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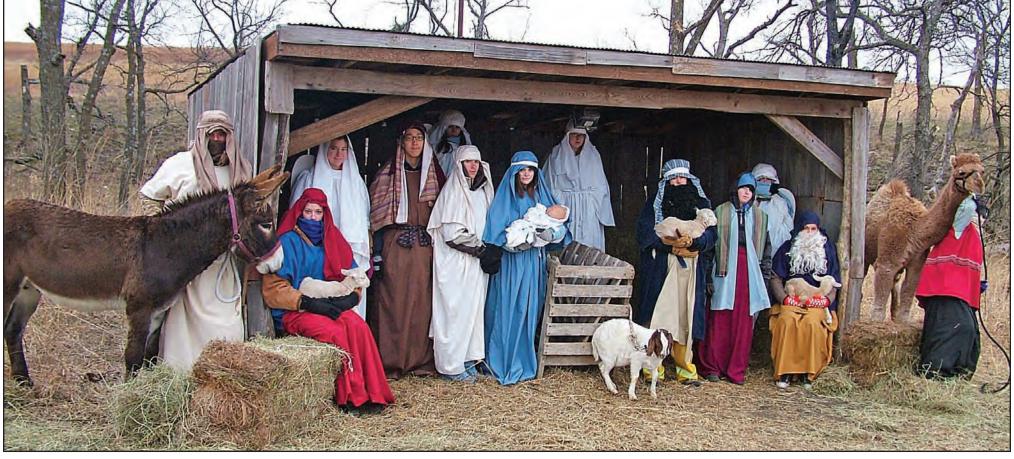
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# Making Christmas Merry



Members of the Alma United Methodist youth group withstood the bitter cold to share the true meaning of the Christmas holiday with the community. Complete with camels, donkeys, goats and lambs, the actors held their positions as visitors to the scene listened to the Christmas story narrated by Eric Atkinson. The nativity was set up along I-70 at Tallgrass Road on the ranch owned by Eric and Rhonda Atkinson. Admission was by free will donation with the proceeds going toward the youth group's

# Wheat specialist gives tips on evaluating potential for winterkill

Frigid temperatures arrived with a to 12 degrees or less, Shroyer said. If there vengeance in Kansas in mid-December which may have prompted wheat growers to wonder if that is causing any winterkill of wheat?

There are three main questions to consider when evaluating the potential for winterkill, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Extension agronomy state leader and crop production specialist.

How well has the wheat hardened off? When temperatures through fall and early winter gradually get colder, that helps wheat plants develop good winterhardiness,

"When temperatures remain unusually warm late into the fall then suddenly drop into the low teens, plants are less likely to have had time to harden properly and will be more susceptible to winterkill," he said. "This fall, temperatures have fallen off gradually and the wheat crop should be adequately hardened in most cases."

How well developed is the root system? Where wheat plants have a good crown root system and two or more tillers, they will have better winterhardiness, Shroyer said. If plants are poorly developed going into winter, with few secondary roots and no tillers, they will be more susceptible to winterkill or desiccation.

"Poor development of secondary roots may not be readily apparent unless the plants are pulled up and examined. If plants are poorly developed, it may be due to poor seed-to-soil contact, dry soils, very low pH, insect damage, or other causes," he said.

How cold did the soil get at the crown level? This depends on snow cover and moisture levels in the soil. Winterkill is possible if soil temperatures at the crown level (about one inch deep) get down to 10 is at least an inch of snow on the ground, the wheat will be protected and soil temperatures will usually remain above the critical level. Also, if the soil has good moisture, it's possible that soil temperatures at the crown level may not reach the critical level even in the absence of snow

"But if the soil is dry and there is no snow cover, there may be the potential for winterkill, especially on exposed slopes or in low-lying areas, depending on the condition of the plants. Air temperatures below -10 degrees can certainly reduce soil temperatures below critical levels when the soil is dry and there is no snow cover," he

To test for winterkill damage, producers can dig up a few plants, put them in pots, and bring them inside to warm up, the K-State agronomist said. If the plants do not respond to the warmer conditions, they may have suffered winterkill injury.

"If plants are killed outright, they won't green up," Shroyer added. "But if they are only damaged, it might take them awhile to die. They will green up and then slowly go 'backwards' and eventually die. There are enough nutrients in the crown to allow the plants to green up, but the winter injury causes vascular damage so that the nutrients that are left cannot move, or root rot diseases move in and kill the plants. This slow death is probably the most common result of winter injury on wheat."

Direct cold injury is not the only source of winter injury, he added.

"Under dry conditions, wheat plants may suffer from desiccation," he said. This can kill or weaken plants, and is actually a more common problem than direct cold in-

# Vilsack tapped for USDA

By Beth Gaines-Riffel, **Editor** 

After weeks of speculation, president-elect Obama selected Tom Vilsack, the former governor of the state of Iowa, to take the helm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture when the new administration is seated next Janu-

The announcement was made at a press conference last week when he also tapped Sen. Ken Salazar, a farmer from Colorado, as the secretary of the Interior.

Kansas State Professor, Dr. B.L. Flinchbaugh noted that these two selections closely followed the other cabinet nominations made by Obama. "This is another centrist appointment," Flinchbaugh said during a phone interview. "This is good for agriculture, for the Secretary to be from Iowa. He has a good record with farm groups and it is certainly good for renewable fuels."

Flinchbaugh admitted that the proof would come later "in the pudding" how things really worked out for the administration, but Flinchbaugh said he was encouraged by Obama's words in making the nomination. "I'll never forget what he said -'Small farmers can feed the community but large farmers feed the world.' And that is exactly how it is," Flinchbaugh continued.

First elected governor in 1998, Vilsack, 58, carved out a reputation as a political centrist. He balanced Iowa's budget and resisted raising taxes, but he was willing to spend money on such priorities as education and health. He argued that pushing alternative energy sources was key to bolstering rural sections of the nation that are struggling economically and facing diminishing popula-

Salazar will head a department that oversees oil and gas drilling on public lands and manages the nation's parks and wildlife refuges. Salazar is expected to try to balance the protection of natural resources while tapping the nation's energy potential an approach Obama has said he wants.

"I am confident we have the team we need to make the rural agenda America's agenda, to create millions of new green jobs, to free our nation from its dependence on oil and to help preserve this planet for our children," Obama said.

The National Association of Corn Growers also tipped their hat to the nomination. "Governor Vilsack understands the opportunities and challenges facing the corn industry today," NCGA president Bob Dickey said. "We feel he is a wise choice to lead the United States De-

partment of Agriculture and look forward to working with him."

Payments to farmers, which has been a sticking point with many in the farm debate, would continue to be under the microscope. "I think that there is going to be a push to enforce the new farm bill, and the limits set within the bill," Flinchbaugh predicted. "I don't think that they will reopen the Farm Bill, but with Vilsack at the helm and Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley championing limiting payments, they are going to be enforced tightly."

# **Guest Editorial**

# **Food safety** starts at home

By John Schlageck

With the holiday season upon us ensuring our families eat the safest, tastiest and most nutritious meals is the most important consideration during this special time to-

So, where do the most significant food safety problems occur — on the farm or in the kitchen?

If you guessed the kitchen, you're probably one of those wise con-

sumers who may already be well on your way to a wholesome, healthy eating lifestyle. On the other hand if you guessed the farm, chances are your kitchen may be a place where food is mishandled or poorly prepared.

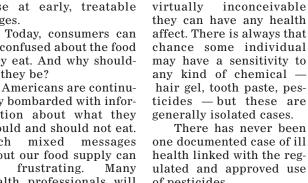
There is unnecessary anxiety about food safety in our country today that is diverting attention from this nation's leading public health problems including cigarette smoking, alcoholism, drug abuse, AIDS and failure to use life-saving technology such as seatbelts, smoke detectors and screening techniques to detect disease at early, treatable stages.

Today, consumers can be confused about the food they eat. And why shouldn't they be?

ally bombarded with information about what they should and should not eat. about our food supply can frustrating. Many health professionals will tell you too much time, energy and resources are spent worrying about minute or nonexistent pesticide residues on foods such as fruits and vegetables. They believe such energy could be better directed at making sure each individual family and the public eats a variety of foods in moderation.

There is little doubt pesticides in significant quantities may be toxic, but the U.S. government has in place a highly efficient system to ensure the levels of residues in foods remain extremely low — if they are there at all. The Environmental Protection Agency sets these tolerances and the Food and Drug Administration evaluates our produce to ensure tolerances are not exceeded.

Minute levels of pesticide residues detected in some U.S. produce have been found to pose no hazard to the health of children or adults, according to nutritionists.



one documented case of ill health linked with the regulated and approved use of pesticides.

Trace amounts of pesti-

cides are so miniscule it's

The claims these tiny residues cause cancer is irresponsible and unscientific. The only evidence against these agricultural chemicals is derived from laboratory studies where rodents are exposed to large amounts of these substances and manifest an increased rate of cancer. There is no relevance of this finding for the minute exposure to human beings.

While proponents of organically grown food like to tout their produce as safer because it contains no pesticide residues, today's shopper need only purchase their produce and other foods, wash them thoroughly and cook them properly.

Remember while you are preparing the many meals your family and friends will enjoy this holiday season, that our country enjoys the safest, most wholesome food in the world. The safeguards are in place to ensure our food is protected. Making sure we safely prepare food for our loved ones is our responsibility.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.



# Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

The holidays are absolutely one of my favorite times of year. I guess in some cases, I'm a kid that refuses to grow up. The weeks between Thanksgiving right up until Christmas Day are filled with sights, smells, activities and people that make the season one I look forward to year and every year. No matter how stressful the year has been or how challenging either personally or professionally, there is something about anticipating the holiday that smooths over the rough edges of the year. It is a season full of reflection and recognizing the true gifts we have to enjoy — mostly the recognition of the birth

I have many treasured memories as a child — from scouting out the best trees along the roadside to "harvest" greens to string along the front porch (my mother was and is a decorating queen), sneaking peeks under the tree located just outside my bedroom door for packages with my name on them, hiding puppies for Christmas morning surprises to helping push my baby brother's first truck around the circle drive are all memories that have special meaning for me. From marveling at a nativity scene, playing up the lore of Santa and spending precious time with family and friends — I love

I've had the good fortune to even be pregnant during the holiday season as Kyle's birthday falls mid-January. For me that was probably one of the most emotional Christmases ever. While I don't think that I am anywhere near the station in life that Mary was, that season certainly put a new perspective on how that young mother endured that very first Christmas. In a rough stable, intended for animals, where she brought that amazing miracle into this world.

As many know, my family owns a small flock of meat goats, and our kidding season typically begins around the Christmas holiday. The smell of the straw and listening to the does bleat to their young is nearly all it takes to set my imagination to work, picturing what that first Christmas might have been like so long ago in

I know that this year has been a stressful one for many — with good prices, high prices, volatility, and economic uncertainty all wrapped up in the same big package that we fondly recognize as production agriculture. I hope that during this holiday season, you can set aside some of your cares of this world, if even for just a little while, and rekindle some of the warm feelings of Christmases past.

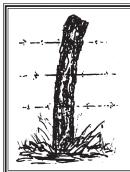
That's all for now. Merry Christmas and I will chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"



By Ace Reid



"Wul heck! I'm over-worked, over-drawn, over-taxed and now I'm over-loaded!"



# The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison Concordia Rancher and Former Agriculture Educator

# Just Passing Through

The cows that are soon to calve are in the 60-acre calving pasture, where all the movements can be observed from our windows, especially if one uses the binoculars. I noticed a big 1,300-pound brockle-faced cow seemed restless. She had left the herd at the feed bunks, so I decided she was looking for a place to give birth to her calf. To identify her, I drove down in the Jeep to read her tag number; it was 56. Her sides were bulging, her udder full and tight, her tail stayed arched. I figured she would have a calf by morning.

She is a 12-year-old cow, big and experienced. Even though the forecast was for the low temperature to be 15 degrees F., the odds were she would have no trouble, espe cially with the waist-high grass providing lots of cover to slow the wind.

The next morning I scanned the herd with the binoculars but did not see Cow 56. We were one short. Again the Jeep was called upon for a search and rescue mission. She was not in the calving pasture. I thought maybe she had gone into the alfalfa field to have her calf. A search of the 50acre field with about five acres of rough timber sure enough produced the cow, who I was certain had calved and she was showing enough blood to prove it. But where was her calf? I believed that when she was ready, she would introduce her newborn to the rest of the herd to examine and admire. Sure enough, the next morning there was a new calf, wobbly but standing by her mom, who was eating at the hay bunk.

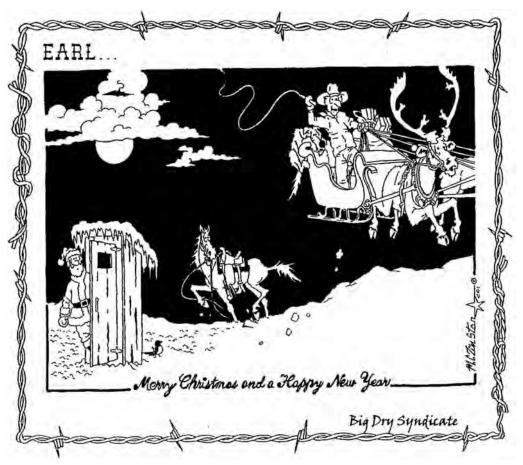
Two days later Daniel came to elastrate and tag some calves. He drove the entire herd into the corral to perform this task. All were present and accounted for except No. 56's new calf. I thought perhaps she had her baby hidden somewhere and would go to it when the herd was released from the

The next day I checked on her, but no calf was by her side, so I set out to find the new untagged calf. I spent all morning searching by Jeep and on foot but to no avail. The new mother's udder was tight and I could tell she hadn't been sucked for

a long time. I began to become concerned. for the old cow kept mooing and looking for her baby and wanted to claim calves that were not hers. The distraught cow came near to me, expecting me to find her calf. By that time I had covered every nook and cranny of the pasture and alfalfa field and found no calf or coyote-eaten skeleton. This situation always saddens me — a bereaved cow and a calf I cannot find. I've been here before. Finally, No. 56 and I accepted defeat and the loss of a fine calf. Life goes

In the funeral announcements on the local radio station, eight recent deaths in our community were reported. Last week I attended a veteran's funeral and held the flag to honor a 90-year-old World War II veteran. Yesterday I participated in a memorial service for another veteran and held the flag for him. Tomorrow I will again hold the flag for another fallen WW II veteran, who was 85. The old veterans who perform these ceremonies say from experience that it seems these deaths occur in groups of three; when one death occurs, within a week or ten days there will be two more. Strange. Then there is usually a lull of several weeks before the cycle begins again.

Today I attended the funeral of a friend who had taught 38 years at Cloud County Community College. It was a beautiful celebration and an acknowledgment of a soul passing from a state of sickness and pain into a realm of ecstasy, known as Heaven, for eternity. To understand and believe that our Father God lovingly gave His son Jesus to be born in the flesh and to die for our sins that we may spend eternity where love and peace abound gives us hope. We need not fear or be sorrowful but just be ready when it is our turn to pass on. Death, as with my baby calf, can be sad; but for man, who has a soul, it can be a time of release and celebration. This world is not our final home; we are just passing through. Could it be that our death could be the greatest adventure ever? Our passport into heaven is to believe. That is what Christmas and Easter are all about



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# personal bankruptcy

During hard economic times many consumers may run out of money before the next payday. When this happens some people turn to payday loans.

Eileen St. Pierre, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension personal finance specialist, said a payday loan is a small, short-term loan used to cover a borrower's expenses until his or her next payday. "Payday loans are normally due every week or every other week," St. Pierre said. "With these loans borrowers get into financial trouble and it usually seems other debts like credit cards or mortgages tend to be ignored."

Research found payday loan applicants who received the quick cash after their first application were significantly more likely to file for Chapter 13 bankruptcy than those whose initial application was denied.

Furthermore, research indicated payday loans coupled with interest payments may be sufficient to tip the balance into bankruptcy for a population that is already severely financially stressed.

"Let's say you take out a \$100 payday loan for seven days. You are charged a \$25 fee for this. You may not realize, but the \$25 is a form of interest," St. Pierre said. "So when you get your paycheck at the end of the week, you need to pay back \$125. Pay off this loan and never return!"

However, many who take out payday loans do return in need of cash.

"Each week, people end up taking out another \$100 loan. If the cycle continues for each successive week the annual interest rate on this would be 1,303.57 percent," she said. "Payday loan providers are required to provide information to consumers on payday loans, this information can be found at mypaydayloan.com."

St. Pierre offers these tips to increase emergency savings and reduce the need for payday loans:

Increase income by working overtime if available, get a part-time job and put that money into a savings account. Sell what you can, hold a garage sale; try to avoid pawn shops if at all possible.

Decrease monthly expenses anyway you can. Lower the thermostat a few degrees, turn off the heat when you are not home, turn off the lights when you leave a room, shut off the television when you are not watching it. Reduce or cancel cable service or cell phone service. Look for ways to bundle services together. Shop smarter. Try to use coupons and buy more generic-brand products. Try to generate enough savings using coupons to cover the sales tax on groceries.

Change driving habits. Reduce gas consumption by combining shopping trips. Carpool with friends, walk when you can or if your community offers a bus service commute that

"You can also see if there are programs offered by your church or local community that can help you during this difficult time and help you manage your finances," she said.

# Page 3 Payday loans may lead to Losses in Recent Missouri steer feedout largest since 1981

In keeping with the general economy and beef markets, the steers fed in the recently completed Missouri Steer Feedout lost more money per head than any group since the program began in 1981.

Eldon Cole, a University of Missouri Extension livestock specialist says the \$154.05 per head loss was not unexpected.

"High feed and transportation costs coupled with a slumping fed-cattle market and high set-in value on the feeders last June, pretty well set the stage for poor returns," said Cole.

During the previous feedouts, the greatest loss was experienced in the 2005-06 period when the average loss was \$98.92.

On the positive side, Cole notes that the average daily gain of 3.82 pounds during the 157 days was the best ever. The feed conversion was also outstanding at 5.55 pounds of dry matter feed to 1 pound of

"Only a group of steers in the 1999 feedout converted any better. Unfortunately, the cost of gain, thanks to \$5.45 corn still ran \$62.03 per hundred weight gain. The overall cost was \$80.85 per hundred," said

As high as the cost was in Iowa, Cole says a recent lected Kansas Yards showed an average cost of just over \$90.

Another reason the losses were great with the Missouri cattle was the high death loss. Fifty-three steers were sent to the lot and three deaths occurred.

"That 5.6% death loss really hurt. A normal death loss would be 1 percent or less on this age and weight of steers," said Cole.

The cattle sold on a carcass merit program at 773 pounds with Tyson's for an actual price of \$143.44 per hundred, or \$88.22 on a live weight basis.

Another bright spot for the program was that 68 percent graded low Choice or better. However, only 38 percent made Yield Grades 1 and 2. The average set-in price of the cattle in June at 659 pounds was \$111.45. Cole said only one steer out of the 50 harvested, showed



summary of closeouts in sea a profit. His profit was \$19 per head while at the other extreme one steer lost \$238.74.

> "It's not uncommon to find that wide a spread in a group of feedout steers, or even a wider spread on occasion," said Cole.

> The feedout program is offered by the University of Missouri Extension to give beef cow-calf producers a chance to assess the performance of their feeder calves in the feedlot and in the carcass.

"Even when profits do not occur, participants can gather beneficial information about their herd's genetic makeup. This allows them to make better decisions on breeding and selection practices in order to improve their product," said

Feedouts are conducted for both fall-born and spring-born calves. The next group that will be put together will go to southwest Iowa in early

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2:00 P.M.

Location: STI/Branson/Bar K Bar Trucking Facility at the east edge of LYONS, KS on Hwy 56

Fourteen (14) 2003 Chaparral Fat Cattle Trailers with Dog houses; 53 ft. x 102 inches x 13 ft. 6 inches; 2 divide gates on top deck; 1 divide gate on bottom deck; translucent roof; spread axle; air ride suspension with rear axle dump valve

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Appointments to see trailers should be made with Bar K Bar Trucking - 620-257-5118. Buyers will make payment on the day of auction and will receive titles and lien releases after the sale is con-

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# **SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2009 — 9:00 AM**

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**AUTOMOBILE** 

Sells approx 1 pm 1999 Ford Escort CP, auto, air, am/fm w/cassette, 114,188 miles, one owner, very clean, Gordon Grimm, owner.

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1873s Trade dollar; 14-Morgan dollars; 1-1924 Peace dollar; 1818 & 1827 Coronet large cents; 2-Lots wheat pennies; Eisenhower dollars; 10-American Eagle 1 oz silver proof coins, 5-U.S. Mint silver proof sets; Walking Liberty silver coinage set: Westward Journey. nickel series mint coin set: 22-U.S. proof sets; \$1 silver certs; Book w/cancelled stamps; Canadian & Foreign coins; Other misc; German Mauser, 8mm w/Lyman 4x scope; J. C. Higgins 583.1, 12 ga, bolt action, cracked forearm; action, Stevens Springfield 84C, .22 S, L. LR.

COLLECTIBLE/GLASSWARE SELL APPROX. 10:45 AM

Coca Cola serving tray, 1953-60 era, very nice, looks orig.; Shawnee "Corn" cookie jar, marked Shawnee 66, has very small chip; Cookie Jar, marked USA; Western Flyer Rocket child's wagon; Eskimo child's sled; RailRoad track w/four cars: Marx, PC, 18326; Marx, Erie 51170; NYC 17693; Marx, SOU. 51100 w/automobiles: Western Cartridge 12 ga. ammo box; Hires Root Beer wood box; Aladdin #11 kerosene lamp w/shade; Child's Rocker; Red Top Dazey #8 butter churn; Copper butter kettle; Large brass washboard; Box wagon seat; Old push reel

mower; Several stone jars, brown; 2-Ruckel crocks, 4 gal.; 8 gal. Ruckels crock; Blue band crock, 6 gal. w/2 cracks, orig handles; Few fruit jars w/glass lids; Lorillard wood cigarette box; Horse collar; Wooden barrel; 2-Humpback trunks; Old Buttons; Wood thread spools; Several old hat pins; Oak Singer treadle sewing machine; Old Montgomery Ward treadle sewing machine; China pin cushion doll; Wood ironing board; Lace table cloth; Old quilt & comforter; Marble lighthouse night light; 2-Paper weights; 33 & 45 rpm records; 3-Fiesta dinner plates, blue; Clear glass berry bowl set; 2-Sets, grape water pitchers w/glasses; 3-Fiesta, 9" dinner plates; Several Japanese finger bowls; Few pcs. blue Fire King; Stemmed Water goblets & sherbets; 2-Sets, setting for six Victoria dinnerware, "Shasta Daisy" & "Tulip"; Other misc. collectible & glassware.

**ORGAN \* FURNITURE MOST FURNITURE NEEDS REFINISHED SELLS APPROX 1:15 PM** 

Hammond console double keyboard elec. organ w/bench; Walnut 54" rd table w/2-9" leaves; Oak 45" pedestal table w/four 81/2" leaves; 4-Plank seat, turned spool, kitchen chairs; Sellers kitchen cupboard, needs some work; Old oak buffet base; Oak kitchen cupboard; 2-Oak dressers w/mirrors; Oak commode, less mirror; Oak framed, beveled dresser mirror, painted; Oak mission bookcase, three shelf; Walnut double pedestal desk; Queen mattress set; Twin

mechanical bed, very nice; Tan sofa/sleeper, clean; Serpentine front sofa; Leather top, pedestal lamp table; Old gun cabinet; Parlor table: 2-Pattern back. cane seat chairs, nice; Drop front bureau/desk; 2-Needle point chairs, nice; Picket fence, 3 section divider; Piano bench; Misc. wood chairs; Chest of drawers; Essick Humidifier; Singer elec sewing machine in walnut cabinet; Dearborn propane room stove; G.E. TV/VCR combo; Electrolux canister sweeper.

> **APPLIANCES SELL APPROX 1:45 PM**

Maytag wringer washer & double wash tubs; Magic Chef 30" gas stove; Hot Point side by side frig/freezer: G.E. Elec. stack stove/microwave; Maytag elec. dryer, white, older; Whirlpool microwave.

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Small forge w/Buffalo hand crank blower: MW Powerkraft 10" radial arm saw: Reliant 6" Jointer: Makita table saw: Foley/Belsaw belt/disk sander; Knipco kerosene space heater: 2-Stihl chain saws: 036 & 029; Skil plunge router; S&K 3/4" ratchet; Sanborn 3/4" air impact; Campbell 1/2" air impact; Comb. & adjustable wrenches; Large bolt cutter, USA mfg.; Vise grips; Pipe wrenches; Small lard press; Fruit jars; 3-Marvel Mystery oil tins, 1 qt.; Lead melting pots w/burner; 2-General Steel. IR 78-15 tires; NEW, 6.70-15 tire.

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# 2008 Grass es Grain Holiday Recipe Contest

## \* Carol Kohake, Seneca, Wins 🗽 Final G&G Holiday Contest 🕻

Winner Carol Kohake, Seneca: "This is a delicious holiday pie."

#### **CANDY BAR PIE**

5 Snicker's candy bars (2.07-ounce each), cut into 1/4-inch pieces

9-inch pastry shell, baked 12 ounces cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup sugar

2 eggs

1/3 cup sour cream

1/3 cup peanut butter

2/3 cup chocolate chips

2 tablespoons whipped cream

Place candy bar pieces in the pastry shell; set aside. Beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Add eggs, sour cream and peanut butter and beat 🗱 on low until combined. Pour over candy bar pieces. Bake at 325 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes, until set. Cool. In a heavy saucepan melt chocolate chips with the cream. Spread over filling. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.

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bowl combine remaining 1/2

cup confectioner's sugar and

cake flour; sift. Gently fold

into egg white mixture. Fold

in crushed peppermints and

vanilla. Spoon into a 10-inch

ungreased tube pan and bake

for 30 to 35 minutes or until

golden. Invert and let cool

completely. Drizzle melted

chocolate over cooled cake.

Garnish with crushed pep-

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AMY'S PEACHY

**SWEET POTATOES** 

3 large sweet potatoes,

2 tablespoons or more butter

3 tablespoons nuts, well

or margarine, softened

cooked or baked

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

chopped

Marshmallows

1 can peaches, drained

Mary Arents, Clay Center:

permints.

#### Millie Conger, Tecumseh: **PEPPERMINT**

ANGEL FOOD CAKE 12 egg whites at room temperature

1 teaspoon cream of tartar

1/8 teaspoon salt 1 1/2 cups confectioner's

sugar, divided 1 cup cake flour 3/4 cup finely crushed pep-

permints 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

4-ounce bar white chocolate, melted

Garnish, crushed peppermints

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl combine egg whites, cream of tartar and salt. Beat at high speed with an electric mixer until foamy. With mixer running gradually add 1 cup confectioner's sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until stiff peaks form. In a small

Butter a 9-by-13-inch glass pan. Slice sweet potatoes and layer with drained peaches, brown sugar and nutmeg with softened butter and mixed nuts. Pour peach juice over all so as not to be dry. Place in a 350-degree oven for 20 minutes then take out and put marshmallows on top and bake until browned.

Lori Siebenneicher, Hebron, Neb.:

#### PEANUT BUTTER **SNOWBALLS**

2 cups creamy peanut butter 2 tablespoons butter, soft-

16-ounce package white melting chocolate, chopped

2 cups powdered sugar

2 cups crispy rice cereal

Blend peanut butter, butter and powdered sugar. Add cereal; mix well. Shape into balls by teaspoonful. Set balls on waxed paper; freeze for several hours or overnight. Melt chocolate in a double boiler over mediumlow heat: stir until smooth. Dip balls into melted chocolate; return to waxed paper until set. Makes 4 to 5

#### Carole Monahan, Blaine: **GRAHAM CRACKER BARS**

1 stick butter or margarine 1 cup graham

crumbs 1 cup flaked coconut

2 cups chocolate chips

1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk

Melt butter in a 9-by-13inch pan. Add the cracker crumbs and pat evenly. Cover with coconut, chocolate chips and nuts. Pour the milk over all. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Cut into squares while lukewarm.

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#### \*\*\*\*\* Lois Metzger, Towanda:

9 slices day-old bread 3 cups diced chicken or turkey

3/4 cup chopped onion 3/4 cup finely chopped celery 1/3 cup chopped green pep-

3/4 cup mayonnaise 1 teaspoon salt

Dash of pepper 3 slightly beaten eggs 3/4 cup shredded sharp process American cheese

2 1/4 cups milk 1 1/2 (10 1/2 ounce) cans cream of mushroom soup

Prepare 3 slices of bread, cubed, to cover bottom of pan; 3 slices of bread, cubed, to go over meat and vegetables; and 3 slices of buttered crumbs for top. Combine meat, vegetables, mayonnaise, salt and pepper. Spoon over cubes in pan. Spread second 3 slices of cubed bread over meat mixture. Mix milk and eggs and pour over all. Let set one hour or overnight. Spoon mushroom soup over all. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs. Bake at 325 degrees for 90 minutes or until set. Sprinkle cheese

over top last few minutes

of baking. Yield: 9 to 12 serv-

\*\*\*\* Florene Ringler, Empo-

ria: "This recipe was in my first cookbook 'The Household Searchlight' and was called Cranberry Heart Salad. Very good and different than most cranberry salads. Could be shaped in a Christmas mold."

#### CRANBERRY HEART SALAD

2 cups cranberries 3/4 cup diced celery 1/2 cup cold water 1 cup sugar

1/2 cup chopped nuts 1 tablespoon gelatin (plain) 3/4 cup cut red grapes, optional

Wash cranberries and cover with cold water. Cook until tender. Add sugar and cook 5 minutes. Soften gelatin in cold water. Add gelatin to cranberries. Stir until dissolved. Chill until partially set. Add celery, nuts and grapes. Mix thoroughly. Pour into heart-shaped mold. Chill until firm. Unmold and serve on crisp lettuce with mayonnaise. Makes 6 serv-

NOTE: I omit lettuce and mayonnaise and make it in a bowl.



All G&G Area Cooks who sent recipes for the holiday contests were entered in a special drawing. The four cooks whose names were drawn will each receive \$35. They are:

Mariana Kemper Logan

Millie Conger Tecumseh

Judy McClean Andover

**Bernice Miller** 

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Thelma Baldock, Delphos: CHOCOLATE LUST **Crust:** 

1 cup flour

1 stick margarine

Combine and press into an 11-by-7-inch pan. Bake 10 to 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Filling:

8 oz. softened cream cheese

1 cup chopped pecans

1 cup powdered sugar 1 1/2 cups whipped topping (fold in gently)

Mix filling ingredients and laver on cooled crust.

Topping: 2 large packages instant

chocolate pudding 3 cups milk

Mix and pour over other layer. Top with whipped topping and chocolate sprinkles. Refrigerate. Can be frozen.

#### Lois Lahodny, Belleville: LEBKUCHEN

2 cups honey

2 cups shortening

3 cups brown sugar, packed 3 cups seedless raisins or

currants, chopped fine 1/2 cup citron, chopped fine

1 cup pecans, chopped fine

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

1/2 teaspoon ground car-

1/2 cup water

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda 7 cups flour, sifted

Heat honey, shortening and brown sugar together until shortening is thoroughly melted. Add fruits, nuts, spices and water. Add salt and baking soda alternately with flour, which should be added gradually. Stir batter until smooth after each addition of flour. Cover and let sit at room temperature for three days. Roll dough out into sheets about 1/4-inch

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thick. Cut into squares or diamond shapes. Bake on lightly greased cookie sheets at 350 degrees for 15 to 18 minutes. Frost with plain icing and press a blanched almond in the center before icing hardens.

Cecilia Holle, Marysville:

"Easy to make." **PUMPKIN PIE SQUARES** 

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1 cup flour

1/2 cup quick oats

1/2 cup oleo

1/2 cup brown sugar 1-pound can pumpkin (2 cups) 13 1/2-oz. can evaporated milk

2 eggs 3/4 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

Topping: 1/2 cup chopped pecans (use

your favorite) 1/2 cup brown sugar

2 tablespoons oleo

Mix flour, oats, oleo and brown sugar until crumbly. Press into a 9-by-13-by-2inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Combine pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar, salt and spice; mix well. Pour into crust and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Combine the topping ingredients and sprinkle over top of squares. Return to oven and bake 20 minutes more until filling is set. Cool in pan then cut into

\*\*\*\* Margaret Trojan, Beaver Crossing, Neb.:

POPPY SEED CHICKEN 2 pounds chicken breasts

8 ounces sour cream

1 can cream of chicken soup 1/2 cup milk

1 sleeve Ritz crackers

1/2 cup butter 2 tablespoons poppy seed

Put chicken breasts in bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan (sometimes I cube them). Mix together sour cream, chicken soup and milk and pour over chicken. Crush Ritz crackers and put on top. Melt butter and pour on top of crackers. Sprinkle with poppy seeds and bake at 350

Linda Falk, Wheaton: "A new spin on meatloaf and pizza.

degrees for 45 to 60 minutes.

PINWHEEL PIZZA LOAF 2 eggs

Salt & pepper to taste 3 pounds lean ground beef 6 thin slices deli ham

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

14-ounce jar pizza sauce

In a large bowl beat eggs, salt and pepper. Crumble beef over eggs and mix well. On a piece of heavy-duty foil, pat beef mixture into a 12-by-10-inch rectangle. Cover with ham and cheese to within 1/2 inch of edges. Roll up jellyroll style, starting with short side. Peel away foil as you roll. Seal seam and sides. Place roll seam side down in a greased 9-by-13-by-2-inch pan. Top with pizza sauce. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 1/4 hours or until meat is no longer pink and meat thermometer reads 160 degrees. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing. Serves

Bernice Miller, Bonner Springs: "Very pretty red and green Christmas salad and delicious."

HOLIDAY SALAD 1 package lime gelatin

1 1/4 cups boiling water 1/2 pound miniature marshmallows

8 ounces cream cheese 1/4 cup mayonnaise 1 cup chopped pecans 1 cup chopped celery

1 small can drained crushed pineapple

1 package cherry gelatin 1 3/4 cup boiling water

1/2 pint whipping cream Mix lime gelatin and 1 1/4 cups boiling water and marshmallows until almost dissolved. Beat softened cream cheese and mayonnaise until fluffy. Add nuts, celery, pineapple and cream cheese mixture to gelatin mixture: chill until set. Prepare cherry gelatin and 1 3/4 cups boiling water and pour over top of first layer. Chill until set or overnight. Top with whipping cream. I use an 11-by-17-inch glass baking dish for this salad.

Mariana Kemper, Logan: "My children request this candy every Christmas. It's just not Christmas until I've made a couple batches of this."

#### **CHRISTMAS** TOFFEE

2 sticks margarine (do not use corn oil)

1 cup sugar

3 tablespoons water

2 tablespoons vanilla 1 cup finely chopped pecans (3) 1.5-ounce Hershey's Milk Chocolate candy bars

Boil margarine, sugar, water and vanilla together in a medium saucepan until a candy thermometer registers 300 degrees and candy is dark golden in color. Stir all the time while cooking. Remove from heat and stir in chopped nuts. Immediately pour into a buttered 9-by-13inch pan and spread to desired thickness. Place Hershey bars on top of candy and spread after they are melted. Place in refrigerator until cooled then break into pieces.

#### Debbie Ervin, Eureka: FRUIT BALLS

2 eggs, beaten 1/2 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup white sugar

1/2 stick butter 1 cup chopped dates

1 cup chopped walnuts Boil the ingredients for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Cool slightly. Add:

1 teaspoon vanilla

3 cups crisp rice cereal

Make into balls and roll in coconut.

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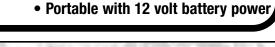
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Marlene Swisher, Reading: "This is a quick dessert that doesn't require baking."

**PUMPKIN PIE DESSERT** 2 1/4 cups crushed butter-fla-

vored crackers (about 50)

1/2 cup sugar

- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 cups cold milk
- 2 packages instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 can pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- In a bowl combine cracker crumbs, sugar and butter. Press into a greased 9-by-13by-2-inch dish. In a bowl whisk milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Stir in pumpkin and spices. Spread over the crust. Refrigerate for 3 hours or until set. Serve with whipped topping.

Mildred Goehring, Manhattan: "An excellent dessert for Christmas dinner. Very easy to make."

**PUMPKIN PIE CRUNCH** 2 boxes Jiffy yellow cake mix 16-ounce can pumpkin 12-oz. can evaporated milk 3 eggs

1 1/4 cups sugar

4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

1/2 teaspoon salt 1 cup chopped pecans 1 cup margarine, melted

1 carton whipped topping Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease bottom of a 9by-13-by-2-inch pan. Combine pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar, pumpkin pie spice and salt in a large bowl. Pour into pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture. Top with pecans. Drizzle with melted margarine. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 55 minutes or until golden. Cool completely. Serve with whipped topping. Refrigerate left-

Beth Scripter, Abilene: "Here is a fun recipe."

**CHEX BRITTLE** 8 cups Rice Chex cereal 1 cup salted peanuts 14-ounce can sweetened con-

chopped

1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Spray two cookie sheets with cooking spray. In a large bowl mix all ingredients until evenly coated. Spread in pans in a single layer. Bake 12 minutes. Spread on waxed paper to cool, about 15 minutes. Break into pieces and store in an air-tight contain-

Julia Bergman, Seneca: "A favorite."

APPLE PECAN CHEESECAKE

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted
- $1 \frac{1}{2} cups + 2 tablespoons$ packed brown sugar, divid-
- (4) 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 cup sour cream
- 4 eggs
- 4 cups apples, peeled &
- 3/4 cup pecans
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Line a 9-by-13-inch pan with foil. Mix the crumbs with 2 tablespoons brown sugar and butter then press onto bottom of pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Beat cream cheese, 1 cup brown sugar and vanilla until blended. Add sour cream and blend. Add eggs, one at a time, beating on low speed after each until blended. Pour mixture over crust. Mix remaining 1/2 cup of brown sugar, apples, pecans and cinnamon and spoon mixture over cream cheese batter. Bake for 1 hour. Cool and refrigerate 3 to 4 hours. Use foil to lift cheesecake from pan before cutting to

#### Mary Longren, Holton: CHOCOLATE ANGEL PIE

3 egg whites 1/8 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

3/4 cup sugar 1/3 cup sliced almonds

Combine egg whites, salt, cream of tartar and vanilla.

Beat until stiff peaks are formed. Add sugar gradually, beating until very stiff and sugar is dissolved. Spread in a well-greased 9-inch pie pan. Build up sides. Sprinkle bottom with nuts. Bake at 275 degrees for 1 hour. When cool, fill with chocolate filling using the following recipe: 3/4 cup semisweet chocolate

chips 1/4 cup hot water 1 teaspoon vanilla 1/8 teaspoon salt

1 cup heavy cream Melt chocolate; add water,

vanilla and salt. Stir until completely smooth; cool. Fold in 1 cup heavy cream, whipped. Fill pie shell and chill for 4 hours or overnight. Serve with a layer of whipped cream spread over the top if you are quite daring!

Kay Spoo, Frankfort: "30+ years ago when I lived in Rapid City, S.D. a co-worker brought this cookie to work. I really liked them, but then I misplaced the recipe. It wasn't until several years ago

that I got a new copy of the recipe — from a 4-H'er giving a demonstration on how to make this cookie. I have used them for cookie exchanges (pretty popular this time of year) and they have been a hit. Hope you like them too."

WAFFLE COOKIES 2 sticks margarine

1/2 cup cocoa 4 eggs

1 1/2 cups sugar 2 teaspoons vanilla

2 cups flour Frosting:

1/4 cup cocoa

4 tablespoons margarine 4 tablespoons milk

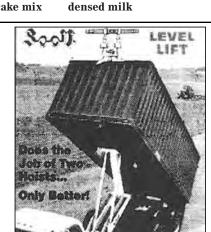
2 teaspoons vanilla

Powdered sugar

Melt margarine saucepan then add cocoa and cool. Add remaining ingredients. Spray iron with nonstick cooking spraying before using. Drop by spoonfuls onto hot waffle iron. It usually takes 1 to 2 minutes to bake on waffle iron. Remove from waffle iron and frost. Makes approximately 24 cookies.

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Barbara Vail, Topeka: "My husband thinks this is the best."

SOUR CREAM **COFFEE CAKE** 

1/2 cup shortening

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 12 ounces sour cream 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Topping: 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1/3 cup sugar 1/4 cup brown sugar

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Sift all dry ingredients together and add to creamed mixture alternately with the sour cream and vanilla. Mix well and pour half of the batter into a greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix topping ingredients and sprinkle half onto batter. Add the rest of batter and sprinkle the remaining topping on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

Doris Shivers, Abilene: "Don't let the name fool you, 4 1/2 teaspoons butter, meltthese are very good." **GRAVY APPLES** 

**Apples** 3/4 cup white sugar 3 tablespoons flour

3/4 teaspoon cinnamon

**Butter** 2/3 cup water Marshmallows

Peel, core and halve enough apples to fill a large Pyrex cake dish. Mix the following and sprinkle over top of apples: white sugar, flour and cinnamon. Dot with butter. Pour about two-thirds cup water over this and bake at 300 degrees until done. Can turn apples with a fork when about half done. Place a few marshmallows on top a

few minutes before taking from oven.

Ida Eatinger, Raymond: "It's a fun twist on the sevenlayer salad. Put it in a pretty glass bowl and serve a large group. Add the dressing when ready to serve up to a dozen people."

LAYERED SALAD REUBEN-STYLE

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- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper 2 cups cubed rye bread 16-ounce package ready-to-
- serve salad greens 2 cups chopped pastrami
- 1 large tomato, diced
- 1/2 cup sauerkraut, rinsed & well drained
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 8-ounce bottle Thousand Island salad dressing
- 3/4 cup shredded Swiss cheese

Mix butter, salt and pepper together and add bread cubes and toss to coat. Make a single layer in a 10-by-15inch pan and bake at 400 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally then cool. In a large salad bowl, layer half of the salad greens, pastrami, tomato,

sauerkraut, onions and

dressing; repeat lavers. Sprinkle with croutons you have prepared and Swiss cheese.

Noel Miller, Maple Hill: "Quick & easy to make." MERRY MAPLE CANDIES 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk

- 1/4 cup butter, softened 2 tablespoons maple flavor-
- 1 1/2 cups chopped nuts
- 32-oz. package powdered sugar
- (3) 8-ounce packages semisweet chocolate, chopped

Mix together condensed milk, butter, flavoring and nuts; gradually beat in powdered sugar. Roll into 1-inch balls. Refrigerate until ready to dip. Melt chocolate, either in microwave or in a double boiler on stove; dip candy balls into melted chocolate. Place on waxed paper-lined baking sheets until set. Keep refrigerated.

Makes about 3 dozen pieces.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "With a salad or pickles, and bread and the meal is ready.'

#### SKILLET VEGGIE **BEEF PASTA**

- 6 ounces pasta (your choice) 1 pound beef or turkey (ground)
- 1 medium chopped onion 14.5-ounce can French-style green beans, drained 14.5-oz. can diced tomatoes

Cook pasta according to package directions and drain well. Brown meat and onion in large skillet and drain. Add beans and tomatoes and mix well. Add pasta and heat

through. Season to taste with

salt and pepper. Serve with

Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: CHRISTMAS CAKE 2 1/2 cups self-rising flour 1 cup buttermilk

1 1/2 cups vegetable oil

1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon vanilla

- 1/4 cup (2 bottles, 1 ounce each) red food coloring
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar 1 teaspoon unsweetened
- cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar 2 large eggs
- Icing: 1/3 pound butter, softened 10 ounces cream cheese. softened
- 1 pound box powdered sugar 2 cups chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix cake ingredients with electric mixer. Spray (3) 9inch round cake pans with nonstick coating. Pour batter equally into pans and bake 20 minutes. For icing, combine butter, cream cheese and sugar and beat until fluffy. Fold in 1 1/2 cups pecans. Frost cake using remaining 1/2 cup pecans on top. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

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- 2 cups flour plus 2 tablespoons
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- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda 20-ounce can crushed pineapple in its own juice 1 cup chopped pecans

Stir to mix. Grease and flour a 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes. Insert toothpick near center. When toothpick comes out clean, cake is done. Cool.

Icing:

cake.

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- 2 stick butter, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 cups powdered sugar 1 tablespoon milk
- Cream the butter and add vanilla, powdered sugar and milk. Beat on medium high

Kristie Dressman, Frank-

for 2 minutes. Spread on

1 cup fat-free half & half

1/2 cup fat-free chocolate drink (such as Nesquik) 1/2 cup water

1/4 cup light chocolate syrup (such as Hershey's Lite)

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon Espresso powder

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine all ingredients in a small saucepan over medium heat. Simmer, stirring, occasionally, for about 8 minutes or until heated through. Serve immediately.

#### Marcia Emig, Goodland: **TORTILLA PINWHEELS**

- 8-ounce carton sour cream 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 4 ounces green chiles, drained
- 1 can sliced black olives
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese 1/2 cup green onions,
- chopped 1 package dry ranch dressing 8-ounce jar salsa

5 tortillas Mix ingredients except

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2 cups milk 1/2 pound cubed Old English cheese

Salt to taste (optional)

Melt butter then stir in the flour. Slowly add the milk. Cook until slightly thickened. Add the cheese and stir until melted.

#### Mary Rogers, Topeka: **CHRISTMAS MORNING** FRENCH TOAST

- 16 large eggs, divided 1 pound bacon, cooked &
- crumbled 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 3 ounces cream cheese 20 slices Texas toast 1/4 cup butter

In a large bowl lightly beat 10 eggs. Spray a large skillet with nonstick spray, heat over medium high heat. Add eggs and cook until firm, but not dry, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, stir in bacon and cheese. Spoon egg mixture evenly over half of Texas toast. Top with remaining Texas toast pressing gently to seal. In a shallow dish lightly beat remaining 6 eggs. Dip sandwiches into egg mixture, coating both sides. In a large skillet melt butter over medium heat and cook for 1 to 2 minutes per side or until lightly browned. Cut into triangles to serve.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: HOLIDAY POPCORN BALLS

8-ounce package miniature marshmallows

- 4 tablespoons butter package 3.3-ounce crowave kettle corn, popped
- 1 1/2 cups red & green M&M's candy

In a bowl combine marshmallows and butter. Microwave on high in 30-second

intervals, stirring between each until melted and smooth (about 12 minutes). Add popcorn, stirring until coated. Cool for 5 minutes then stir in chocolate pieces and let cool for 5 minutes. Dip hands in cold water and form mixture into 10 balls. Store in individual bags at room temperature.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: **HOLIDAY STRAWBERRIES** 1 cup ground nuts

1 cup flaked coconut

(2) 3-ounce packages strawberry gelatin (use dry) 3/4 cup Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk

1 teaspoon vanilla

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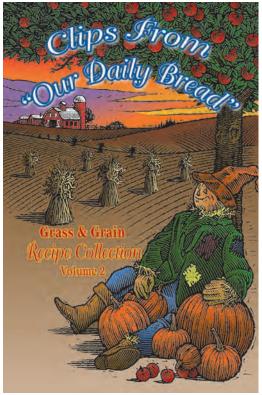


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#### Mary Rogers, Topeka: PEANUT BUTTER CHUNK FUDGE

5 cups sugar

- 12-oz. can evaporated milk 1/2 cup butter
- 2 cups marshmallow creme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups crunchy peanut butter 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 11-ounce package semisweet chocolate chunks

Line a 9-by-13-inch pan with foil allowing foil to hang over edges; set aside. In a saucepan combine sugar, milk, butter, marshmallow creme and salt. Stir over low heat until blended. Bring to a boil over medium heat and boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add peanut butter and vanilla, stirring until well blended. Stir in chocolate chunks. Pour into prepared pan. Cool for at least 2 hours. When set, pull up on foil to remove from pan. Cut into 1-inch

Janet Jehle, Baldwin City: "Quick and simple and delicious! Taste kind of like turtles."

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Kristie Dressman, Frank-

#### **PUMPKIN PIE LATTE**

2 cups milk 2/3 cup water

- 1/3 cup pumpkin puree
- 3 1/2 tablespoons sugar 4 heaping teaspoon espresso
- powder
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a small saucepan whisk together all ingredients and simmer over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Serve immediately.

#### Sandy Hill, Eskridge: MOM'S

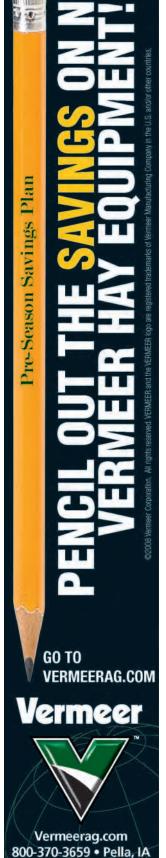
CRANBERRY SALAD 3-ounce package lemon gelatin mix

- 3-ounce package raspberry gelatin mix
- 2 cups boiling water
- 14 1/2-ounce can whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 8-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained

1/2 cup chopped pecans

Dissolve gelatin mixes in boiling water; add cranberry sauce, pineapple and nuts. Stir until well blended. Pour into an 8-by-8-inch baking pan. Chill for 3 to 4 hours or overnight. Makes 9 to 12 serv-\*\*\*\*

Julia Bergman, Seneca:



**CORN SOUFFLE** 

- 2 tablespoons butter 8-oz. package cream cheese
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can cream style corn 8.5-oz. package corn muffin mix 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Microwave butter in medium bowl for 30 seconds or until melted. Add cream cheese. Continue to microwave 15 seconds or until cream cheese is softened. then stir until well blended. Add both corns, muffin mix and eggs; mix well. Pour into greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until golden brown.

Unfortunately, all the holiday recipes could not be printed in this edition before Christmas. Recipes will be printed over the next few weeks.

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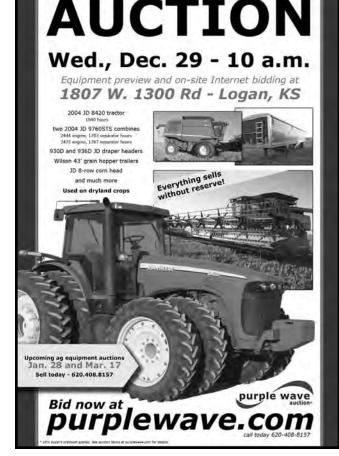
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# Team studies perennial fix to perennial problem

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The solution to a perennial problem of farming could be, well, perennials.

Researchers at Iowa State University are experimenting with the placement of perennial prairie strips in corn and soybean fields as a way of lessening runoff and soil erosion — problems nearly as old as farming it-

"We know the farmers need to make a profit, but how do we interject some of these strips so that the farmers can still do what they need to do, but we can have other benefits?" asked Lisa Schulte, an assistant professor at Iowa State and project investigator.

Perennials — plants that grow back naturally, year after year — may offer the solution. Preliminary research on the project, done

State's Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, shows that placing the strips at key points in and around crop fields can lead to a 10 percent to 20 percent reduction in sediment loss.

Soil erosion is a longterm problem for farmers, who collectively are often criticized by environmental groups for not taking enough care to prevent runoff from reaching waterways. Chemicals used in farming are blamed for a variety of problems in waterways, including the growth of the socalled Dead Zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

The idea behind the project is to take a concept already common to farming buffer strips — and improve it with more strategic thinking, said Matt Helmers, an assistant professor and

in coordination with Iowa extension agricultural engineer at Iowa State.

> Helmers and other researchers believe there are environmental and practical benefits to precision placement of the strips. Farmers may be able to keep more land in use by incorporating the system, he said, while it would also help protect waterways and natural ecosys-

> "This is taking some land out but trying to maximize the environmental benefit of all of the land that's out of production," Helmers said.

The experiment is under way at 14 watersheds in the

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Smith National Wildlife Refuge in central Iowa. Besides examining water quality and erosion, researchers hope to find out whether the prairie strips can attract wildlife that would otherwise avoid an area des-

ignated for row crops. There are positive signs so far, Schulte said.

"We have some birds who are here who are only using the strips," she said. "Birds that were already doing well within the agricultural fields

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Schulte said the project was geared at finding a way to blend the needs of farmers with long-term environmental concerns.



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# Santa Has Changed

Our culture has a wonderful tradition of adapting, modifying, and absorbing culture traits of other cultures through the centuries. Our days of the week are actually named for Norse gods and goddesses, (except for Sun Day and Moon Day, of course).

The goddess of fertility, Oestre, is associated with all new life, reproduction, fertility, and femininity. She gives her name to "estrogen," perhaps the most important of female hormones. She is closely associated with rabbits and eggs because of their links to fertility. This becomes a part of the New Life tie-in, and we call the special occasion "Easter" after the goddess; hence all the rabbits and baby chicks at that time.

Christmas displays an even more widespread collection of strange customs. Not long ago we were celebrating All Saints Day, which was preceded by the evening before, "Hallowed Evening," now Halloween. There is one surviving ney," in a bright kimono, witch on a broom, most recently sighted in Italy. Her name is La Befana, and her job description is really strange. She flies over the housetops and drops Christmas presents down the chimney. Apparently, Santa has had a difficult time finding good help (you know how the elves are, since they unionized).

Santa has sub-contracted the delivery in Spain to the Three Wise Men, who bring gifts, as in the original story. But, they are always late. They arrive on January 6th, the eve of Epiphany. It's believed that they were somewhat late the first time, too (it has been suggested that if they had been three wise women, they would have stopped to ask directions. arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought really practical

In Japan, "Uncle Chimbrings gifts, and they all eat strawberry shortcake and "special kinds" of sushi (I don't even want to know).

Northern Europe embraces a wide variety of customs. December 13 is St. Lucia's Day. Lucia is identified with a white gown and a wreath of bread or cake, worn on the head, complete with lighted candles. Children, dressed in this way, bring their parents breakfast in bed

breakfast in bed, wearing lighted candles on their heads)?

Celebration goes on, in Sweden, until twenty days after Christmas, when a party called Julgrans plundring occurs, with song and dance, culminated by throwing the Christmas tree out the window or door (usually that would be a bit early, at our house).

Speaking of Christmas trees, they were considered a blasphemy and a pagan celebration in the early United States, and rejected as tree worship. Massachusetts actually had laws forbidding Christmas trees for many years.

In England, there were stiff penalties at one time for even celebrating "the occasion known as Christ-

Santa Claus ... actually (talk about a nightmare ... a real saint, around whom

changes have grown up. We have in the family an old toy made by my grandfather more than a century ago. It's a Santa Claus jumping jack, and it still works. Santa wasn't fat vet, and he wore blue trousers and knee boots. At that time, Santa was a powerful force for good Well-behaved behavior. kids received a toy and candy, and misbehaving ones, a lump of coal in their stocking (if fuel prices keep going up, that lump of coal might look pretty good).

I hate to see, though, a generation of little kids who don't even question whether Santa will bring them toys. Their only question is what toys, no connection with behavior at all. The whole population seems to think that somehow we're entitled to all the good things, no matter how we behave. Santa asks kids in the mall what they want, not whether they deserve it. Even going to a fast food place, children expect a reward ... probably a cheap plastic toy that they'll play with for about two minutes. Then, it will be stuffed in the closet with the bushels of other forgotten cheap plastic

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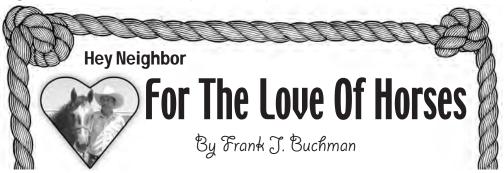
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# Yellow Bot Spots Just Beginning Of Serious Horse Parasite Problem

Those tiny yellow spots all over the legs on horses deserve attention, now.

While the initial culprit's activity ended with fall's freeze, damage will persist unless control measures are taken.

"Horse bots are honey bee-sized flies with a yellow stripe, resembling a sweat bee. They dart around and glue their tiny eggs, or nits, to horses' body hairs, visibly apparent as tiny yellow spots," according to Lee Townsend, Extension entomologist at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

That's the beginning of a more serious internal parasite problem. "These eggs on the legs are stimulated to hatch by the lip action and warm saliva as the horse licks its leg," Townsend described. "Larvae attach and burrow into the tongue and gums of the mouth and incubate there for three weeks. After incubation, they are swallowed and attach to the stomach lining."

This is when the infestation becomes severe. "Bots can damage the lining of the stomach or small intestine, interfere with the passage of food, or cause other gastrointestinal disorders," Townsend emphasized.

Bots spend about seven months attached in the stomach before passing out with manure. These larvae pupate into adult flies. "The life cycle depends on the parasitic larvae over wintering inside the horse, before subsequently developing into flies on the outside," the entomologist continued.

Adult flies are active from the late spring to the

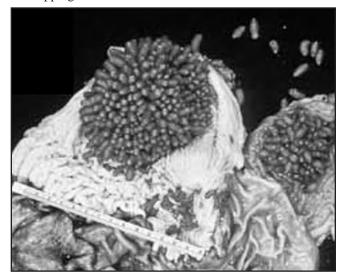
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killing frost in the late fall. "They do not have functional mouth parts, so they cannot feed," Townsend explained. "Females go to horses only to lay their eggs."

Clipping hairs that harbor

eggs is not a practical solution for these pests.

However, sponging areas of the legs where bots are attached with warm water may stimulate some eggs to hatch, and the small larvae can then be washed off.



Bot larvae are a serious problem in the stomach of a horse, but they can be controlled with appropriate deworming programs.

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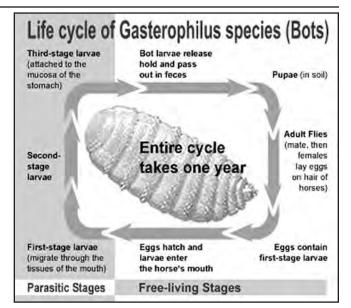
"This is of limited value and would have to be repeated frequently because new eggs are attached daily while the flies are most active," Townsend contended.

An insecticide must be applied internally to provide effective control. "Check product labels carefully, because all equine deworming drugs do not necessarily horse control Townsend emphasized. "Before purchasing any product, read the pest list on the label and note any precautions regarding product use."

Certain dewormers can be hazardous to a horse's health if applied at the same time, or within several days of treatment. Specifically, Trichlorfon, an organophosphate insecticide, should not be used with any other organophosphate or cholinesterase inhibiting products such as Vapona, Co-Ral or Rabon, the entomologist

"Ivermectrin, the active ingredient in products such as Eqvalan, Zimectrin and Protectin 1, controls bots and other internal parasites," Townsend recommended. "No supplementary bot control method is needed when using products that have Ivermectrin as the main constituent."

On rare occasions, bots can invade the oral tissue of

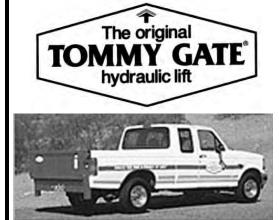


humans, after a person rubs an area where eggs are attached and larvae on the hands are transferred to the person's mouth.

"The small larvae may burrow behind the lips or inner cheek and cause an uncomfortable sensation," Townsend related. "They are unable to develop in humans, so the larvae will die within a few days.'

Though the yellow spots may be gone from a horse's hair coat, the real problem is just beginning unless a correct deworming program is followed, Townsend concluded.

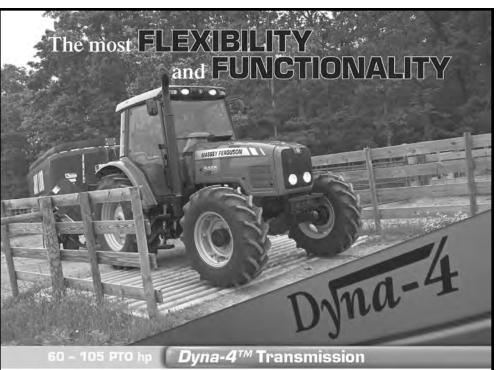




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# Strong hybrid emergence, stalk shredding improve yields in continuous, no-till corn

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The first wave of studies shows that hybrids with stronger emergence scores bring home greater yields to growers in high-residue fields, as does shredding stalks.

"At Pioneer, we receive many questions from growers about the breakdown of residue," says Greg Luce, Pioneer area agronomist in eastern Missouri. "Growers want hybrids that have great stalk integrity, but following the growing season, have the ability to break down as well."

The four-year study will compare several methods of working with residue, including no-till fields where corn is planted between residue, stalks are shredded into small pieces, stalks are baled, nitrogen is applied to increase stalk tension Center near Columdegradation and row cleaners are used during plant-

"This study is important for today's growers," says Bill Wiebold, state Extension specialist for corn and soybeans at the University of Missouri. "In recent years, growers have been planting more continuous corn. We want to make sure yields aren't suppressed in high-residue situations."

The study will be conducted over a series of four growing seasons, ending in 2011. Yields for this year's study ranged from 170 bushels per acre on the low end to 200 bushels per acre on the high end. The study takes place at the University of Missouri Bradford Research and Exbia, Mo.

"This is a practical farming research study that will offer answers to growers across the Corn Belt," says Luce. "There is not a great deal of industry research available to share with growers on the topic of managing high residue. With this study, we will be able to provide growers with helpful management suggestions and assist them in making the greatest possible profit from our products."

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January 31 - Tractors, combine, grain trucks, farm machinery N. of Overbrook for Mr. & Mrs. Gailand Kennedy. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp 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 Leaven-

worth for J&N Ranch. February 24 — Brand that Works Production Sale at Manhattan for Mill Creek Ranch.

March 7 — Gelbvieh bull sale at Pomona for Judd 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

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# LAND AUCTION

**561.2 ACRES MORE OR LESS** MARSHALL COUNTY, KANSAS FARM LAND PLUS 80 ACRES PASTURE WITH POND & SCENIC VIEW 31.70 ACRES OF HILL TOP TIMBER RECREATIONAL AREA **SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009 — 1:00 PM** 

Blue Valley Tele-Communications, on Hwy. 36-Community Room, West entrance, HOME, KS.

TRACT I: 160 Acres more or less.

**FARM LOCATION:** Home, KS. 2 miles East on Hwy. 36 to Winifred Road (18th Rd.) and 2 miles

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** The SW 1/4 of Section One, T-3-S, R-8-E of the 6th P.M., Marshall County, KS.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY DATA: T-1660. Crop Base: Corn 15.1; grain sorghum 5.7. Farmland: 160. Cropland: 84.3. 2008 Taxes: \$510.10. 2008 estimated direct farm program payment: \$517.00.

CRP CONTRACTS: 63.5 Acres. Contract 737-B, 5.05 acres at \$78.00 = \$398.00, 10-01-1999 to 09-30-2013. Contract 1394, 58.4 acres at \$56.20 = \$382.00, 10-01-2006 to 09-30-2016.

This farm unit consists of 20.8 native grass, 63.5 acres CRP, pond and balance of pasture, waterways and small amount of timber.

TRACT II: 160 Acres more or less with 6-Tower Reinke Pivot.

FARM LOCATION: Home, KS. 2 miles East on Hwy. 36 to Winifred Road (18th Rd.), 3 miles South to Navajo Road and 1 mile East.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** The SE 1/4 of Section Twelve, T-3-S, R-8-E of the 6th P.M., Marshall

FARM SERVICE AGENCY DATA: T-1742. Crop Base: Wheat 28.2; corn 45.2; grain sorghum 10.5; soybeans 9.1. Farmland: 160. Cropland: 131.7. 2008 Taxes: \$916.58. 2008 estimated direct farm program payments: \$1,439.00.

CRP CONTRACTS: 38.8 Acres. Contract 1389, 2 acres at \$89.00 = \$178.00, 12-01-2000 to 09-30-2015. Contract 913-A, 18.27 acres at \$88.53 = \$1,620.00, 06-01-2000 to 09-30-2014. Contract 918-B, 18.5 acres at \$57.13 = \$1,057.00, 10-01-

Balance of acres consists of approximately 92.4 acres of sunflower stubble and 38.8 acres of CRP.

This farm unit offers 2007 Reinke 6-Tower Pivot. Cummins diesel power unit and yearly rotation pumping permit between Tract II and Tract III. first year pumping permit rights will belong to Tract II (Water Right File No. 32,391).

\*\* Tract II and Tract III will be offered as separate units and offered as total package.

TRACT III: 153.3 acres more or less with 5-Tower Reinke Pivot.

FARM LOCATION: Home, KS. 2 miles East on Hwy. 36 to Winifred Road (18th Rd.), 3 miles South to Navajo Road and mile East.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The NE 1/4 of Section Thirteen, T-3-S, R-8-E of the 6th P.M., Marshall County, KS, except for a tract of land in the East Half (É/2 of NE/4) containing 6.70 acres more or

FARM SERVICE AGENCY DATA: T-1661, Crop Base: Wheat 45.6, corn 46.2, grain sorghum 8.6, soybeans 3.6. Farmland: 153.3. Cropland: 124.1. 2008 Taxes: \$941.55, 2008 estimated direct farm program payment: \$2,140.00.

CRP CONTRACTS: 19.2 acres. Contract 1404, 6.5 acres at \$88.00 = \$572.00, 10-01-2006 to 09-30-2021. Contract 914-A, 12.7 acres at \$90.88 = \$1,154.00, 06-01-2000 to 09-30-2014.

Balance of acres consists of approximately 77.65 irrigated acres in corn stubble, 11.61 acres dry land corn stubble, 15.62 acres of soybean stubble, 19.2 acres CRP.

This farm unit offers 2006 Reinke 5-Tower Pivot with yearly rotating pumping permit in conjunction with Tract II (Water Right File No. 32,391). Grain bins are included with purchase of farm.

\*\* Tract III and Tract II will be offered as separate units and offered as total package.

TRACT IV: 87.90 acres more or less with 5-Tower Reinke Pivot.

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FARM LOCATION: Home, KS. 3 miles East on Hwy. 36 to 19th Road, 1 mile South and 1 mile

Southeast Quarter of Section 31, T-2-S, R-9-E of the 6th P.M. in Marshall County Kansas and being more fully described on complete sale bill. FARM SERVICE AGENCY DATA: T-1659. Crop

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A tract of land in the

Base: Wheat 32.4, corn 30.3, grain sorghum, 5.2. Farmland: 87.90. Cropland: 79. 2008 Taxes: Total of Tracts IV, V and VI \$595.78. 2008 estimated direct farm program payment;

CRP CONTRACTS: 10 acres. Contract 915-A, 10

acres at \$80.79 = \$808.00, 06-01-2000 to 09-30-Balance of acres consists of approximately irrigat-

ed 63.01 acres in corn stubble, dry land 5.98 acres in corn stubble and 10 acres of CRP. This farm unit offers 2006 Reinke 5-Tower Pivot

with Ford LPG power unit and pumping permit (Water Right File No. 27,491).

TRACT V: 80 acres more or less pasture with 12 acre pond and great highway location. FARM LOCATION: Home, KS. 3 3/4 miles East

on Hwy. 36 to 19th Terrace. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The West 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section Thirty-One, T-2-S, R-9-E, of the 6th P.M., Marshall County, KS, less 1.49 acres of

This pasture unit offers great grass, farm pond, great location with scenic view.

highway.

TRACT VI: 31.70 acres more or less recreational timber area.

**FARM LOCATION:** Beattie Corner, Intersection of Hwy's. 36 and 99, 1 mile South to Limestone Road then 1 1/2 miles West.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, T-2-S, R-9-E of the 6th P.M. in Marshall County, Kansas and being more fully described on complete sale bill.

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# Christmas Shepherd

I wrote a little Christmas poem to put it in perspective.

It seems around this time of year a lot go apoplec-

With all the ads and football games to shimmer and obfuscate

And count the days we've left to shop before it's gotten too late!

I don't begrudge the merchant class enticing us and teasin'.

Or entertaining specials to

remind us of the season When families gather to renew their lives with love professing,

And recognize the birth of Christ as mankind's greatest blessing.

We each can count those private times amidst the frantic whirring

For me it comes on Christmas morn, before the house is stirring.

I slip myself out to the barn to feed the cows and collie

The horses, too, and break the ice, beyond the boughs of holly.

I do the chores, like every day. That's part of country livin'.

It is the shepherd's greatest gift, the privilege we are given

To tend the flock, on constant watch, as keepers we're made liable

And charged with the dominion of, according to the Bible.

And so we do our duty first before the celebration Like other occupations who stand guard and serve the nation;

The ones who make the coffee at the homeless mission hall,

Policemen, nurses, EMTs, the linemen, all on call.

'Cause they are their brother's keeper as directed from above

As are farmers with our animals, as well as those we love.

Is it just some basic instinct, or is caring something learned?

Where does the need to give beyond primordial concern

Begin? To help without coercion, no promise of reward.

My friend, the answer is simple, it's by example, from the Lord.

When you get that funny feeling that somebody's watching you

Yer right, watching over you. See, Jesus is a shepherd too.

# Calving management schools slated in early January

Organizing under the theme "Knowledge and Management=More Weaned Calves," Kansas State University Research and Extension will host six calving management schools in early January.

The schools will feature presentations by Colorado State University veterinarian Bob Mortimer and Pfizer animal health veterinarian Dale Grotelueschen. Pfizer is co-sponsoring the schools.

The three major topics to be covered include: "When and How to Provide Assistance," "Colostrum and Substitutes," and "Cow Herd Management Impacts on Calf Health."

The dates, times, locations and contact telephone numbers for each school are:

Jan. 5, 1:30 p.m., Rawlins County Fairgrounds, (785) 626-3192

Jan. 6, 10 a.m., Q-Inn, Quinter, (785) 938-4480

Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m., Pottorf Hall, Manhattan, (785) 537-6350 Jan. 7, 10 a.m., Methodist Church, Eureka, (620) 583-

Jan. 7, 5:30 p.m., Ellsworth Public Library, Ellsworth, (785) 472-4442

Jan. 8, 10:30 a.m., CAB Building, Sharon Springs, (785)

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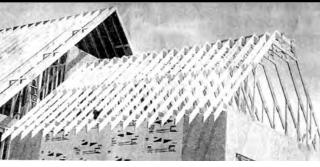
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