



Economist gives insight to economic crisis

By Beth Gaines-Riffel,
Editor

Cyclical downturns, structural downturns, recessions and depressions — these were situations that were outlined for members of Kansas Farm Bureau that were in Washington, D.C. recently. It was part of a briefing that the farm leaders received before visiting with members of Congress about issues that affect agriculture.

Bob Young, chief economist for American Farm Bureau, gave the group his view of what was currently happening with the economy and what some of the terms being “bandied about” on the news programs actually mean.

Young pointed out that a cyclical downturn in the economy is generally a short-term occurrence, and happens when industries get over-built and requires a cut-back in production. “There are few job losses and things don’t look much different coming out than they did coming in,” he explained.

That is significantly different than a structural downturn. “You cannot look or act the same after this downturn than you did before,” he said. This more closely resembles the current situation, and according to Young, cash savings become very important.



Bob Young, chief economist for American Farm Bureau, laid out the groundwork for the current financial crisis for members of the Kansas Farm Bureau who were in Washington, D.C. for the annual county presidents’ trip.

The economist noted that much of this financial crisis is a result of the American consuming public using their homes as a “bank account,” according to Young.

He illustrated to the group that new housing starts were down again in February and noted that in any given year, there are an average of four million empty housing units. Currently there are nearly six million empty units available.

“That equates to a year’s worth of new household creation,” he said. “It will be another two to three years before the housing market has any upside pressure at all.”

And while much of the concern in the economy has not necessarily focused on agriculture, it is not protected from the decline. Food consumption, particularly when eaten away from home, has dropped dramatically.

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Vilsack lays out challenges to soybean growers in D.C.

By Beth Gaines-Riffel, Editor

The madness in the month of March isn’t just about basketball. It could also describe Washington, D.C. when the farm groups come to the nation’s capital to meet with lawmakers, members of the administration and the staff of various federal agencies to raise concerns with proposed pieces of legislation or offer guidance and understanding of how farm and rural families could be better served. It makes for a break-neck pace and the newly confirmed USDA

secretary, Tom Vilsack, the former governor of Iowa, spent a few moments addressing the American Soybean Association leadership during their winter board meeting.

Vilsack laid out before the group that he is directed by several bosses, of which President Obama is at the top of the list.

He pointed out that the new administration has determined that providing more nutritious food to the younger members of the population is a high priority, noting that the rising cases of childhood obesity make it difficult for the nation as a whole to be globally competitive because of rising costs of health care.

A well-documented supporter of renewable energy, Vilsack also told the group that agriculture will have a

significant role to play in new energy policy.

“USDA will lead the national effort to break our tie to foreign oil with an emphasis on biofuels,” Vilsack said.

He added that an energy bill with an added conservation title would be high on his list of things to achieve.

But while the leader spoke optimistically about the potential for new revenue streams

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USDA chief Tom Vilsack talked to members of the American Soybean Association board during their winter meeting held recently in Washington, D.C.

FAPRI study shows farm income decline; consumers see lower food price inflation

Farmers will feel the effects of slowing economies, both global and domestic, as uncertainty continues. Consumers will see lower food price inflation, according to economists with the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI).

In a report to the U.S. Congress, a 10-year FAPRI baseline shows all sectors of agriculture facing volatility in prices and continued high production costs.

Food inflation hit a high of 5.5 percent in 2008, but that has slowed in recent months. FAPRI projects food inflation at 2.7 percent for 2009.

U.S. consumers, facing higher prices and lost jobs, scaled back by buying fewer steaks and more hamburger. Food exports, such as grain, beef and dairy products, have dropped sharply, causing lower prices for farmers.

“Volatility’ is the word that best describes agricultural markets,” said Pat Westhoff, FAPRI co-director and crops economist at the University of Missouri-Columbia. “After a record-breaking year in 2008, in 2009 the drops in crop and livestock receipts outpace

any lowering of production costs.”

FAPRI projects that low prices can cut U.S. net farm income by \$18 billion in 2009. Income is expected to recover slightly in 2010. However, a return to 2008 levels is not expected before 2014.

“The farm upturn projected for 2010 is based on a recovery in the general economy,” Westhoff said. FAPRI uses general economic projections from IHS Global Insight.

“Rising oil prices, strong global economic growth, a weakening U.S. dollar and poor weather in many countries contributed to high commodity prices in 2007 and early 2008,” FAPRI economists report. That changed in late 2008 with dropping oil prices, a faltering global economy and a strong U.S. dollar. Meanwhile, better weather around the world increased exports from grain-growing nations.

Farm commodity prices dropped, but they remain above pre-2007 levels through the decade. High feed prices continue to squeeze livestock feeders as meat prices fail to keep pace.

Volatility is illustrated by

what dairy producers face as demand drops. Milk, with a short shelf life, has been highly volatile for more than a decade, said Scott Brown, FAPRI livestock economist. Milk prices, led by faltering world demand for U.S. dairy products, are forecast at near-historic lows in 2009. “The worst profit ever is not a record U.S. dairy farmers want to break,” Brown said.

Average prices in 2008 ran at more than \$18 per hundredweight, with peaks over \$20. FAPRI projects an all-milk average in 2009 at \$13, with variations around the average dropping to \$11.

Strong international demand for all dairy products led to record-high domestic milk prices. When world economies collapsed and the U.S. dollar strengthened, weak U.S. exports followed.

Hog producers coped with plentiful production and rising feed costs by selling more pork overseas. However, record-high feed costs, particularly corn, have cut margins. Weaker domestic and global demand resulted in hog farmers suffering their worst profits since the record-low prices in the late 1990s.

Cow-calf producers responded to lower prices by culling cows, reducing feeder calves going to feedlots. Cow numbers went down 13 percent from the 1996 peak.

Contraction will be the theme in 2009 as the U.S. livestock industries search for higher output prices to offset higher production costs, Brown said.

Overall, crop farmers, with higher returns from grain, fare better than livestock producers. That differential will continue.

High crop prices drew more land into tillage. However, weakening global demands could lead to a 4-million-acre drop in area planted to 12 major crops in 2009.

“The baseline is not a forecast, but a projection of what can happen if current policies remain in place along with other assumptions, such as normal weather,” Westhoff said. The FAPRI baseline assumes biofuel taxes, tariffs and mandates stay in place.

The much-discussed ethanol biofuel mandates slow declines in grain prices. While corn exports and feed use decline, corn for ethanol continues up to meet mandates in the 2007 Energy In-

dependence and Security Act.

While corn futures prices topped near \$8 per bushel last summer, they fell below \$4 by November. The average farm price is projected at \$3.74 for the crop harvested this fall. By 2017, FAPRI projects more corn will go to fuel than will be fed directly to livestock.

Soybeans face lower demand from poultry and livestock feeders. Also, with lower global demand, soy oil prices declined sharply this year. More soy oil will be diverted into biodiesel.

Soybean farm prices drop from \$9.37 per bushel to \$8.76 for the crop harvested in 2009.

Lower petroleum prices lead to lower biodiesel prices. Existing excess biodiesel production capacity also lowers prices, even as use increases with federal mandates. Narrow margins discourage building future capacity.

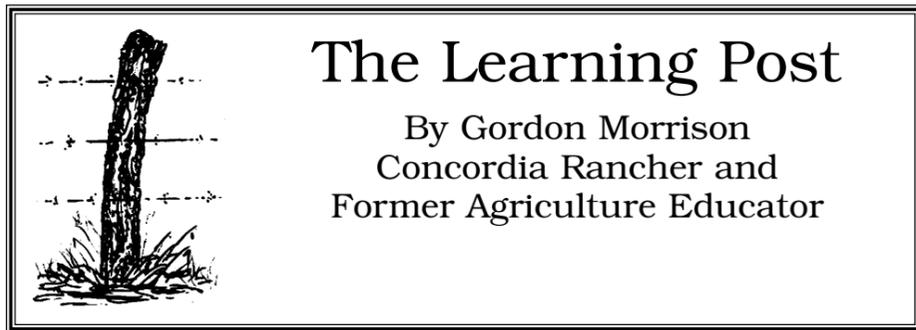
An uncertainty in the baseline is how many crop farmers will switch to ACRE (Average Crop Revenue Election), a voluntary income-support program in the 2008 farm bill. Producers can elect to stay with the

2002 price-based program or sign up for the new revenue-based program.

Repeated runs of ACRE pricing scenarios show advantages for producers of most crops in northern states, including the Corn Belt. However, the 2002 program offers advantages for southern crops such as cotton and peanuts.

The 2009 FAPRI baseline

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The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Thoughts On The Economy

By Gavin Koester, Guest writer

When visiting last week with Gavin, a Concordia High School junior, I was impressed with his knowledge about current events and the problems facing our nation. It is good to know what our youth are thinking about the condition of our country, so I invited him to write a paper on his views. The following is his article:

As a 16 year old American, I am overwhelmingly concerned about the future of our great nation. My generation is on track to inherit the largest amount of debt in the history of the world. In 1776, when the thirteen American colonies declared independence, the population was around 2.4 million. Today, only 230 years later, the United States stretches from sea to sea, is home to 305 million people, and is the economic powerhouse of the world.

This is the greatest country in the world for two simple reasons. Opportunity is defined as a situation or condition favorable for attainment of a goal. America provides for unlimited opportunity to succeed and yes, even to fail. Erich Fromm was once quoted as saying, "There can be no real freedom without the freedom to fail." If you want to become a millionaire, nothing is standing in your way. This is especially true considering 80% of millionaires are first generation millionaires. America is the land of the free. The first amendment gives us our greatest freedoms. People have died creating, chasing, and defending this freedom. This freedom also stretches into our capitalist mixed economy which is primarily run privately by the people. However, the government does run parts of certain industries.

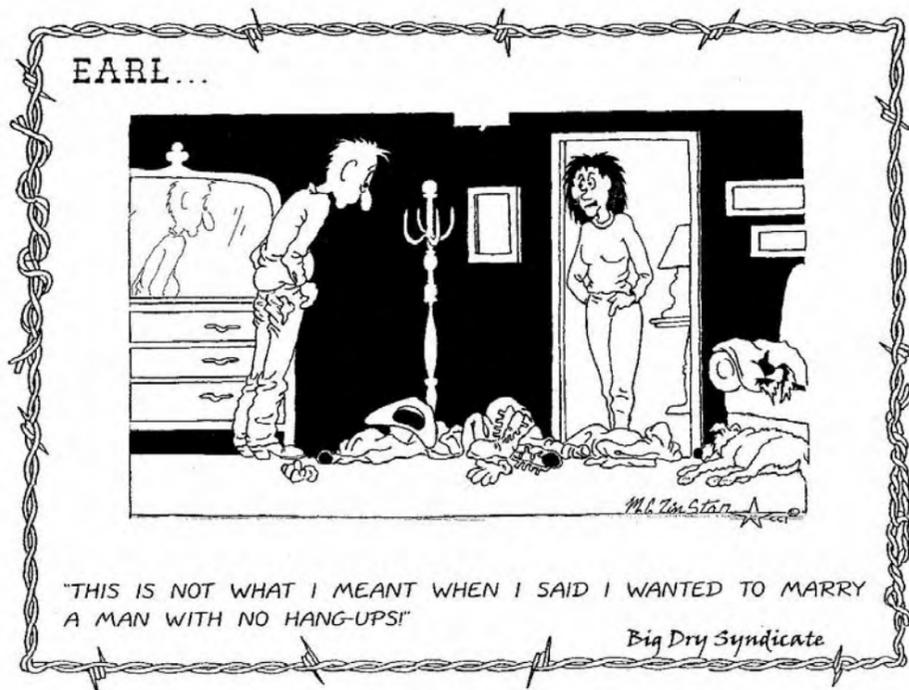
When we watch the nightly news, we see the falling stock market, banks failing, increasing unemployment, and talk of the massive "Stimulus Bill." When we talk about the stimulus package, we talk about where the money is being spent rather than where it is coming from. But where is it coming from? Tax increases. In a time of extreme difficulty for people and businesses, taxes will have to increase, which, even to me (a 16-year-old), seems a little irrational. If the people who keep our economy rolling are suddenly taxed more than in previous years, won't that prolong our economic hardships? If we take money away from the people who make our economy function, our hard times will stretch longer than anyone could guess. While I watch the news, I also notice reports on the amount of "pork" in the bill. I've seen everything from cricket control to swine odor research proposed in the stimulus bill. There is no way, absolutely no way, that either one of those would stimulate the economy.

By far the most irritating, infuriating, and gear-grinding thing that I see today is private business bailouts. Frank Borman was once quoted as saying, "Capitalism without bankruptcy is like Christianity without Hell." Privately owned businesses are asking the government for our money and the government

thinks they have the obligation to give them our money! It may sound harsh, but it is good when businesses fail. When businesses fail, it means that competition is taking place in our capitalist economy, that one company is making a better or cheaper product. We as Americans should be happy when a business is allowed to fail because it means that better deals and products will result. Competition in the marketplace weeds out weak companies. So, why does our government insist on bailing out weak companies? If a car company fails, I feel no obligation to give them money. Their lack of ability to run a company should not be encouraged by my money. I will not let companies believe that it is okay to "mess up." Corruption within these failing companies is contributing to why they are failing. CEOs and high business executives are taking business paid trips to exotic places, all while their companies are failing. Our government is telling people that "it's okay to fail, someone will take care of you." And that is perfectly fine if you want this country to become a socialist nation. But I will not sit here quietly, letting the government run us when, in fact, they work for us. We vote our government officials into office. It is our responsibility to hold these people to their promises. If Barack Obama promises us that he will eliminate "pork," then we'd better hold him accountable when he doesn't. We, the people of the United States, have the power of telling our state officials what to do. Global warming research will not stimulate the economy. In fact, there is not a worldwide consensus on whether global warming even exists. Is that where you want your money to be spent?

My generation will inherit the largest debt in history. Our government believes that it is responsible for our health care, our retirement, our education, our banks, and now our businesses! The government is even talking about a bank takeover where the government will run our banks. The idea sounds safe until you consider the current education system in our country. They couldn't manage money in our education system and now they want to take a stab at our banking system. Our government officials aren't looking at the price tags, they just sign the checks. They are trying to help the poor by taking from the rich, and that, my fellow Americans, is socialism at its best. That is the ideology behind socialism, take from the rich and give to the poor. If we aren't allowed to use money that we don't have, then why should our government?

Winston Churchill once said, "The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries." As a young American, I expect the generation before my own to carefully manage our money. I expect this, while hoping, that as Churchill said, America will continue in its unequal sharing of blessings.



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Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

Education comes in so many different forms, I don't know that many of us even grasp the notion that we are in the midst of a lesson when it happens. I've been thinking about this subject a lot lately. Partly because my kids just finished their spring break, and while they got to do a number of "fun" things during the time away from school — including having a bit more time in front of the television and computer as well as spending a night with the grandparents and going a few places to start the search for their new 4-H livestock projects, there was a fair amount of work involved as well. As nice as the weather was last week, it would have been a lost opportunity if manure hadn't been hauled away and pens cleaned up and repaired!

The lesson tucked away in this activity for my children was the fact that the more everyone pitched in and helped (and bellyached less about who was doing the most work) resulted in the item being completed and more fun activities to occupy the remainder of the day! It was a difficult lesson to learn, though!

Lessons to improve our knowledge, understanding or techniques for running more efficient businesses can be all around us; it is only a matter of paying attention and thinking broadly about how it might be applied to our personal situation.

I would say that one of the largest benefits for participating in breed or farm tours is the fact that you have the chance to see how someone else approaches their business model or facility setup which might prove useful in your own operation. An idea that I happened upon a number of years ago at a beef tour, using a chainsaw to slice big round bales for easier feeding, has been in place on my family's farm now for a couple of years. It took some time to convince my husband that it wasn't some crazy notion that I was credited with cooking up, but once I did he now sees the benefits with the nice, neat slices of hay fitting easily into the feeder rather than the ragged flakes being peeled off the top of the large round bale.

Sometimes education takes a little more abstract approach. As I mentioned last week I was privileged to travel with the county presidents of Kansas Farm Bureau to cover their annual lobbying trip.

And while part of the educational process was very straight forward — a briefing of any number of issues that pose real challenges for production agriculture — there was another level of education and awareness going on.

Until you've actually visited and immersed yourself in an urban culture, you don't really know and comprehend what that segment of the country deals with on a regular basis.

I can't imagine living in such a fast-paced setting with very little open green spaces, except for a small park tucked here or there. I can't imagine riding the Metro to work regularly and spending my daily commute elbow to elbow with a trainful of strangers.

At one point I couldn't imagine having a "grocery delivery" service, but after coming to the realization that full-service stores are not very accessible, especially if one depends upon mass transit for means of transportation to get the groceries home, I can now see how it would fill a need.

While I traveled to D.C. to obtain one kind of an education, I ended up getting quite a bit more as did Karl, who had the opportunity to tag along to see how government really works. As the credit card commercial touts, it really was priceless.

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



Karl and I outside Sen. Pat Roberts office in the Hart Building in Washington, D.C.

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Economist says turnaround will be slow

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cally. Young noted that this bodes badly for the beef industry, which relies heavily on restaurant trade to move the higher-valued middle meats, i.e. steaks.

He continued that the stimulus package was having an effect, showing up in local schools and seeing contracts made, people hired, jobs undertaken.

"The earliest we will see any growth in the economy will be in the fourth quarter of 2009. It's going to take the next twelve months to see the economy get legs underneath it," he explained. "It's not job growth, as that is a lagging indicator, but we might see some by the second quarter of 2010."

New model presented to Congress by FAPRI

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shows stochastic projections, which include 500 variations on possibilities beyond basic assumptions. In the past, FAPRI used "deterministic" models for projections, which projected one curve into the future.

The new model shows some of the volatility that is likely to continue in farm commodity markets, Westhoff said.

"Stochastic models give policymakers a better look at the range of possible prices or government costs, for example if droughts occur or oil prices rise sharply," Westhoff said.

FAPRI computers make 500 runs, drawing random influences, such as weather, exports and exchange rates. Corn prices average about \$4 per bushel over the next decade, with about 80 percent of results between \$3 and \$5.

"There are many risks not captured by 500 runs," Westhoff said. "We've tried to capture the many sources of volatility, but it's safe to say markets will continue to find new ways to surprise us in years ahead."

The 66-page FAPRI report is at www.fapri.missouri.edu.

MU FAPRI maintains computer models of all U.S. crop acres and livestock herds and flocks. FAPRI at Iowa State University maintains models of global markets.

U.S. Congress funds FAPRI to give annual updates to the House and Senate agriculture committees. The baseline gives benchmarks to measure changes in government policy.

Vilsack speaks to soybean group, says opportunities exists for ag

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in the energy area, he was less than upbeat when it came to other challenges. Food safety concerns with the contamination of peanut butter raise issues with the credibility of the food industry as a whole.

He also commented that the recently released USDA Census of Agriculture pegged the average age of a producer at 57 years of age. "What is very disturbing is the 30 percent decrease in producers under the age of 25," Vilsack said. He added that while there was an increase of 180,000 farms in the

category with less than \$10,000 in sales, there was a loss of 80,000 of the middle-sized farming operations, which Vilsack felt was cause for great concern. He also noted that the census indicated that there were 900,000 farms where the primary operator worked 200-plus days away from the farm providing off-farm income to the operation. "That's not the spouse, that is the primary operator," the Secretary emphasized.

Looking to the future, Vilsack sees agriculture playing a role in the control and mitigation of greenhouses gass, of which

many contribute as a cause of global climate change. He said that agriculture contributes approximately 7 percent to the production of greenhouse gas, but could provide 20 percent of the solution with the use of crop and rangelands as a sink to trap carbon emissions.

"This industry could contribute 23-100 billion dollars of economic activity," Vilsack said.

He concluded that he holds a strong belief about a strong future for agriculture and rural America. "This is at the core of what this country was built upon."

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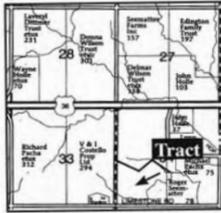
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80 pcs. of Frankoma dinnerware and pottery; small wooden quilting hoop on stand; various pictures including The Gleaner, Blue Boy, etc.; misc. clock parts; Circa 1900 mantel clock, new in box; milk bottle carrier; ice tongs; large metal oil can; small enamel cup; white enamel pitcher; large selection of Vintage buttons; Royal Copley bird bud vase; various pottery pcs.; Ertl replica Ford 1913 Mod. T van bank; very small doll with Germany on back; small cup of Pres. M. Fillmore head; toy metal mesh tray with toy silverware; tin toy doll table and 4 chairs; toy iron cook stove with iron skillet; toy metal washing machine with wringer; set of doll porcelain bathtub, stool lavatory; set of glass veggies; frog figurines; 1 qt. Roseville crock high jar; 2 U P R/R teddy bears; 3 lots of cancelled stamps from 1916 thru early 1950's most still on envelopes; 290 old greeting cards early 1900's thru 30's and 40's; large assortment of wooden crafted items; several crafted items from deer antlers; Red Rider BB gun still in box; old table model Stewart/Warner radio; coal buckets;

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TRACT NO. 2: SW fr 1/4 19-15-13 Lyon County, Kansas. 151 Acres M/L adjacent to Tract No. 1 to the East on Road 395. approximately 75 acres previously CRP, could go back to crop production, balance grass, some hayable, timber, small pond. 2008 taxes \$480.66.

TRACT NO. 3: SE 1/4 24-15-12 Lyon County, Kansas. 160 Acres M/L NE corner Road U5 and Road 380 native grass pasture, tree lined draw, 2 ponds. 2008 taxes \$279.02.

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- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 4 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crumbled
- 6 small all-purpose potatoes, scrubbed & cut in quarters (1 1/2 pounds)
- 2 medium carrots, peeled & sliced
- 1 cup frozen green peas, thawed

In a plastic bag put flour, salt and pepper. Coat lamb and save flour. In a Dutch oven put 1 tablespoon butter. Heat and brown lamb cubes. Remove and saute onion until golden. Add lamb, water and rosemary. Bring to boiling then reduce and simmer for 30 minutes until lamb is nearly tender. Add potatoes and carrots. Cook until tender then add peas and cook 10 minutes. Add flour in 1/4 cup water and cook until thick. Serve hot. Enjoy. Serves 6.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: CRUNCHY PASTA PARTY MIX

- 16-ounce package multi-colored pasta
- Vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons dried Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt

Cook pasta according to directions. Drain and rinse with cold water and drain again. Evenly spread cooked pasta onto baking sheets and let dry for approximately 1 hour. In a large Dutch oven heat 3 inches of vegetable oil to 365 degrees. Fry pasta, about a dozen at a time, in

hot oil for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove with slotted spoon and drain on baking sheets lined with paper towels. Repeat with remaining pasta, making sure to maintain oil temperature; cool pasta completely. To serve, combine pasta and butter in a large bowl and stir to coat. In a separate bowl combine Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning and garlic salt. Sprinkle Parmesan seasoning mix over pasta and toss to coat. Makes about 9 1/2 cups.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: FRUIT COCKTAIL CAKE

- 1 1/4 cups sugar

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 15.25-ounce can fruit cocktail, undrained
- 1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut

Coconut Frosting (makes about 1 cup):

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Walnuts
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. In a large bowl beat sugar, oil and eggs at medium speed with an electric mixer until fluffy. In a medium bowl combine flour, baking soda and salt. Gradually add to sugar mixture, beating well (batter will be thick). Stir in fruit cocktail and pour into prepared baking dish. Sprinkle evenly with coconut. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. To prepare frosting, in a medium saucepan combine sugar, butter and milk. Bring to a boil over medium high heat, boil for 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in coconut and vanilla. Pour coconut frosting over hot cake. Sprinkle with walnuts.

Mary Rogers, Topeka: WHITE PIMIENTO CHEESE SPREAD

- 1 cup shredded white cheddar cheese
- 1 cup shredded Monterey jack cheese
- 1 cup shredded Gruyere cheese
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup drained diced pimientos

In a bowl combine the cheeses and pecans. Stir in mayonnaise and pepper until well blended. Gently fold in pimientos. Cover and refrigerate. Good on sourdough bread, crackers, little buns, etc.

The next 2 are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh: BLUEBERRY CREAM MUFFINS

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup oil
- 4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 16-ounce container sour cream
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

Beat eggs. Add sugar, oil and vanilla. Add dry ingredients alternately with the sour cream. Place 3 or 4 blueberries in the bottom of each paper cup in the muffin tin. Add the rest of the blueberries to the batter. Leave frozen berries partly frozen or your batter will be blue. Pour batter into cups. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Yield: 36 regular or 24 large muffins.

- RED RICE**
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups long grain rice
- 2 cans fire roasted diced tomatoes (about 15 ounces each)
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 3 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt

In a large pan melt butter over medium high heat. Add onion and garlic, cook for 4 to 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in rice and cook for 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Add tomatoes, broth, chili powder and salt. Bring to a boil over medium high heat. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes or until all liquid is absorbed. Fluff rice with a fork. Serve immediately.

Another one from Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "This recipe is really simple and is really easy to make. My

husband really loves this one."

APPLESAUCE BREAD PUDDING

- 6 slices bread, broken in pieces
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 cup margarine

Beat eggs and milk together. Stir in bread crumbs, sugar, salt, applesauce, vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg. Pour into greased 2-quart baking dish. Dot with margarine. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Serve plain or with whipped topping.

NOTE: You can add raisins if you like them in the pudding when making it.

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Sweet New Ways To Indulge In Chocolate

(NAPSA) — As if you needed another reason to eat chocolate, now studies show it helps fight depression and control asthma and that its antioxidants reduce blood pressure.

Still, more of us eat chocolate because we love it, not because of its health benefits. But whatever your reasons, now you have two new ways to indulge from Karo Corn Syrup and Argo Corn Starch.

Banana Split Pudding has the classic taste of the traditional dessert with a fun variation-creamy homemade vanilla pudding in place of ice cream. The pudding takes just 10 minutes to prepare and chocolate lovers can spoon on as much fudge topping as they prefer.



Banana Split Pudding

2/3 cup sugar
2 tablespoons Argo® Corn Starch
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups milk
2 egg yolks
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 to 2 bananas, sliced
1/4 cup fudge topping
Optional: whipped topping, chopped pecans, cherries
Mix sugar, corn starch and salt in a large microwaveable bowl. Whisk in milk and egg yolks until well blended. Microwave on high (100%) about 5 to 7 minutes, stirring every 1 to 2 minutes. Cook until pudding is thick and has boiled at least 1 minute. Remove from microwave. Stir in butter and vanilla. Cover surface with plastic wrap. Chill 30 minutes. Layer pudding with bananas and fudge topping in individual bowls. Garnish with whipped topping, pecans and cherries, if desired.

If you love the taste of chocolate, peanut butter and butterscotch, then try Chocolate Scotcheros. Makes 6 servings.

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Chocolate Scotcheros

1 cup Karo® Light Corn Syrup
1 cup sugar
1 cup creamy peanut butter
6 cups crisp rice cereal
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup butterscotch chips
Cook corn syrup and sugar in a large pan over medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Bring mixture to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter; mix well. Add cereal; stir until evenly coated. Pour into greased 13x9-inch pan and pat into place. Melt chocolate and butterscotch chips in saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly. Spread over cereal. Cool at least 45 minutes, or until firm. Cut into bars.
Makes: 24 bars.

Worried About Bacteria In The Kitchen? Follow These Tips

MICROWAVE: Dean Cliver, a professor of food safety at the University of California, Davis has carried out numerous studies on the cleaning properties of microwaving. A one-minute high-powered blast can keep your sponges and dish cloths sterile. However, he warns that it doesn't work for natural sea sponges.

"People think natural is better but it's not always the case," he said.

WASH YOUR HANDS: Cliver says he has never seen convincing evidence that hot water works better than cold water for washing your hands.

"It feels better but washing your hands in cold water should work just as well," he said.

DON'T RINSE CHICKEN: Chicken is so notorious for spreading salmonella and other harmful bacteria that the USDA is no longer recommending that you rinse it in the kitchen sink. "The water splashes and spreads problems to other parts of the kitchen that won't be as easy to get to," says Professor Cliver.

Eighty percent of chicken carries potentially harmful bacteria, and any surface that comes in contact with it should be washed thoroughly, said Professor Elizabeth Scott of the Simmons Center for Hygiene and Health in Boston.

TOSS IT: Scott recommends that food spills and juice should be wiped up with a paper towel and dumped. That avoids contact with a bac-

teria-infected sponge or dish cloth where the bacteria will feed on the food and drink supplied.

DON'T DROWN IN CHEMICALS: Scott believes in "targeted hygiene."

"We should use discretion when spraying chemicals, even if they are FDA-approved and non-toxic," she said. "There's not much point in spraying your windows with anti-bacteria spray."

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AUCTION SATURDAY, MARCH 28 — 10:00 AM

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IHC Eska H pedal tractor (open grill) original condition very good; 52" round oak table & leaves; oak buffet; 2 oak parlor tables; oak library table; walnut drop leaf table; pine step back cupboard; oak treadle sewing machine; cast iron bed; 1920's book shelf; 20's walnut desk; assortment wood chairs; Mossburg 410 shotgun; Lucky Star marble game; wooden duck pull boy; collector plates; Athenian annuals;

HOUSEHOLD

assortment children's books; many good books; Kansas Speller; 1903 encyclopedia; 8 place set Crown pottery china; 6 place set Rosenthal china; assortment pressed glass; Indian vases; silhouette pictures; Red Wing 8 gal crock (crack); birchleaf 12 gal crock; Western 12 ga crock w/fruit; costume jewelry; picture of J R Morris barn; assortment used stamps; Farm Master 4 qt. churn; cast iron boiler; glass battery jar; Davy Crockett lunch box; Jewell Lumber picture; manuals inc (IHC H, M, F12, 60-61 Harvester.

RCA 27" Tru Flat TV; 4 piece pine bedroom set; pine dining table w/6 chairs & leaves; pine china cabinet; 3 pc. blonde bedroom set w/box springs & mattress; Frigidaire 15 cu refrigerator; Frigidaire electric stove; Frigidaire washer & dryer; grandfather clock; 3 metal 4 drawer file cabinets; several cameras inc.: Nikon 35 mm; assortment of Christmas decorations; assortment pots & pans; file organizers; small assortment tools; yard tools.

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

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This week's recipe is in preparation for Easter: Coconut Bird Nest

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Lalique bell; Belleek nappy, cup & saucer; Imperial cruet; green Fostoria coin glass cruet; Fenton bird; Royal Meissen bowl; Royal Doulton lady figures; assortment salt & peppers; Holt Howard pieces; 100 pieces Flow Blue candle sticks, plates, dishes, soup bowls, platter; Zell Baden plate; Fostoria pieces; Heisey candle holders; B & O railroad china plate; Haviland egg cups; Franciscan Desert Rose salt & pepper; Frankoma mugs.

HUMMELS & COLLECTIBLES
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Heavenly Angle, Sensitive Hunter w/orange rabbit, 3 child trio candle holder, Strolling Along, Puppy Love, Base Player, Hear Ye-Hear Ye, Good Hunting, Merry Wanderer, lamp w/shade; Goebel Friar Tuck monk creamer & sugar; Goebel boy w/horn; Royal Doulton Santa Bunykins; Lefton figure; 79 Goebel Easter egg; 71 Noritake Easter egg; Kaiser fish; Cybis girl figure; lady pin cushion w/legs; hanging Victorian china heads; 3 china head dolls; miniature china dolls; Ferrandiz wood angles; mice figures; assortment linens; Victorian lady pictures; Cupid pictures; advertising chain pictures; mini butter molds; collector spoons.

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AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 4 — 9:30 AM

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conda jug w/Union oval, 2, 3, 5 & 6 gal Red Wing, 4 & 5 gal Western crocks; 2 gal elephant crock; 5 gal Western packing crock; pump organ; Collerator refrigerator; wooden washing machine; lighting rods w/balls; cream color wood burning cook stove; cream separator; cream tester; name milk bottles; milk bottle caps; egg scale; egg baskets; metal chicken nests; hand operated meat slicer from store; captains chair; toy Coke dispenser; Coats & Clark metal zipper case; Shapleigh's no 400 catalogue; UMC 32-20 WCF black powder box; Rieger & Co KC bottle; Patterson Seal tin; wooden apple boxes; hog oiler; walking plow handles; farm magazines; 50 IHC, New Idea & JD books from 40's & 50's; coaster wagon; Yard Bird hand crank track toy; 100 plus wrenches; wire baskets; windmill tower; queen size hide a bed; large assortment of other collectibles. 5 trailer loads of misc. items.

Note: This is a large auction, there has never been a sale on the farm for over 3 generations. We will sell the tractors and equipment at 12:30 p.m. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

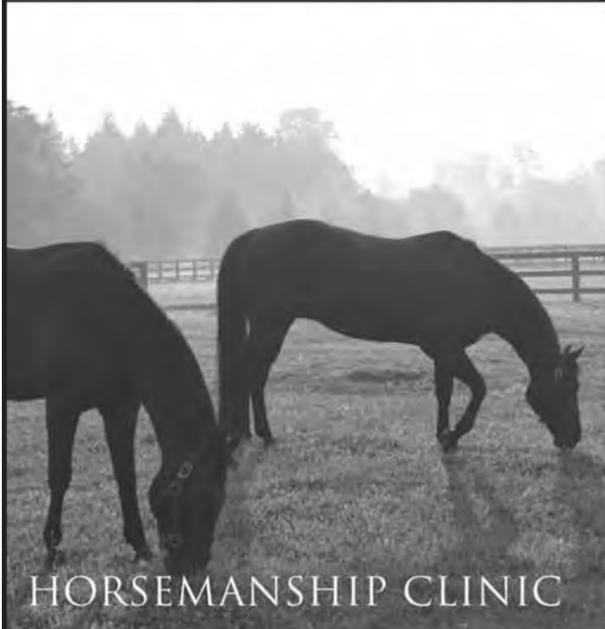
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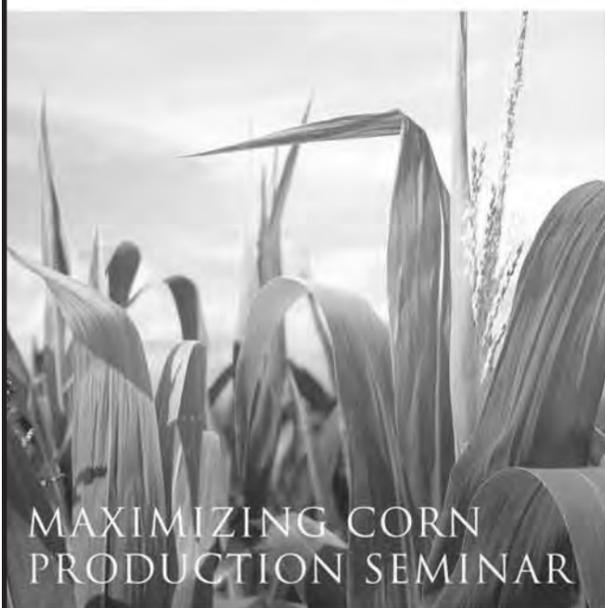


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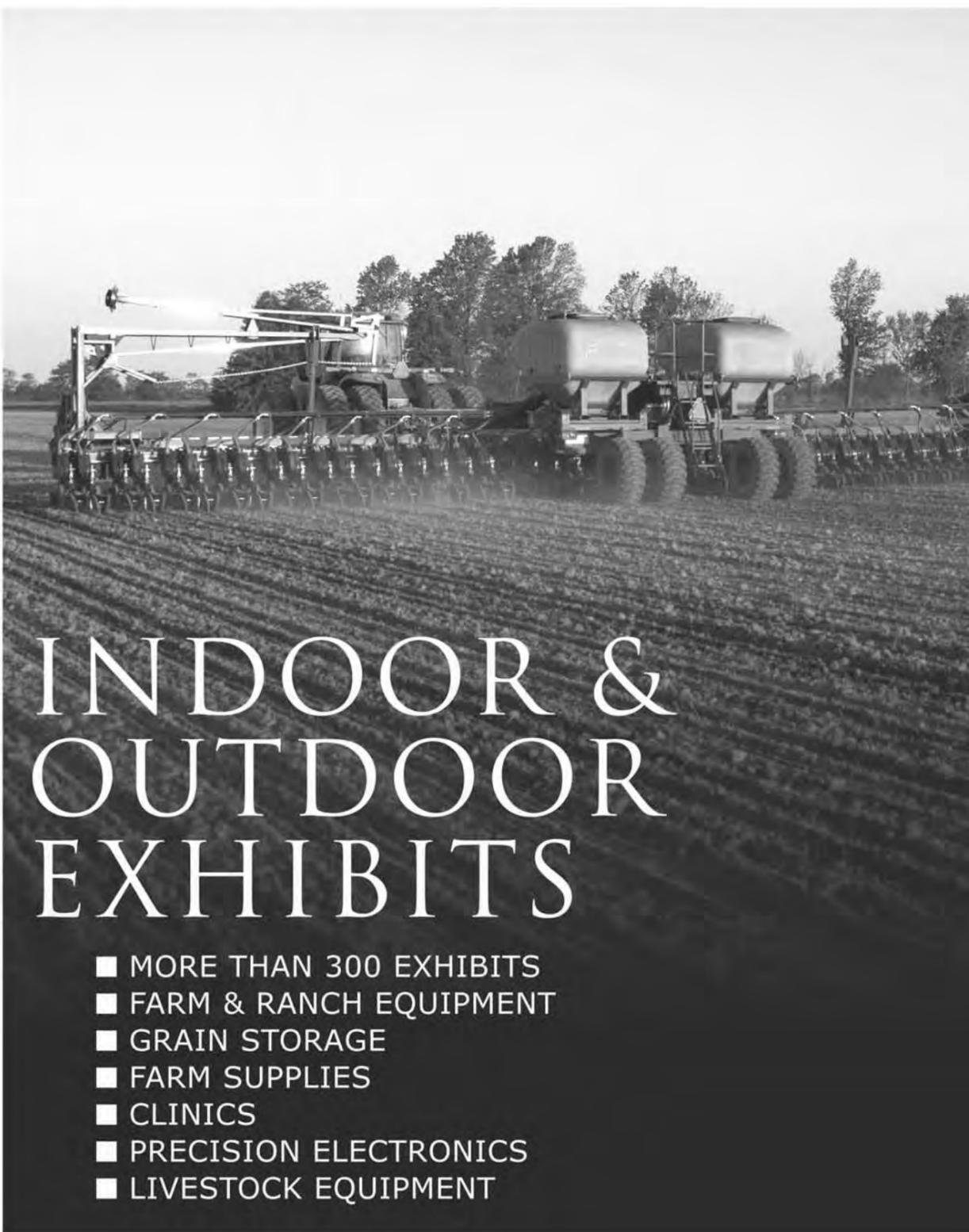
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3pm: Ranch Horse Care
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Planting Corn for Maximum Ear Count

10am-noon
4-H Building
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THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Affordability of Technology; Does Technology Pay?

10-11:30am
4-H building
Saline County Livestock & Expo Center

Presented by Terry Kastens Crop Production Economics Kansas State University

Arts & Craft Show

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Saline County Livestock & Expo Center

Preventing wildfires important in Kansas, too

The numbers 12,895 and 93,300 and 2 may seem random, but they all have meaning for Kansans. "The first is the number of acres that have burned in large wildfires in Kansas in just the first two months (Jan. 1-March 1) of this year," said Jason Hartman, fire prevention specialist with the Kansas Forest Service. "The second — \$93,300 — is the estimated cost for fighting those fires. The 2 is the number of weeks still to go before we typically enter the Kansas wildfire season."

Early 2009 fires were reported from counties as wide-ranging as Riley, Leavenworth and Lyon.

Combined with dry conditions through much of the state, 2009 is showing signs of being an unusual fire season for the state, Hartman said. He is urging Kansans to be extra cautious with outdoor activities that might start a wildfire.

"Before grilling; welding; using a cutting torch; using power tools; and certainly before doing any kind of trash, brush or field burning, please check with your local fire and emergency management officials to see if conditions are safe to do so," Hartman said.

The area's National Weather Service Office

web site maintains current information on fire weather watches and warnings. Information on wildfire protection and planning is

available at local fire departments and the Kansas Forest Service website: <http://www.kansasforests.org>.



Joe Hale of Ash Grove, Mo., has purchased breeding bulls in years past and was a bull buyer at this year's Titus and Stout Hereford & Quarter Horse Sale, Cottonwood Falls.

Agents indicate oat planting time has arrived

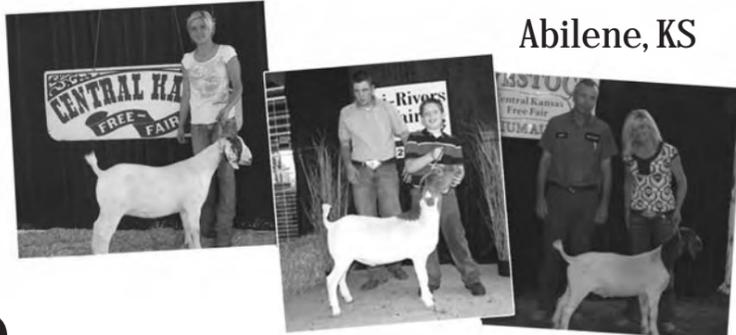
The optimal time for planting spring oats for grazing or forage production is now according to Greg McClure, Riley County Extension agent. We recommend planting spring oats from late February through mid-March.

Ogle, Bates, Dan, Don, Richard, and Mustang are some of the varieties recommended for Kansas. A seeding rate of two bushels per acre is recommended, with 75 to 125 pounds of nitrogen fertilizer applied per acre.

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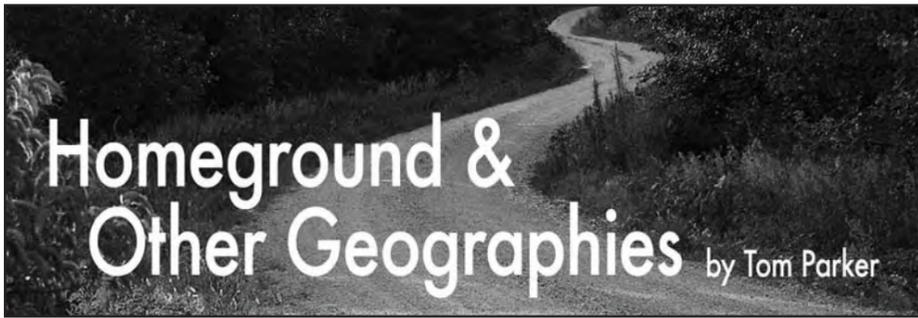
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The ugly seedling

It started, as these things always do, in a place of darkness known only to earthworms and grubs. One day it wasn't there and the next it was, a tiny sprig looking more furry than vegetal.

My initial reaction was of delight, quickly dampened. The tiny seedling had sprung up in the flower bed next to the house, which, consider-

ing the location, was the last place we'd want.

"It's going to be a problem someday," I said.

As far as my wife was concerned, someday had nothing to do with it: it was a problem now, and she wanted it gone.

"I'll transplant it," I'd say, and she'd look around the yard in exasperation.

"Where?" Her tone, I felt, was out of sorts with the amount of land we owned. Good grief, the thing was the size of a postage stamp, and we had two acres!

In a few years it was the size of a basketball. Then it grew some more. I wasn't too worried about it because I knew I'd get around to it. Someday.

It began to fill out, though never in the graceful triangular shape common to eastern junipers. Its main growth centered in its middle section so that it appeared almost globular. Instead of a rich blue-green, its needles looked anemic. Whenever I noticed it I was reminded of the story of the ugly duckling, though I never harbored a fantasy that it would grow into a swan.

When it reached the height of my thigh, Lori told me she was planning to cover the flower bed with a cold frame. "It has to go," she said.

Fine. I promised to handle it. A few days later I arrived home from work to find the little juniper trimmed. I use the word loosely — whack-job was more like it.

A lively conversation en-

sued. Suffice to say that within very short order I found myself in the flower bed with a shovel.

I started wide and went deep, slicing through narrow tendrils and rootlets until I could maneuver the shovel beneath the tree and sever the taproot. Once that was done I yanked the juniper from the ground and dragged it to a spot near the southern edge of our thicket. Badger-

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like, I began a new hole.

Lori, working in the garden, watched my ministrations with an expression of doubt. I remained unfazed.

"Hold on, little buddy," I told the juniper.

After a while, Lori walked over. "How's the hole coming?" she asked.

"This isn't a hole, it's an archaeological dig," I said, pointing to a rectangular metal plate about eight inches long, several L-brackets and numerous crumbly sections of one-inch springs, unsprung and oxidized with a reddish patina at least as thick as the original item.

"Cool," she said, grabbing the metal plate and sorting through the rest. My wife is the only person I know who collects useless scraps of rusty metal. She once poured a perfectly serviceable box of nails into an old metal coffee canister and set

it outside for several months. When she retrieved them they were corroded and pitted and the can half-filled with a viscous coppery-ginger soup the consistency of clam chowder. Through some arcane metallurgic chemistry she transformed the goo into vivid dyes she then applied to alpaca wool. Though the result was stunning, I hesitated to be too effusive because of a similar experiment she tried with dandelions that had resulted in a decidedly inferior, if not odoriferously abhorrent, misasma.

Once I'd dug down through several layers of sediment and settlement, carefully relocating each scoop of artifact-laden dirt into a yellow wheelbarrow, I dumped in a bucket of wood

ash. This, according to a knowledgeable friend, would kick-start the juniper into a miniature version of a towering California redwood.

The juniper went in next. With Lori holding it upright, I packed the crater with dirt and a few unidentifiable metal objects, lightly compacting the soil around the roots. Leftover fill created a small berm on one side. A few gallons of water and we were done.

"Nobody else loves you, but I do," I said.

Indeed, it needed all the affection it could get. Misshapen, stunted, truncated, uprooted, the juniper was almost painful to look at. It was so ugly, in fact, that it wouldn't take much for it to transform into a swan.

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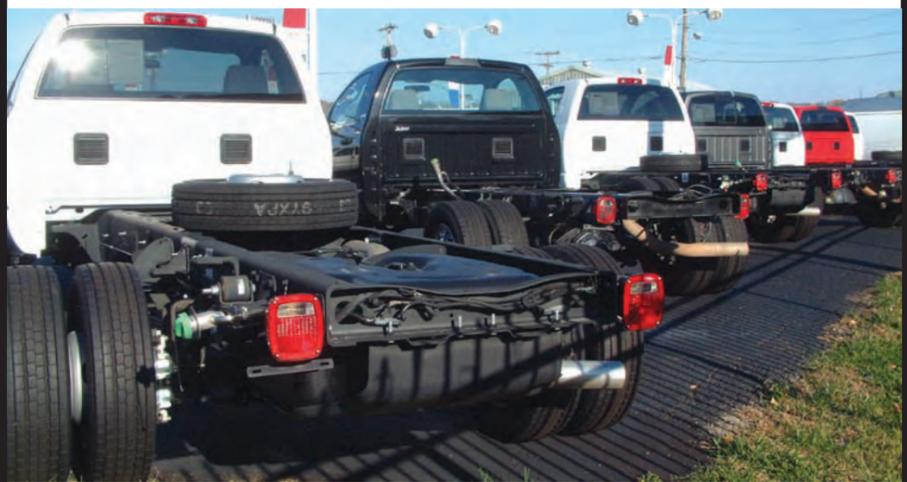
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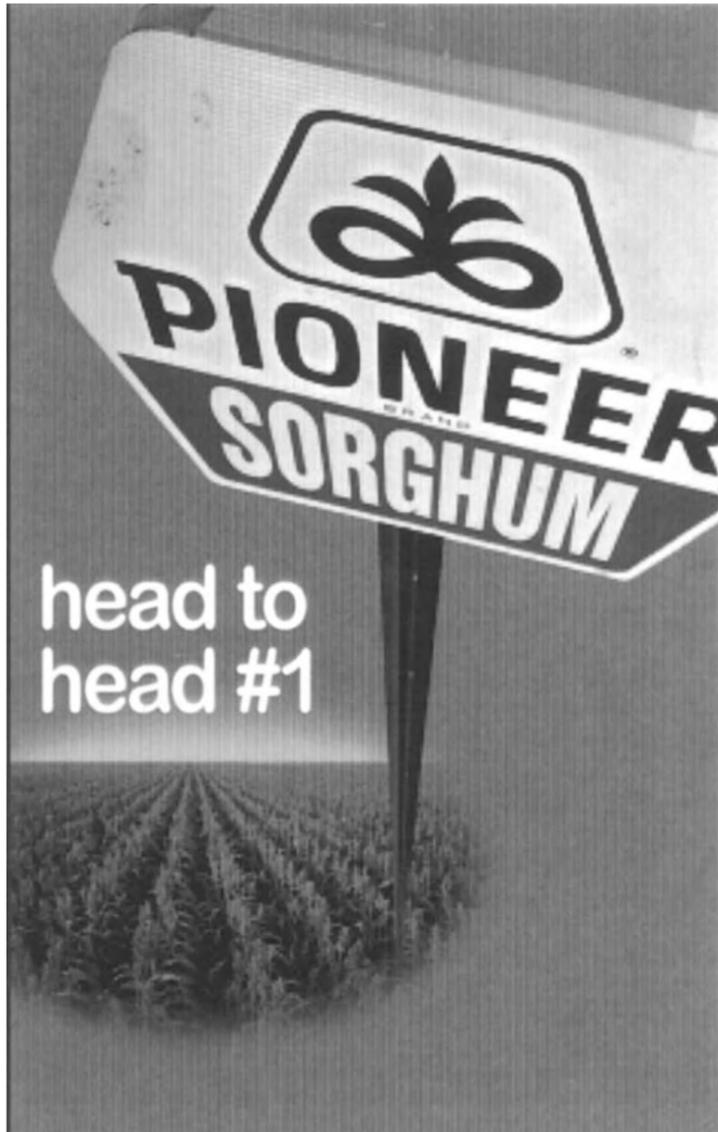
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Extension specialist shares economic comparisons for heavy cows

When buying replacement heifers or cows, producers need to consider the relationship of their size preferences with cow performance and efficiency, said a University of Missouri Extension livestock specialist.

"Attend any cow or heifer sale and you will see that larger, heavier cows and heifers command the highest prices," said David Hoffman. "Cattle producers like to look at heavy cows in their front pastures, but do those big cows and heifers actually make more money?"

Maybe not. Hoffman cites a study from North Dakota State University that catalogued cows according to their average weight and respective performance. The heavier cows actually made fewer total dollars in terms of calf sales, Hoffman said.

Not only did the percentage of cow weight weaned decrease as cow weight increased, the actual weaning weight of the calves decreased, he said. For example, cows weighing 1,200 pounds or less weaned 50 percent of their fall weight with 617-pound calves,

while cows that weighed more than 1,600 pounds weaned 34 percent of their fall weight with 572-pound calves.

"Another economic consideration is the number of cows to have in your herd," Hoffman said. "If a farm is capable of supporting 100

head of 1,400-pound cows, the same farm should have the capability of supporting 120 head of 1,200-pound cows. The primary differ-

ence is the smaller cows would eat less forage. Most producers would like to sell an additional 16 to 20 calves every year."

RCLA spring meeting planned for April 1

Larry Hollis will be the featured speaker at the Riley County Livestock Association Spring Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1. Anaplasmosis, a vector-borne infectious disease that affected several cattle herds in Riley County last summer, will be the focus of Hollis' presentation. Hollis is the beef veterinarian for K-State Research and Extension.

The meeting will be held at the Fairview Church Fellowship Hall, located across the corner from Riley County High School, 2 miles north of Riley. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the program immediately following. The cost is just \$5 per person for RCLA members. Non-members are invited to pay their \$10 membership fee and enjoy a complimentary meal.

Make reservations by contacting the Riley County Extension Office at (785) 537-6350, or e-mail to gmclure@ksu.edu by noon on March 27.

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IHC 986 Tractor w/cab, 3pt, PTO; Deutz D1017AS Tractor w/loader, FWA, 3pt, PTO; IHC 656 Tractor (needs Repairs); TA-20 MF Tractor (in parts); 11 Shank Chisel, 3 pt; IHC 4 Bottom Plow; IHC - 18' Vibrashank; Glencoe 11 shank "Soil Saver"; Crustbuster - 16' Springtooth; IHC #470 Disc, 18'; CIH 8330 Mower Conditioner, 9' ~ 6' IHC Hay Crimper; 8 Wheel Rake w/cart; Vermeer 605F Round Baler; NH 276 small square baler - wire; IHC #37 small square baler, Twine; NH 354 Grinder Mixer w/scale; PTO Generator Winpower on 2 wheel trailer, 20 KW; Big Q 60" tiller 3 pt; Wire Winder w/ B&S engine; Gehl 2 Row Silage Cutter; IHC 555 Manure Spreader - needs floor; Bel Tech "Rock" Post hole auger w/2 bits; Box Blade & Rhino Blade, 3 pt.; Bush Hog 2615 Bat Wing Rotary Mower, 15'; Douglas 72" Finish Mower, 3pt; Beto #320 Concrete Mixer, 3 pt; Several pieces of older farm machinery & Silage Wagons.

INDUSTRIAL

Kubota L2550 Tractor w/ LA400 Loader & 4530 Backhoe; 2 Binks Portable Paint Sprayers.

TRAILERS

16' Bumper Trailer w/ winch; 20' GN Stock Trailer; 16' Bumper Stock Trailer; 6'x12' Enclosed Utility Trailer; 2 JD Flat bed Hay Trailers; 3 JD Silage wagons (need repairs); David Bradley, 4 wheel trailer w/lift.

MOTORCYCLE

Honda Gold Wing GL 1100 (no title).

VEHICLES

1984 Chevy Suburban 4X4; 1979 Ford 1 Ton Truck w flatbed & hoist; 2000 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab Pickup, v-6, auto w/ bed liner; Kawasaki "Mule" UTV - 2wd; 1995 Honda

4 Trax 300 ~ 1965 Chevy C-10 Pickup - 6 cyl 3spd (restorable); IHC 1200 4x4 Pickup w steel flatbed - salvage; IHC 1200 4x4 flatbed - salvage; IHC 1200 4x4 (in parts); (IHC Trucks do not have titles); VW Rabbit Diesel, not running.

TOOLS

Air driven post driver; Lots of good American made Wrenches & Socket Sets, 126 piece Craftsman tool set; 1" Drive Socket set, 1 5/8 up to 3 1/2" w/Ratchet, Breakover & T Handle; Paslode air nailer; 8' Fiberglass Step Ladder; 24' Fiberglass Extension Ladder; Portable Generator; 757 Shindawa 36" Bar Chain Saw; 488 Shindawa 16" Bar Chain Saw; 2 Stihl 028 Chain Saws; Bolt Cutter, Cable Cutter; B & S 2" Transfer Pump; Dewalt Dual Compound Mitre Saw; Dewalt Adjustable Saw Table; Milwaukee Deep Cut Portable Band Saw; Milwaukee Sawzall; Milwaukee Angle Drill; Chain Saw Chain Sharpener; Chain Saw Chain Breaker; Chain Saw parts; Electric Drills, Angle Grinders.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Sharon Springs – March 23, 7:30 pm, Community Activities Building CAB on the Fairgrounds
Great Bend – March 24, 7:00 pm, K-State Extension Office 1800 12th Street
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Minneapolis – March 26, 7:00 pm, Basement room in the Courthouse building Concord and 3rd Street (enter in the corner South door)
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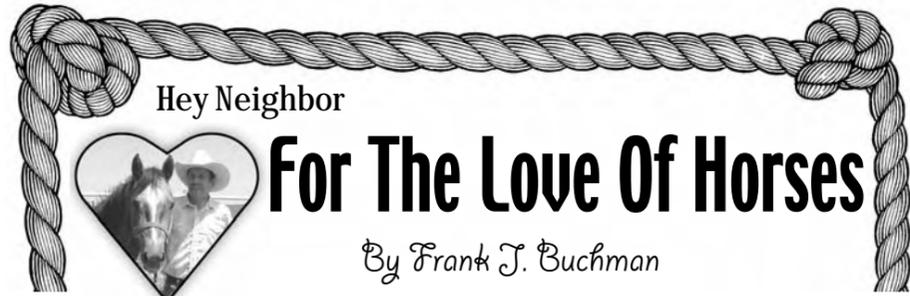
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Extreme Cowboy Race Attracts Top Hands, Spectator Appeal

Real cowboys like it extreme.

Interest and enthusiasm in the Extreme Cowboy Races being conducted throughout the country are verification of that.

"Every day, I get one or two calls from all over the United States wanting to know about sponsoring an event. Today, I received calls from Tennessee, Wisconsin and New Hampshire," said Bill Hull, president of the Extreme Cowboy Association.

Thirty cowboys and cowgirls from throughout the country participated in the Extreme Cowboy Race at the recent EquiFest of Kansas at Wichita. Fifteen riders competed in each of two preliminary rounds in the competition on Friday and Saturday, with the top ten contestants invited back to ride in the Sunday finals.

Idea for such a competition was initiated by horse trainer-clinician Craig Cameron in 2004, at his Bluff Dale, Texas, ranch. The next year, two races were conducted and the events kept growing, so last year there were seven contests across the nation's width from Georgia to California.

Due to the broad following of both contestants and spectators, Cameron and his wife, Dalene, considered possibilities of forming a national association with set rules, sanctioning races through sponsoring groups and climaxing with a year-end championship.

"I got to know Craig when he had his clinics around Kansas City, and we discussed how such an organization could work," related Hull, who was equine manager at the Saddle & Sirloin Club in Kansas City.

Contending that the "timing was right for the move," Hull explained, "In November, Craig and I came to an agreement, and I became president of the

newly formed Extreme Cowboy Association."

Originally a career psychologist, Hull had been at Saddle & Sirloin for 15 years. He was often on horseback in that position and still can be found riding frequently in his new executive role headquartered out of Bluff Dale.

"The association has been specifically designed to invite riders of all levels to participate and enjoy the 'fastest growing equine sport,' The Extreme Cowboy Challenge," Hull qualified.

"We've set up the events to challenge both horse and rider to maneuver through a series of obstacles, demonstrating both horsemanship and speed," according to Hull.

Western style clothing and tack are required, and there is no age limit for horses. "Courses are varied at every event, with

changes in obstacles, terrain and length," Hull stated.

A score is given for each obstacle on the course in addition to points tabulated for overall horsemanship and speed.

"The race includes obstacles designed to stretch horse and rider out of their traditional comfort zones, plus test the communication, horsemanship and athletic abilities of each horse and rider team," elaborated Hull.

Sampling of obstacles includes archery shoot, backing down or up hill, bareback riding, barrel jumps or turns, climbing a windmill to ring a bell, a pallet pull, a cow sort, deadfall, flares and smoke, ground tie, hay carry, hay maze, lead or ride across water, log crossing or pull, gate opening and closing, road flashers, and rope cattle or horses.

Fourteen regions have been designated across the United States with divisions for young guns, 7-11; youth, 12-17; non-pro; professional; and "Ride Smart" for riders 55 and over. The divisions were combined for the Wichita event.

Hull noted, "Ride Smart is the title of Craig's RFD TV program and the emphasis in his clinics."

Each region is expected to offer local state and regional competitions that lead to the Extreme Cowboy Association National Championship.

Single, family and lifetime memberships are

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Right: Clint Donley of Ellsworth rode his four-year-old Paddy Irish Whiskey cow bred gelding to win the Extreme Cowboy Race during EquiFest of Kansas.

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GLASS - APPROX 3:30
HOUSEHOLD & MICS. - LATER MORNING
TOOLS & SHOP SUPPLIES - SELL FIRST

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

NOTE: Ron ran a service station for many years and accumulated a huge volume of related items. This is a very large auction. Plan to run two rings later in the morning and possibly in later afternoon. Hope to be done by 4:30.

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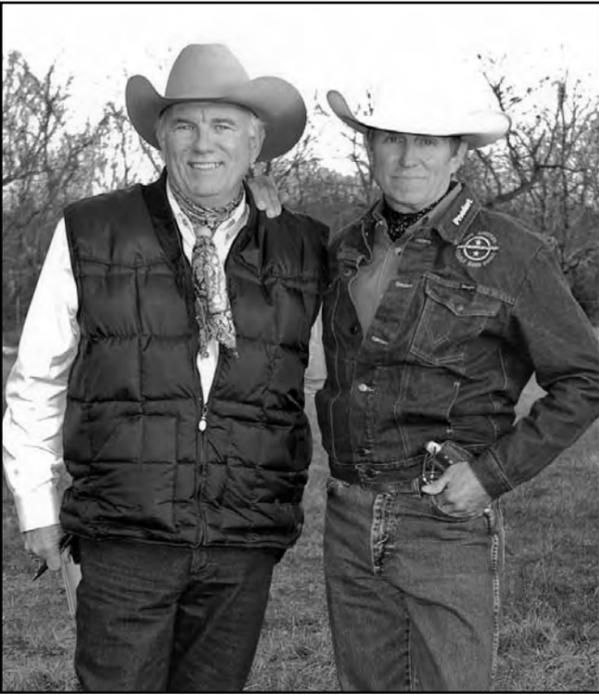
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Bill Hull, president of the Extreme Cowboy Association, is with Craig Cameron, who organized the association which conducts Extreme Cowboy Races throughout the country. Thirty cowboys and cowgirls competed in one of the competitions during EquiFest

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 — 11:00 AM

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TRACTORS & LOADER

1982 John Deere 4240 diesel tractor, SN27230 with 3 pt., dual hydraulic, 8560 hours, quad range and 18.4x35 rubber 90%; 1979 John Deere 4440 diesel tractor, SN20236 with 3 pt., dual hydraulic, 6840 hours, quad range and 18.4x38 rubber, 50%; John Deere 158 hydraulic loader with 7 ft. bucket and 2 pt. bale fork, fits 4240; 1974 John Deere 2630 diesel tractor, SN200532 with 3 pt., 4200 hours on tach and 16.9x28 rubber; Schwartz hydraulic loader with 5 ft. bucket and 2 pt. bale fork, fits 2630.

STOCK TRAILER

1997 Brockhoff "Boss" 7x20 ft. tandem axle gooseneck stock trailer.

4-WHEELER

2001 Kawasaki 4x4 Prairie 300 automatic 4-wheeler with 2790 miles.

GENERATOR

Winco 15,000 watt generator on 2 wheel cart.

RIDING LAWN MOWERS

Encore Pro Line Z 52 riding mower with 21 hp., 52 in. cut; Dixon ZTR 4424 riding mower with 15 hp., 44 in. cut.

PICKUP, TRUCKS

2004 GMC 2500 Sierra heavy duty, 4x4 pickup with 48,300 miles, red in color, automatic transmission, tilt, air, cruise, all electric; 1971 Chev. C-50 truck with box and hoist, V-8 engine, rough; 1974 Chev. C-65 truck with 18 ft. combination wood box with racks and hoist, 63,384 miles, 5 spd. x 2 spd. transmission and 9.00 x 20 rubber.

HAY EQUIPMENT

New Holland 116, 14 ft. hydrowing swather; Kolderman 10 wheel v-rake; JD 2 pt. 7 ft. sickle mowers; 2 wheel windrow flip rake.

FEEDER WAGON, BULK BIN
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hay feeder wagon; Pax 12 ton bulk bin.

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JD 230, 20 ft. disc; Wil-Rich 2500, 24 ft. field cultivator with 4 bar harrow; Taylor-Way 3 pt. 10 ft. 10 shank chisel; FMC 3 pt. 7 ft. shredder; Bush Hog 3210 semi mount 10 ft. shredder; 3 pt. heavy duty 9 ft. blade; JD 400 grinder mixer; JD 7000, 6 row 30 in. planter; IH 560, 6x16 3 pt. semi mount plow; Oliver 566, 5x16, 3 pt. semi mount plow; Danhauser 3 pt. post digger with 14 in. auger; JD 4x16, 3 pt. plow; JD 3 pt. 12 ft. springtooth; Koehn 6 row 3 pt. cultivator; 3 pt. spray attachment with 5 ft. booms, rough; 3 pt. 2 prong bale mover; 18.4x38 clamp on duals; 3 pt. bale mover; 2 JD 3 pt. quick hitches, Cat I and II; Speedco 3 pt. quick hitch.

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Electric 5025, 4 wheel gear, 6x10 ft. box wagon; electric 5026, 4 wheel gear; JD 952, 4 wheel gear; 4 wheel gear 5x10 ft. box wagon with hoist; Federal PTO 8 in. x 52 ft. auger; Stan Hoist PTO 6 in. x 40 ft. auger.

MISCELLANEOUS

25 gal. poly sprayer with elec. pump; hi-lift and implement jacks; 1.5 hp. 4 gal. air compressor; log chains; tree trimmers; fence stretchers; elec. fencers; back sprayer packs; skil saw; 110 gal. fuel tank; 10.00x16 rim and tire; 6 JD suitcase weights; JD wrenches; sockets; hand tools; post drivers; battery charger; 1/2 hp. bench grinder; 5 in. bench vise; JD 20 Series weight bracket and 2 slab weights; 2 hp. engine 55 gal. tank sprayer; sheep hay feeder; tree saw; Craftsman weed eater; pet carrier; wooden show boxes; IH metal corn sheller; 500 gal. propane tank; 4 cream cans; 4 and 12 in. elec. bin fans; aeration tubing; JD oil filters; hoers, rakes, shovels.

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available in the association and are essential to accumulate points for regional and national titles. Also, one must belong to the organization to host a sanctioned event.

A first time competitor in an Extreme Cowboy Race, Clint Donley of Ellsworth was the overall winner at the Wichita competition. After college, Donley moved back to operate his grandfather's place with yearlings, a cow herd and a horse training program.

"It's the first time I've been in one of the events, but it was sure a lot of fun," emphasized Donley, who has been a frequent con-

testant and winner in both ranch horse competitions and ranch rodeos over a wide area in recent years.

At the contest, Donley rode a coming four-year-old Paddys Irish Whiskey cow bred horse that he'd purchased as a long yearling from cutting horse trainer-breeder Bill James of Abilene. Donley had done all of the training on the gelding and had limited success previously riding the horse in ranch horse competitions.

Uniquely notable, Donley rode and sold a three-quarter brother, "who was still a little bit green" at the Salina horse sale simultaneously with EquiFest to be in the top prices of

those offered.

While Donley readily qualified for the finals, he pointed out that riders went into that competition

with a clean score card. "The championship was all based on our Sunday ride,"

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 — 10:00 AM

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MONDAY, MARCH 30 — 9:00 AM

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1979 Versatile 875 Tractor 8 new tires cab/air 4 hyd recent overhaul. (Clean); 1972 J.D. 4620 cab/air 3 pt. duals extra front fuel tank; 1968 J.D. 4020 2 hyd. p.t.o. 3 pt. Roll bar (Good); 1954 J.D. 70 Tractor Narrow Front Gas (Slick) ser. P1320R; D-14 Allis Chalmers w/loader and 3 pt. conversion; 2003 Kubota L2900 Tractor w/loader 3 pt. 535 Orig. Hours (Slick); 1995 Ford L-9000 Tandem Truck Cummins 10 spd. (Good); 1973 GMC 6000 truck with 14' bed/ hoist 4/2 spd (Clean); 1997 Chevrolet 2500 4x4 6.5 Turbo Diesel w/ Bramco Spike Hay Bed; 1995 Ford F-150 Single Cab 2x4 302 V-8 Auto; 1989 Lincoln Town Car V-8; 1984 Dodge 150 Pickup; 1984 GMC 2500 Cab and Chassis; 1976 Ford F-250 2x4; 1972 Chevy C-10 2x4; 1997 Road Boss 53' Dropdeck trailer (LoPro); 1980 N-6 Gleaner W/ 24' head; IHC 503 Combine w/ cab/cooler - 17' head; 1989 J.D. 7300 12 row planter Liq. Fert. 300 gal. Tank w/herbicide; 2- J.D. 8350 Double Disc Drills w/ Hyd. fold hitch J.D. 8300 Single disc drill; Crustbuster 32' Red Box double disc Drill w/ markers; Brent 10" -60' auger w/ swingout hopper (New Bearings in 08'); Speedking 6" - 34' Auger w/ B/S Motor; 6"-34' Auger; 16' Krause Chisel; Krause 21' Tandem Disk; 20' M&M Folding Cultivator (Made by Krause); J.D. 535 Rd. Baler w/ Net Wrap; J.D. 430 Rd. Baler; 3 pt. Deweeze Bale Unroller; #5 J.D. Sickle Mower; 2 wheel

bale trailer w/winch (new); 3 pt 200 gal field sprayer; 3 pt. seeder/fert. Spreader; 6' King Kutter Finishing mower 3 Pt. (Free Floating); Bale spears and carriers; Cement Mixer; Water pump w/ gas motor; 16' car trailer; 1985 Honda Big Red; M-F Side Delivery rake; Apache Hay Feeder Trailer; Numerous new and used T-posts; Elec. Fence Posts; Hedge Corners and Lines; Solar Fence Chargers; Platform Scales; Lincoln 220 ac-dc welder; 110 mig welder; Oxy - Acet- torch w/ bottles; 3'x5' steel table; 4" Trencher w/ gas motor; Misc. used lumber; Wire Smooth and Barb; Portable Cattle Unloading Chute w/10 Panels; 1200 Gal. Steel Water Tank on Skids; Bar 6 Cake Feeder; Rd. Bale Feeders; Golf Cart/mower trailer w/ ramp; 265 J.D. Mower 48" deck; Numerous Used Tires including- 235-16's; 8-N tire and wheel (New Tire); 2-48" x 3100 x 20 Floater tires; 20.8-42" Tractor Tires on J.D. Rims; 4-950-16.5 on 8 bolt wheels (Good); 4-20.8-38 on J.D. Rims; 10-10.00 22s on Dayton Rims; Paul Pig Scale; Hog and sheep Combo Panels; Showsticks and other grooming equip.; Cattle Halters; 28 VDC Solar System w/ pump; 100 m/l sq. ft m/l Sheet Steel; 130' m/l H.D. 3/4 Black pipe; Hd. Saw Horses (Boeing Surplus); Calf Puller; Misc. Tools (3/4 Socket Set); Vise; Band Saw; 5'x15' G/N Stock Trailer; 3pt Cement Mixer; Krause Model 2800 Disk Chisel w/mulch-traders

MANY OTHER ARTICLES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS LUNCH SERVED.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 — 9:00 AM

LOCATED: (7246 S.W. 70TH) or from US-54 & Main St., 7 Mi. South of KINGMAN, KS on K-14 to 70th St. & 9/4 Mi. West or from Kingman, 9 Mi. W. on US 54 and 7 Mi. South on SW 90 Ave. & 1/4 East on SW 70 St.

FARM ESTATE SALE

1981 JD 4440 tractor, cab and air, good tires, Duals, 3 pt., Quad, (Field Ready) ; 1973 JD 4230 tractor, cab and air, 3 pt, runs and moves needs transmission repair, w/ JD 158 Loader w/Wes- tendorf Quick Tach (Loader sells separate); 930 Case tractor row crop; 1980 JD 7720 combine with 224 Header, cab and air; 2003 963 Harvest Head Mac Don 36' Draper Header w/ transports; 1987 Freightliner FLC 120 Tractor with Sleeper Cummins w/ wet kit; 2005 Neville Steel Grain Trailer with surelock tarp 38 ft. (Clean); 2004 Neville Steel Dropdeck Trailer 48ft (Nice); 1985 Fruehauf End Dump w/ tarp 33ft; Neville single axle tractor hauler trailer; 2003 Chevrolet 2500 SWB 4x4 S/C P W/L V-8 Auto; 1971 IHC 1210 4x4 pickup with feed box and orig. bed; 1973 GMC Astro 95 Detroit with 9 spd 20 ft bed and hoist w/ steel floor; 1995 GMC Yukon 4x4, 350 auto 240k miles; 1980 Ford F-250 (As/Is); 1974 JW 6x20 ft G/N Stock Trailer (good floor); 1980 G/N Nurse Trailer with 1600 gal. Tractor Tires on J.D. Rims; 4-950-16.5 on 8 bolt wheels (Good); 4-20.8-38 on J.D. Rims; 10-10.00 22s on Dayton Rims; Paul Pig Scale; Hog and sheep Combo Panels; Showsticks and other grooming equip.; Cattle Halters; 28 VDC Solar System w/ pump; 100 m/l sq. ft m/l Sheet Steel; 130' m/l H.D. 3/4 Black pipe; Hd. Saw Horses (Boeing Surplus); Calf Puller; Misc. Tools (3/4 Socket Set); Vise; Band Saw; 5'x15' G/N Stock Trailer; 3pt Cement Mixer; Krause Model 2800 Disk Chisel w/mulch-traders

tooth with carrier; Terrain King 15ft Rotary Mower; Shop made 10ft Speedmover; 1989 White 14' Speedmover; M.F.S. 54' x 8" Grain Auger; Speedking 36' x 6" Grain Auger; Speedking 41' x 6" Grain Auger for parts; 2 Westfield Tailgate Drill Fill Augers; Calkins Seed Cleaner; 2 IHC #9 Sickle Mowers mounted; together on Homemade Hitch; JD 640 Rake; JD 346 Sq. Baler (twine); Bushhog Pop-up Bale Loader; 3 pt Bale Carriers; Loader Spear; Loader Spear with Westendorf mounts; Pallet Fork with Westendorf mounts; JD L Manure Spreader; Bearcat 1260 Grinder Mixer; JD 122 Chuckwagon; JD 112 Chuckwagon; JD 3pt Bale Unroller; 1997 Hydrated and Toolboxes LWB (As/Is); Truck Frame Trailer with Water Tank; JD Running Gear; Pipe Trailer; 5 star Post -Hole Digger; Tire Feed Bunks; Stockmaster Bunks; Rd. Bale Feeders; 3 pt Hyd. Post Driver; EZ Roll Wire Winder; Miles of Elec. Wire; Elec. Posts; Filson Squeeze Chute; Misc Gates and Panels; 300 Bushel Hopper Bin w/ Auger; Moorman's and Vigortone Min Feeders; LP Tank Heaters; Misc. Chicken Equip.; Combine Bin of Trailer w/ Auger; Concaves for 50 series JD combine; Puma Port. Air Comp w/ Honda Motor; Augermate Hyd. Portapower 8 hp Honda; Ford 750 Tractor truck (for parts); JD 112 Mower with Tiller; Katolight 18 KW PTO Generator w/ Trailer; 3 pt Cement Mixer; Honda Big Red 3 Wheeler; Misc. Dewalt Tools; Chicago Drill Press; Hitachi Finish Nailer; Craftsman Table Saw 10"; Ryobi Chop Saw; Binks Airless Sprayer; Stihl 041 Chainsaw; King Vertical Band Saw; Business Band Radios and Base; Wrecked Steel Frame Floor Trailer; Cushman Scooter parts; Old Boat and Trailer; A-C Silage blower; 1 row binder; 3 trailer loads shop and farm tools

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Lehning shares her alpaca enthusiasm with KSU students

She keeps a scrapbook detailing their every milestone. When there's a chill in the air, she wrestles them into homemade fleece jackets. Each has its own personality and they're so adorable that Emily Lehning now has seven of them — and counting.

To say that Lehning, Kansas State University's assistant vice president for student life and accidental alpaca farmer, is dedicated to her animals is an understatement.

"They're not your typical livestock," she said. "They definitely each have their own distinct personalities."

Lehning said she and her husband, Jeremy, randomly came to the idea of alpaca farming one night watching TV when one of those cheesy "I love alpacas" commercials came on.

"We started joking about it and we got to the point where Jeremy said, 'you know, we should really do this,'" Emily Lehning said. "I said, 'you've got to be kidding me.'"

Emily Lehning, who grew up in Olivet, was in 4-H when she was a kid and helped raise many sheep and market pigs. Now, as a busy adult, she wasn't totally on board with the idea of raising alpacas. Working on recruitment and the needs

of thousands of new K-State students keeps her occupied. Her husband is just as busy. He teaches at-risk students and coaches multiple sports in the Rock Creek School District.

"It was always something I thought we might do when we retired," Emily Lehning said.

But her husband, who grew up as a city kid in western Kansas, wanted to do it sooner.

"You got to do 4-H when you were growing up and I want to do 4-H at 30," Jeremy Lehning told his wife. He even came up with a formal proposal, complete with a budget and spreadsheets, detailing the benefits of alpaca farming.

Emily Lehning said she could hardly say no. "For him to be that interested in it was a surprise to me," she said.

So it became a team project. Together they worked out how to arrange their single acre estate near Westmoreland to accommodate the animals. Then they researched the kinds of alpacas they wanted to get, weighing qualities like demeanor, age and quality of fiber. Part of their plan was to harvest the animals' coats to use for products like yarn and rugs.

"We did a lot of research

and tried to be realistic given our busy lives," Emily Lehning said.

In October 2007 they took the plunge, purchasing two year-old alpacas, Scout and Deja Blue, from a farm near Kansas City. Since then, they've acquired five more: Carl, Rugar, Manny, Magellan and Westminster.

Side by side over the last year-and-a-half the Lehnings have learned how to care for the animals. Together they take care of the

day-to-day physical chores, as well as a few in-depth research projects — like watching YouTube videos on how to properly clip an alpaca's hooves.

"I'm the holder and Jeremy's the clipper," Emily Lehning said. "It definitely takes two of us."

Through the experience, the Lehnings have not only learned a lot about caring for alpacas, they've even

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FARM AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 — 12:00 PM

LOCATION: CORNING, KANSAS. 3/4 mile West on Old 9 Highway, South side. WATCH FOR SALE SIGNS.

TRACTORS & COMBINE
IHC 1086 diesel tractor w/cab, dual hyd., WFE, SN 13156; IHC 1256 diesel tractor open, 3 pt., dual hyd., WFE, SN 13156; IHC 706 diesel tractor w/loader & hyd. bucket, WFE, SN 44798; IHC 715 diesel combine, 310 engine w/Rice tires, 15' flex header.

MACHINERY
Vermeer 605 F baler; Hesston #1014 swather, 14'; Case 5x16 plow, 3 pt.; Harvest King gravity flow wagon w/8-ton heavy gear, 250-bu.; JD 4x4 plow, 3 pt.; IHC

#400 Cyclo planter, 6 row; bale wagon, 6-bale w/3 pt. prong; 11-shank chisel; IHC field cultivator; Krause 18' disc; 30' sprayer, electric pump, 3 pt.; JD 14T square baler; calf creep feeder; 2 diesel barrels, 1 on stand; 100-gal. propane tank; L.B. White heater; some miscellaneous salvage machinery and iron.

TRUCK & TRAILER
1989 Chevy 4x4 pickup, 1500 Series; stock trailer, 6x16, bumper hitch.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: No small items, so be on time!
TERMS: Cash or valid check. Nothing removed until settled for. Not responsible for accidents. All items sold as is.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 — 10:00 AM

3500 East 101st North
VALLEY CENTER, KS

From Exit 19, I-135 North, 2 1/4 mile East on 101st.

FARM EQUIPMENT
1993 John Deere 4760, SR#RW 4760, front wheel assist, power shift, cab, AC, heat, front weights, rear 18.4x42 duals, 14.9 R30 front tires, 4450 hours, 3 pt., quick attach, 3 hydraulics and front fenders; 1979 Gleaner L2 combine, 24' header, diesel, cab and air, shedded; 1978 Gleaner M2 combine, 20' header, straw chopper, diesel, cab and air, shedded; Krause 30' field cultivator with 3 bar harrow, Model No. 4231HR; Sunflower 22' tandem flex disc with automatic lever, Model No. 1433-2; John Deere 7700 planter, 6 row, insecticide boxes and markers; Krause 18' 18 shank chisel; Coontz 12' dirt leveler; Great Plains 30' grain drill; John Deere 6 row cultivator; John Deere 6-16" semi mount plow; Clark portable fold-up 24' harrow; Ferguson 3 pt. 6' cultivator; Massey Ferguson 3-16", 3 pt. plow.

VEHICLES
1983 Chevrolet 24' camper, V8, automatic, 43,000 miles, loaded with many extras, always shedded, very clean; 1978 Ford 800, 16' Omaha Standard 40" sides all steel bed and hoist, 5x2 transmission, 392 V8.

FARM RELATED
2 - 300 gallon fuel tanks with stands; 500 gallon fuel tank with stand; Clipper Super 47 seed cleaner with electric motor; 4 wheel trailer frame; Big Buck wood stove with thermostat; 20'x4" grain auger with carrier; 24'x6" grain auger with carrier and Wisconsin engine; 300 bushel bulk bin; Chevrolet pickup bed trailer; cattle oilers; 18' windmill tower with head and fan; wagon running gear; hydraulic log splitter on wheels; 300 gallon plastic tank with frame; 1 wagon of misc. hand tools, etc.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Don is retiring and is offering above average, well maintained, shedded farm equipment at auction. Be on time as there are very few small items. Large shed in case of inclement weather. Lunch available. Thanks, Vern

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For the Love of Horses . . . continued

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he informed. "I thought the preliminary round was more oriented to show horses, while the finals was more for real working ranch horses."

Joining the Extreme Cowboy Association to accumulate points, Donley is considering riding in more of the events. "I'm hoping to go to some of those that are closer to home and see how things work out toward qualifying for the year-end awards," he commented.

Second in the Wichita race went to Lee Hart of

Gardner, while Loren Basham, Belle, Mo., was third and Runt Rageth of Harris, Mo., came in fourth.

With the daily interest and additional signups regularly, a large schedule of Extreme Cowboy Race events is on the horizon for this year, according to Hull.

"There has been just terrific response from those participating and attending the events we've had so far," Hull credited. "We are really excited about the interest, and are looking forward to the future competitions around the country."

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28 — 10:30 AM

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JD 4020 dsl, WFE, fenders, S.R. 3 pt., 18.4x34 rubber, w/GB 800 loader, Spool value, SN 159009; Ford 3000 gas, WFE, fenders, hi-low trans., 3 pt.; 1987 Ford F-250 pickup dsl, AT, 4WD, GN hookup; 1980 GMC Sierra 15, 4WD, not running; 1963 Chevrolet C-60, V-8, 4-2 sp. w/13 1/2' grain bed & hoist, needs clutch; shopbuilt 8x20' flatbed trailer w/ramps, no title; 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee 6 cy., AT; 1996 Dodge Dakota pickup, single cab, top, 4 sp. manual trans., 6 cyl.; Chicago HD 12 sp. drill press; 6 pipe cattle panels, 12'; shopbuilt GN hitch, 3 pt.; 2 chain hoists; 2 grain augers w/electric motors; calf puller; approx. 200 sheets of new & used tin; selection of feed bunks, big bale rings, mineral feeders, wire & pipe panels, etc.; steel stall sliding door panel, 12'; several scaffolding sections; several iron wheels; assortment of wrenches, hand tools, nuts, bolts, etc.; some furniture & household items, appliances, building materials, etc.; Vermeer 650 Series w/several heads, works on marble, limestone, granite, etc., SN 515B; Sawing Systems marble surface polisher w/several heads, works on marble, limestone, granite, etc., SN 5P-90-559; large assortment of ceramic, porcelain, Mexican paver, quarry tile, some stone flag, cement block, etc.; cement block machine w/dies; Sun 920 electronic engine tester.

Model 100 9 bale fork; Case-IH 4600 24' hyd. wing vibrashank w/mulcher; Case-IH 5100 Soybean Special drill, press wheels; IH 400 6-R cyclo planter; IH 1100 mower, needs repairs; IH 183 6-R cultivator, 3 pt.; IH 700 4-bottom plow, auto trip, 3 pt.; JD 10' plow disk, notched blade; Krause 21' hyd. wing disk, thin blades; Grain-O-Vator; Hutchinson 40'x6" PTO, top drive portable grain auger; Leinbach post hole digger, 12" bit, 3 pt.; NH 355 grinder-mixer; AC White top round baler; 2 MF 15' grain heads; MF 13' grain head; MF head w/6 Hesston Heads; Chicago 4 ring grain bin; Columbian AAA 5 ring grain bin; approx. 400 square bales prairie wire; approx. 125 square bales brome, wire; approx. 600 square bales of alfalfa, wire; approx. 300 big round bales prairie & alfalfa.

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AUCTION
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 — 10:00 AM
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TRACTORS, TRUCKS & FARM MACHINERY
1981 AC 7010 diesel tractor, 3 pt., dual hyd., PTO, power shift, duals, 7,278 hrs., clean; 1963 AC D-19 LP tractor, PTO, hyd., quick coupler; 1973 Chev. 1 ton truck, bed and hoist, auto, clean; 1966 Chev. 60 truck, 13 1/2' bed and hoist, 6 cyl., 4+2; 1981 Gleaner M2 diesel combine, 20' header, straw chopper, shedded; IHC 5100 8-20 grain drill; Krause 18' tandem disc; AC 18' field cultivator; Krause 14' chisel; John Deere 125 chuck wagon; IHC 58, 6 row planter; NH 56 side del. rake; John Deere 14T twin sq. baler; grain-o-vator No. 30; AC 5-16 semi mt. plow; AC 4-14 mt. plow; John Deere 4-14 pull plow; 2 - 4 wheel bale trailers; IHC 133, 6 row 3 pt. cultivator; 200 gal. field sprayer; Port-a-harrow 24' springtooth; John Deere H manure spreader; IHC 24' drag harrow; John Deere 6 row snake killer; John Deere No. 5, 7' sickle mower; 5' rotary mower; 3 pt. bale mover; 3 sec. drag springtooth; elec. wheel 4 wheel running gear; AC ensilage blower; IHC 58, 6 row

planter, parts; John Deere pull type combine, parts; dump rake; 21' bale elevator and motor; 4'x12' auger and motor; slip-in PU stock racks; salvage iron and more.

FARM RELATED & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
3 - 300 gal. fuel tanks and stands; used lumber; 200 sq. bales prairie hay; sm. straw bales; burr grinder; hedge posts; 2 pig brooders; T-posts; fencing sup.; cream cans; wash tubs; old wrenches; buck saw; crosscut saw; post vise; welder; round bale feeders; feed bunks; welded wire panels; 500 gal. propane tank; Coca Cola cooler; sprinkle can; sausage stuffer; Christmas decorations; bird cage; books; doll cradle and clothes; records and player; baskets; water glasses; patterns; humidifier; typewriter; child's table; school desk; insulators; wooden spools; wooden and iron bed frames; round oak table and leaves; chairs; cream separator; wringer washer; plant stand; drop leaf table and 2 chairs and more.

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March 24 — Angus & Hereford sale at Claffin for Beran Brothers Angus & B&D Herefords.

March 25 — Lyon County, pasture, timber, cropland, deer & wildlife at Emporia for Bradley & Millicent Phillips. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Auctions.

March 25 — Land auction at Abilene for Willard (Red) Schneider. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty.

March 26 — Red Angus at Elmdale for Mushrush-Beckton & Joint Red Angus Sale.

March 26 — Car, antiques, collectibles & tools S. of Concordia for Lucille Ostlund Estate & Stanley & Rosalie Grounds. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 28 — 5th Annual Royal Purple Show Pig Sale at Burlington.

March 28 — Antique furniture, antiques & collectibles, shop tools, lawn mower, household & appliances at Claffin for Lois Steiner Poa & Augusta Huslig. Auctioneers: Victor Bros. Auctions - Frank Princ.

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

March 28 — Farm machinery, vehicles & misc. E. of Belleville for Edward Novak Brothers & Gieber.

March 28 — Consign or donate at Lawrence for Galen Douglass Memorial. Auctioneers: Dale Douglass Auctions.

March 28 — Nemaha Co. farm land at Seneca for Ronald J. Haverkamp. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auctions.

March 28 — Farm machinery W. of Hiawatha for Dale & Bettye Bosse. Auctioneers: Aeschliman & Fleskoski Auction.

March 28 — Household goods, antiques, costume jewelry, tools & commercial lawn mowers at Milford for Ron Shandy Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

March 28 — Equipment & farm machinery consignment auction at Tonganoxie. Auctioneers: Moore Auction Service.

March 28 — Consignment auction at Virginia, NE for Virginia American Legion. Auctioneers: The Auctioneers.

March 28 — 5th Annual Vannocker Show Pig sale at Newton.

March 28 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, farm related, household items at Elbing for Silas & Edna Stucky. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

March 28 — Tractors, tools, furniture, primitives & misc. at Junction City for Dorothy J. Greenawalt. Auctioneers: Brown Auctions.

March 28 — Car, collectibles & household at Jewell for Inez Birdsell Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

March 28 — Machinery, trailers, drying bins, augers, shop equipment & misc. N. of Beloit for Cornerstone Charitable Foundation-Formerly Melvin

Gengler. Auctioneers: Zimmer Auctions.

March 28 — Antiques & collectibles show at Kansas City, MO for 17th KC Toy & Doll Show-KC's Antiques & Collectibles Market. Auctioneers: Dirk Soulis Auctions.

March 28 — Tractors, combines, headers, machinery, equipment, guns, livestock, shop, collectibles, household & misc. at Hillsboro for Larry & Ruth Hamm. Auctioneers: Leppke Auctions.

March 28 — Gift shop items, antiques at Delavan for Bobby Magatahn. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

March 28 — Farm machinery, industrial, tractors, vehicles, tools, livestock items, motorcycle, hay & misc. at Parsons for Richard Rice Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auctions.

March 28 — Farm equipment & farm related items at Valley Center for Don & Nancy Korher. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.

March 28 — Spring farm machinery at Medicine Lodge. Auctioneers: Nixon Auctions.

March 28 — Vehicles, mowers & misc. at Topeka for USD 501. Auctioneers: Kooser Auctions.

March 29 — Antiques, collectibles & tools at Council Grove for Adrian & Doris Doerr. Auctioneers: Hallgren Auctions.

March 29 — Glass, Hummels & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

March 30 — Farm machinery W. of Westmoreland for Dunafon Ranch, Doug & Vickie Dunafon. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

March 30 — Consignment auction at Kingman for Kingman Co. Young Farmers. Auctioneers: Giefer Auctions.

April 1 — Tested bull sale at Beloit for Kansas Bull Test.

April 2 — Farm equipment reduction auction at Zurich for Robert & Donna Rostocil. Auctioneers: Don Hamit Auctions.

April 2 — Pickups, skid steer & tractor, ATV, ditcher, mowers, grass seeder drill, trailers, equipment, fence material, shop & office equipment at Emporia for Core First Bank & Trust. Auctioneers: Hancock Auctions.

April 3 — 27th Annual Bull Sale at Hyannis, NE for Hebbert Charolais.

April 3 — Russell Co. land at Russell for Terry R. Es-

feld. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auctions.

April 4 — Spring Consignment auction at Washington. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

April 4 — Limousin sale at Salina for Kansas Limousin Breeders.

April 4 — Farm equipment, construction equipment & household W. of Eskridge for Keith & Debbie Simon. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

April 4 — Farm machinery sale W. of Corning for Kenneth Rothers. Auctioneers: Deters Auctions.

April 4 — House & household furniture & misc. at Onaga for Donna Shepard Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auctions.

April 4 — Carpenter tools, upholstery items, household & antiques at Belleville for Gyneth Horak. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

April 4 — Farm & livestock equip. & household at Alta Vista for Kenny Clough Estate & Linda Clough. Auctioneers: Macy Realty & Auction.

April 4 — Central Kansas Purple Ribbon Auction at Lyons. Auctioneers: Hollinger Auctions.

April 4 — Tractors, trucks, combines, tillage & hay equip., tools & misc. at Tescott for Jim & Clea Lee. Auctioneers: Bacon Auctions.

April 4 — Combines, tillage, farm machinery, shop tools, vehicles, hay, planter & drills at Delphos for Andrea Spear & Virginia Hurtig. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.

April 4 — Spring machinery consignment at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions.

April 4 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, farm related items at Buhler for Kurt Harder Estate, Dorothy S. Harder & Willis & Dorothy L. Harder. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

April 4 — Tractors, loader, stock trailer, riding lawn mower, machinery, hay equip., pickup & trucks, misc. at Virginia, NE for Clarence & Arleen Ippen. Auctioneers: The Auctioneers.

April 4 — Truck, tractors, combine & heads, hay equipment, farm machinery, livestock & grain equipment & misc. at Pawnee City, NE for Ronald & Beverly Puhalla. Auctioneers: Christensen Real Estate & Auctions.

April 4 — Tractors, combine, machinery, truck & trailers at Corning for Kenneth Rothers. Auctioneers: Danny Deters Auctions.

April 4 — Collector tractors, farm machinery, combines, machinery, antiques & collectibles at Ionia for Sam & Stan Colson. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 5 — Show pig sale at Leavenworth for April Valley Farms.

April 5 — Household, tractors, equipment, tools & misc. at Baldwin City for Tom & Mylinda Wilhite. Auctioneers: Paxton Auctions.

April 5 — Club Lamb Sale at Clay Center for James Brothers.

April 6 — Angus sale S. of Lorraine for Green Garden Angus.

April 8 — Farm estate sale at Kingman for Fred Tiesmeyer Estate. Auctioneers: Giefer Auctions.

April 8 — Marshall Co. land at Marysville for Dan Pacha. Auctioneers: Donald Prell Auctions.

April 9 — Ottawa Co. land at Salina. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

April 11 — Farm machinery at Greenleaf or Tim & Christy Harlan. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

April 11 — Show Pig Auction at Wamego for Fink Farms.

April 11 — Real Estate, machinery, tools & household at Paxico for Glen Heiser. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions & Realty.

April 11 — Construction tools, roofing & gutter tools S. of Concordia for Solt Construction Co. & Carroll Hamilton Roofing Co. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 11 — Club lamb sale near Home for Abeltdt Club Lamb.

April 11 — Antiques, refinished oak furniture at Effingham for Margo Tilton. Auctioneers: Hoffman Auctions.

April 11 — Trucks, tractors, combines & machinery W. of Salina for Roger Tillberg. Auctioneers: Roger A. Johnson & Sons.

April 11 — Farm equipment & machinery at Portis for Julie & Lance Wolters & Mary Lou & George Dugan. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

April 11 — 9th Annual Show Pig Sale at Overbrook for Valleybrook Farm Show Pigs.

April 18 — Trucks, tractors, farm machinery & farm related items West of Westfall for Mr. & Mrs. Bill Day and son. Auctioneers: Victor Bros. Auction & Realty Inc., Frank Princ Auctioneer.

April 18 — Household, an-

tiques & misc. at Belleville for Robert & Nancy Weary. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

April 18 — Eby Ranch Grass Time Sale at Emporia for Eby Ranch.

April 18 — Grassland & house in Jackson Co., farm machinery & misc. W. of Holton for Loyd Sender. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auctions.

April 18 — Real Estate & tractors, haying & tillage equipment at Bushong for Richard & John Milner. Auctioneers: Macy Realty & Auctions.

April 19 — Linn Booster Club consignment auction at Linn. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

April 19 — Farm machinery & misc. W. of Onaga for Elmer Stumpff Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auctions.

April 19 — Real Estate & personal property at Manhattan for Lorah M. Wyatt Trust. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

April 25 — Construction equipment, semi trucks, machinery & tools at Hadam for Dean P. Nutsch Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

April 25 — Household, antiques, railroad collectibles at Delavan for Byers & Friends. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

April 25 — Land, house, out-buildings, tractor, tools, furniture & misc. SE of Concordia for Ross Jones Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 2 — Trucks, tractors, farm machinery & farm re-

lated items NW of Sylvan Grove for Mr. & Mrs. Greg Burger. Auctioneers: Victor Bros. Auction & Realty Inc., Frank Princ Auctioneer.

May 2 — 2-story house, furniture, antiques & misc. at Concordia for Opal Van-nice. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 9 — Guns, Model A & T parts, tractors, vehicles, many misc. items at Republic for Norman Sankey Estate. Auctioneers: Mark Uhli, Greg Askren.

May 9 — Real Estate at Republic for Norman Sankey. Auctioneers: The Realty Associates, Mark Uhlik, Auctioneer.

May 16 — Antiques, collectibles, tools & household & real estate at Ellsworth for Torrey Fox Trust. Auctioneers: Victor Bros. Auction & Realty Inc., Frank Princ Auctioneer.

May 16 — Carpentry house at Clay Center for Unified School District 379. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions.

May 25 — 16th Annual Memorial Day Consignment auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

May 30 — Fink Beef Genetics Charolais Female Sale at Randolph.

June 6 — Collection of bikes, cars, trucks, postal baggage truck at Herington for Dale Christner. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

August 1 — Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

September 7 — 14th Annual Labor Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 — 11:00 AM

LOCATION: From PAWNEE CITY, NEBRASKA: North to Jct of Hwy 50 and Hwy 65, West 2 1/2 miles and North 1/4 mile. From Jct of Hwy 4 and 50: West 1 mile and South 1 3/4 miles. From the Jct. of 99 and 8 South of Burchard: East 7 miles and North 3 3/4 miles. Watch for signs.

TRUCK: 1963 Chevy C60 truck, V8, 4x2 trans., 16' combination bed with steel floor, hoist.

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COMBINE & HEADS: 1981 Gleaner M2 corn plus combine, hydro, turbo diesel, AC, hillside, blower, straw chopper, 1900 separator hrs., 2300 hrs. on motor; 15' Gleaner 315 floating flex grain head, hydro variable speed hume reel; Gleaner 438 cornhead, 4 row wide, orange; Gleaner 630 cornhead, 6 row, narrow, orange; Gleaner 13' grain head with 4 Hesston Head Hunters, 2 additional Head Hunters not mounted; Bish head changer JD to M/L Gleaner; 653A JD row crop head, 6 row narrow; 653 JD row crop head, 6 row narrow; set of milo guards.

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FARM MACHINERY: White 5100 Seed Boss 6 row narrow air planter with fert. tanks, squeeze pump, hydro marker, disc furrow openers; 21' Wilrich 3400 field cultivator with harrow, hydro fold, self leveling, walking tandems; 21' Ford disc with tooth harrow, hydro fold, 22" blades; 12' White 435 consertill chisel; IH 510, 5x18 semi mount steerable plow; BMW 6' shredder, 3 pt.; Dakon

MISCELLANEOUS: Including Winco 25 kw generator, PTO on 2 wheel trailer; IH Cub Cadet mower, rear motor, needs new motor; David Bradley garden tractor with cultivator, etc.

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT: 2 round bale feeders; one heavy duty bull feeder; 8 - 10' concrete fence line feeder panels; 12 ton hopper bottom bulk tank, 6 legs, 4" unload auger with motor; 2 - 5' diameter hopper bottom 80-100 bu. bulk tanks.

GRAIN EQUIPMENT: 8' x 60' SNOCO auger, bottom drive; 6' x 50' SNOCO auger; 48' Valley grain elevator, PTO; 4 - 29' aeration tubes 12" diameter with 2 - 11' ends for fans; 10' portable grain aerator with motor; 5"x10' portable auger with 3/4 hp. motor.

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Young couple enjoys unusual livestock

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learned a little more about each other.

"The day-to-day maintenance has been some great, low fanfare couple time," Emily Lehning said. "There's nothing better than after a long day to go out and be with the animals."

She said it's also been fulfilling watching her husband deal with the animals. "It's been fun for me to see someone who did not grow up around animals develop a connection and an appreciation. A lot of times, we'll be out taking care of them and one of us will stop and say 'did you see that?'"

Though they didn't intend to have so many alpacas, Emily Lehning said as they learned more they were willing to add more to their herd.

"Manny, our fifth animal, and Magellan and Wes, our sixth and seventh, were added after people approached us. The previous owners were looking for a good home and we were able to assist," she said. "I think we agreed because we had gained more confidence in caring for the animals."

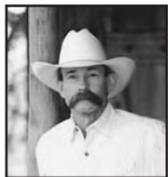
As spring approaches, the Lehnings are getting ready for their second harvest, when the animals are

shorn and their blankets are sent to a mill in Phillipsburg to be made into yarn.

The Lehnings said they aren't into raising alpacas for money. They call it a lifestyle investment.

"I laugh because when we first started this our friends said you're going to make so much money on it," Emily Lehning said. "What we say is 'money will be made but we're not going to be making money.'"

More information on the Lehnings' alpaca farm and how the animals are doing is available at <http://prairie schoolfarms.blogspot.com/>



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

The World Series — A Missed Chance

Since the collapse of the economy in October '08 I've become a sports fan in an effort to escape the barrage of bad news. I rediscovered the compelling yet inane lure of games, fans, players and broadcasters.

Oddly enough, escaping into sports is how I handled our last overwhelming national crisis, the bombing of the Twin Towers. During October 2001, the Arizona Diamondbacks played the New York Yankees in the World Series.

Concern about the ter-

rorist attack was flooding the airwaves, our normal conversation and even our private thoughts. An overwhelming sympathy and compassion for NYC arose across the country. We non-New Yorkers emptied our hearts, our brawn and our pockets to help the ravaged city.

After the screaming, the confusion and the scalding grief, New Yorkers quickly regained their independence, pride and attitude. The World Series soon became the focus of the city's

recovery. Players were encouraged to "win one for the city." America would rise from the ashes on the shoulders of the Yankees. The huge ticker tape parade was going to be the equivalent of Veterans' Day.

The national media joined the chorus. The opposing Diamondbacks were not cast as the bad guys, as much as just the acknowledged foe in this New York-centered American drama. For the minority of us who lived in the American outback, those of us who were Diamondback fans might have felt a twinge of guilt. In my case, I respectfully acknowledged the importance of the Yankees victory to the battered confidence of their supporters. But, with friends, my loyalty to Randy "The Big Unit" Johnson and Curt Schilling never wavered.

It was one of the best, evenly matched, well-fought, exciting World Se-

ries ever played. Both teams deserved to win. Alas, the Diamondbacks won by a thread.

The story disappeared as quick as NYC and Yankee supporters could sweep it under the rug. The upstart, unknown Arizona team was quickly forgotten. We had spoiled their party.

I watched the 2009 Super Bowl. A tough Steelers team, in Pittsburg since 1918, beat the Cardinals, home in Arizona for only 21 years. It was as close and exciting and fun to watch as the 2001 World Series. We lost. In this case the spoils and praise go to the victor, as it should.

I have often thought that after the '01 World Series, Phoenix should have proposed that the two cities each hold a ticker tape parade with both teams on display. It would have united the country in a way I don't think proud New Yorkers could have

imagined. It would have been a visible demonstration of our feelings toward America's biggest and most vulnerable city, and New

York City's hand reaching out beyond their own city limits where the rest of us live. It is a moment lost to history.



Age takes its toll on horse trainers, according to Bob Ware of Tampa and Dale Starkey, Cottonwood Falls, who have started many horses over a wide area in the past four decades. Ware, former TS Hereford & Quarter Horse Ranch employee, is a four-county supervisor for the Kansas Highway Patrol, while both he and Starkey continue in the livestock business. They were at the 45th annual TS sale near Cottonwood Falls.

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