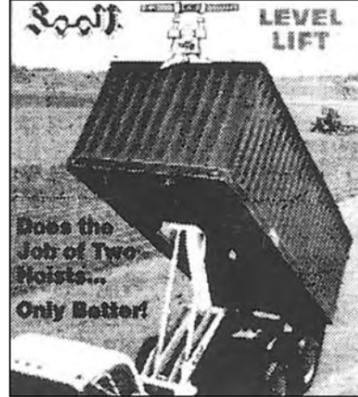


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Reservations for the Kansas location can be made by telephone call to the Washington County, Extension office at (785) 325-2121. Reservation can also be made by contacting any local county Extension office, or on online at: www.extension.iastate.edu/feci/4StBeef/.

Kansas Wheat Research Foundation offers scholarship in memory of Herb Clutter

A scholarship program to honor Herb Clutter's influential role in organizing leadership groups on behalf of Kansas wheat producers has been established by the Kansas Wheat Research Foundation, which is administered by the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers.

The scholarship fund will award one \$500 scholarship per year, to a college or university-bound incoming freshman from Kansas, pursuing a career in the field of agriculture. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be a full-time student at any two or four year college or university. Recipients will be selected based on academic achievement, leadership qualities and career objectives focused around the field of agriculture. Recipients will receive the scholarship to be applied toward tuition for the student's college or university education. The scholarship is non-renewable.

The Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship was established through a fund in memory of Herbert W. Clutter. Clutter, a farmer from Holcomb, was the first president of the National Association of Wheat Growers,

which was established in 1948. He encouraged Kansas wheat farmers to organize as a strong, unified voice, which led to the formation of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers in 1952. Clutter encouraged research in education and industrial uses of wheat, use of more wheat as food, improved variety development and methods to produce the best product at the lowest cost. Clutter's efforts led to the formation of the Kansas Wheat Commission by the Kansas legislature, in 1957. The slayings of Herb Clutter, his wife, Bonnie and their children Kenyon and Nancy were chronicled in the Truman Capote book, "In Cold Blood."

"The history of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Wheat Commission is enriched by the leadership of Herb Clutter," says Dusti Fritz, CEO Kansas Wheat. "Mr. Clutter's pioneering spirit and tireless efforts improved the prosperity and position of the Kansas wheat farmer during a time when the world was changing rapidly. It is an honor and a privilege to offer this scholarship in his name and share Mr. Clutter's influence in the state's

wheat industry with the next generation."

Applicants of the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship must complete the scholarship application, which includes a 400-500 word essay discussing why they have chosen to pursue a career in agriculture. The selection committee will use this essay along with application in determining

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Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith

Those Little Rhymes



One of the nice things about writing a column is that readers send me notes and suggestions and old clippings and interesting stories. It was that way a few years back, when I received a fat envelope from a reader out near Abilene. He reads the column in Grass & Grain.

The occasion for his writing me was that he was killing time. It was in July and he should have been cutting wheat, but it was postponed by rain, he said.

Well, at least there was something good about that wet and muddy summer. He sent me some photocopied pages from two little books that he'd bought at a farm sale. One, Rhymes of the Rockies, is dated 1922. The other, Mountain Memories, was published in 1925. Both are collections of poetry by James W. Whilt.

Now I'm normally not attracted to poetry. I just don't understand it, maybe. There are exceptions, lines of poetry that I can really relate to. Usually they have a rhyme and rhythm that's simple enough even for me. I have a really tough time with some of the artsy stuff with no rhyme or meter that is called poetry now.

These little poems, I could appreciate. Although labeled "mountain" poetry, they are really outdoor subjects, much like cowboy poetry. They remind me of the work of the late S. Omar Barker, a grand old man who was called the "poet lariat" of Western Writers of America. I have a letter from Omar, which I treasure. It's written on the back of a Leanin' Tree birthday card which carries his poetry. "I write little verses for these

folks," says Omar, "so they keep me supplied with cards for whenever."

Calling Omar Barker's work "little verses," of course, is like saying Joe Montana plays ball. Barker was the author of the famous Cowboy's Christmas Prayer and the Code of the West, written at about the time of James Whilt's work (he was paid five dollars for that one).

This is maybe a long way around to note that cowboy

poetry has attracted quite a bit of attention in recent years. Baxter Black, probably the best known of the cowboy poets, was on the Tonight Show several times. The annual Cowboy Poetry Gatherin' at Elko, Nev. has gained a lot of notoriety.

There's even a move to consider a Golden Spur award in Cowboy Poetry by the Western Writers of America (Omar Barker was one of their early presidents). I hope they don't do it. Some cowboy poetry is good, some bad, some even great. Yet, the thing is, it's not a contest, but a performing art. It originated with lonely cowboys riding night herd and crooning to cows to keep them quiet ... making up a thousand verses to "ki-

yi-yippy-yippy yay," some of which can even be sung in mixed company. They weren't looking for perfection, but for amusement and fun. When it becomes more important to win than to have fun, things sort of go to hell in a handbasket. Might as well take up figure skating.

I want to share one of James Whilt's verses, called:

The Old Frying Pan

You may talk of your broilers, both single and double,

Your roasters and toasters, they're all lots of trouble;

But when out in the hills, just find if you can,

Any kind of dish like the old fryin' pan.

Over a campfire you don't need a stove,

Out in the hills, the place we all love,

Such hotcakes they never were tasted by man,

With many the thanks to the old frying pan.

When the trout are all fried to a rich golden brown,

I know all epicures would look with a frown

At the meal set before me; dispute it who can,

With naught for a plate but the old frying pan.

Now that's pure poetry. The kind I can understand. Thanks, Curtis!

See you down the road.

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King Kong The Roping Dummy

A while back I bought a basic roping dummy. It went up and down and moved its hind legs. But it was stationary. Too bad I didn't live closer to Rick. He was in California and had bought one that was self-propelled. But, then again, maybe I just got lucky.

The mechanical roping steer, we'll name it King Kong, was a team roper's dream. It was expensive but when you've got the bug and a wife with a job, it's considered an investment and not an extravagance. Besides, they had offered him dealership possibilities!

Even though he hadn't gotten his arena finished, he invited his roping buddies over for a demonstration. They parked their rigs at the edge of the cleared field.

"This baby is self-propelled and runs straight

down the arena," explained Rick. "Once the header ropes the horns a solenoid kicks in and shuts down Kong's forward progress, allowing the heeler to make his throw."

They began their trial runs at slow speed. Shur'nuf, when the header dallied and turned off, Kong disengaged as if on command and the heeler swooped in and caught.

"How fast will it go?" asked Joe.

"They claim twenty-eight miles an hour," said Rick.

"Kick 'er in high gear," said Joe, shaking out a loop.

Out of the imaginary box Kong roared like a speedboat! Joe punched ol' Roanie. He could almost hear the cheers of the crowd at Thomas and Mack Arena as he sailed a loop and ducked off to give his heeler

a shot. But something went wrong ... a thumb in the dally? A broken rope? A figure eight? Nope, King Kong failed to slow down. He actually grabbed another gear and began rimming around the hapless header whose horse decided he'd had enough.

In desperation Joe threw a trip on Kong to flip him. Unfortunately the rope tangled in one of the now supersonic wheels and the snarling machine climbed up his rope! Joe pitched his twine to grab the horn as Roanie quit the country in a dead run!

Kong, still at full speed, crashed into a brand new quad cab super-dually, smashed the front door, ran a horn down the length of the pickup and impaled itself on the fiberglass fender over the rear wheel well. It sat there and spun like a high-speed drill until it finally caught fire and fizzled out with a pop.

The cowboys eased around what now looked like an old BBQ grill somebody had run over with a bulldozer.

"I just about had him," said the heeler, "but my dang header turned off too soon!"

Converting CRP land to grain crop production requires planning

American farmers have retired millions of acres of cropland through the USDA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). However, increased grain prices and other factors have prompted many farmers to put idle acres back into service.

"Converting CRP land to grain crop production can present challenges not normally seen in a typical continuous grain production system," said Travis Harper, University of Missouri Extension agronomy specialist. "Planning should begin at least a year before the grain crop is to be planted to provide ample time for farmers to recognize and deal with potential issues that may affect grain crop production." Erosion control was a key goal of CRP when the program began in 1986, and much of the land enrolled in CRP is prone to erosion.

"When this land is idle under the CRP, very little soil erosion takes place," Harper said. "If this land is tilled and brought back into production, it is likely to experience high erosion rates once again."

Farmers should consider managing this land under a no-till management system, he said. If that is not feasible, then it is important to leave waterways and field borders undisturbed. These undisturbed buffer zones will help limit erosion from the rest of the field.

"The most difficult part of converting CRP land to grain crop production may well be vegetation management," Harper said.

When managed as CRP land, a field is left largely undisturbed for 10 to 15 years, allowing a thick layer of plant residue to develop. This layer may increase soil moisture, lower soil temperature, harbor diseases and interfere with planting. In addition, the majority of plant species in CRP land are perennials, which will try to grow back even after a field has been planted with a grain crop. Perennial grass and broadleaf weeds in dormant fields provide an attractive home for prairie voles, also known as field mice. If a field is converted from CRP to corn production, prairie voles may feed on newly planted seed or small seedlings that have germinated. To force the vole colonies out of the field, one must remove cover and food before planting the first crop.

For no-till fields, vegetation and pests can be controlled through some combination of mowing, burning and herbicide application.

An MU Extension guide, "Converting CRP Fields to Grain Crop Production" (G1651), is available online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/agguides/agen/gin/g01651.htm>

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