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Slightly more soybean acres expected in 2009

U.S. farmers are expected to plant slightly more soybean acres and less corn, cotton and wheat, compared to a year ago, according to a key government report.

The Agriculture Department released the results of its March 1 survey of farmers' planting intentions, along with the quarterly grain stocks report of March 1. The planting numbers provide a first look at farmers' plans for the crop year and also reflect the first official USDA report for the 2009 crop growing year. A follow-up survey of farmers' planting intentions will be conducted around June 1, with subsequent reports to follow over the summer.

Farmers are planning to plant 76 million acres of soybeans in 2009, up less than 1 percent from last year, compared to expectations of a 5 percent increase.

"The slight increase in soybean acreage was the one surprising estimate from the report," said Terry Francl, senior economist with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The prospective plantings report suggests U.S. farmers intend to plant 85 million acres of corn this year, down a little more than 1 percent from 2008. Cotton acreage is anticipated at 8.8 million acres, down 7 percent, while wheat acreage is expected to come in at 58.6 million acres, also down 7 percent compared to 2008.

"Total acreage for the four major crops to be planted in 2009 — corn, soybeans, wheat and cotton — is estimated to be down by 5.9 million acres or 2.5 percent less than actual plantings in 2008," said Francl.

"Most of the reduction in total estimated crop acreage for 2009 can be attributed to reduction in wheat, which is down 4.5 million acres," Francl said. He also noted that lower crop prices and higher costs for inputs including fertilizer and seed are drivers behind the lower overall acreage estimates for 2009.

Prior to publication of the report, analysts and industry experts speculated on whether or not farmers would respond to higher fertilizer prices by planting less corn this year than in 2008.

"Corn still trumps soybeans by \$50 to \$60 in terms of average return per acre. The fact that growers sometimes are reluctant to make changes to well-established crop rotation patterns is also a factor," explained Francl.

Although the planting intentions report provides useful projections, historically, growers adjust their planting mix in response to spring weather, Francl said. In prior years, final planted corn versus soybean acreage has varied by up to 3 million acres compared to the March 1 estimate.

Except for soybeans, the prospective plantings figures tracked fairly closely to pre-report, mid-point acreage estimates and the accompanying grain stocks report "held no surprises" according to Francl.

"On balance, the reports imply that we'll see more balanced supply and demand conditions for grains and oilseeds in 2009/10 compared to 2008/09," Francl concluded.

PETA challenged

The Center for Consumer Freedom (CCF) has published documents showing that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) killed 95% of the

adoptable pets in its care last year. According to public records from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, PETA euthanized 2,124 pets last year, while placing only seven in adoptive homes. Since 1998, a total of 21,339 dogs and cats have been euthanized by PETA at its Norfolk, VA, headquarters.

CCF questioned the fact that PETA doesn't operate an adoption shelter despite a \$32 million annual budget. David Martosko, CCF's research director, called PETA a "hypocritical killing machine."

"Since killing pets is A-OK with PETA, why should anyone listen to their demands about eating meat, using lab rats for medical research or taking children to the circus?" Martosko said.

CCF is a non-profit coalition supported by the food industry to promote personal responsibility and protect consumer choices.

Walking a line of fire



Spencer Olson (pictured) and his father Ross Olson took advantage of the recent moisture and light winds to burn some Morris County grassland. The younger Olson is an EMT/firefighter with the Emporia/Lyon County departments and the elder is the pastor of the Industry United Methodist Church and the Alida-Upland Cooperative Parish.

Agent serves 40 years in Ottawa County

By Beth Gaines-Riffel, Editor

If it has happened in rural Ottawa County, chances are Ron Seyfert probably knew about it. Fact of the matter is he might have even had a hand in orchestrating it. But after playing a vital role as an county Extension agent, serving as a conduit of information between the university and the folks on the land that could benefit from research and improvement of farming and ranching methods, Ron Seyfert retired last week with 40 years of service to the region to his credit.

"I stayed this long because I enjoyed the job," he said. "I've always enjoyed working with the people."

When asked if he knew of other agents that had served a single office longer, there weren't any names that quickly surfaced. It would seem in that regard, Seyfert very well might stand alone in the field.

Even though he has been assigned to the Minneapolis office for his entire career, the title has changed somewhat through the years — most notably in 2004 when the Central Kansas Extension District, No. 3 was formed by the combining the Ottawa and Saline county offices.

A native of Hoisington



The phone was ringing frequently in the Central Kansas District office (formerly the Ottawa County Extension office) last week for Ron Seyfert. This time it wasn't a matter of a burning question or problem for the Extension educator to solve but well-wishes for his retirement which began last Friday.

and Ellinwood in Barton County, he completed an animal husbandry degree in 1968 at Kansas State University. He started as Ottawa County agent April 1, 1969.

Seyfert became a part of the community and county that he served by marrying a local girl, Karen. The couple has made their home in nearby Ada while their two boys, now grown and gone with families of their own, attended the Minneapolis school district.

Through the years the people and 4-H families

have proved to be a delight to Seyfert. He noted that many former 4-H members he worked with as youngsters have grown up and become active and productive members of their communities; taking on leadership positions in city government and often even on the Extension board, ultimately ending up being Seyfert's "boss."

It is also those same farm families and their willingness to cooperate for the good of the community for which Seyfert has a great

deal of fondness. The Jagger family is one of the many who were willing to fulfill nearly any request Seyfert made. "They had a continuous wheat plot which was very beneficial," Seyfert said. "But there were many others, way too many to list." A photo of a younger Seyfert, along with his son Mike and the Jagers smiling down from an old Gleaner combine hung on the wall as a subtle reference of support from the Jagers for who visited the tiny office in the basement of the Ottawa County Courthouse.

Seyfert witnessed an evolution of technology, starting in the business long before computers, the Internet, e-mail, cell phones — even fax machines. The only way to make a copy in his office was with a mimeograph machine.

The 4020 John Deere, with a 70- to 80-horsepower engine, was the popular tractor. Today, the average tractor has 150 horsepower, and many have twice that much power.

Combines that could harvest 16 feet of crops in one pass through the field were considered large in the late 1960s. "Now 20 feet is about as small as you hear anybody talk about. Thirty

Guest Editorial

Fertile.

by Jim Suber

The great anti-big cry went up again earlier this month when the administration said it wished to deny direct payments to those nasty awful greedy farmers who gross more than \$500,000 a year. But a noisy backlash happened to stall that effort. Sadly, it didn't come from the American people, but from inside Washington.

It appears the idea to curtail direct payments was dead in the water because opposition from both houses of Congress said it was too much to ask to open the 2008 farm bill.

The reality is that those 21 to 25 percent of America's farmers who take in

\$500,000 a year in sales also raise 75 to 78 percent of the commodities. If you believe in supporting farmers, you must believe in supporting farmers who tried to stay in business by having a big volume of things to sell in the face of squeezed down profit margins per bushel.

Farmers still cannot just put a price tag on their stuff. They are a global tribe of many selling perishable goods to a handful of buyers, who then sell to businesses who turn corn and wheat into good things to eat.

A case in point is the fact that without those direct payments and other devices like revenue insurance, many of those big

farmers would have not had any profits at all in one or more years of this decade. And most times, the profits are barely equal to a good job's wages in town, often under \$50,000.

Maybe it is time for the general run of American to shut his mouth, even when he is eating, and open his eyes and ears and go down to the library and look up something besides leftist rhetoric on the computers or, perish the thought, in the printed word sections. But hey, nobody is teaching the teachers, apparently.

It is time to quit demonizing American farmers for what they do. It is the American consumer who is

growing obese couch potatoes by failing to educate themselves and failing to exercise any discipline and will power at all at home for themselves and their so-called beloved children (if they really loved them they wouldn't weigh 300 pounds in junior high school, you see, but maybe it's just glandular). I will add here that support for school breakfast and lunches and food stamps and Women with Infant Children programs totals more than \$60 billion a year from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and no one ever, ever complains. That is about 10 times what the payments to farmers are each year.

The political left often launches into a canned diatribe against manmade fertilizer. Here's a quote in a May, 2008 New York Times article on fertilizer from the original "green" man, Norman Borlaug, whose grain-breeding efforts back in the last quarter of the last century almost single-handedly prevented the world from suffering a massive loss of many millions from starvation:

"This is a basic problem, to feed 6.6 billion people. Without fertilizer, forget it. The game is over."

I will add that much fertilizer is nitrogen and much of that is captured industrially from natural gas. Yet, we would use natural gas fired turbines to back up frequently and necessarily the wind turbines, that pie in the sky scam that abuses the environment and wastes natural resources and is terribly inefficient at several key levels. Don't believe me. But do go research it and also track the flow of the subsidy dollars back to Europe and eastern utilities needing to create an illusion that they're green citizens.



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

I'm reminded often how much the "people factor" comes into play in the field of agriculture. I'm always a little shocked to find out that the "circle of influence" is really pretty small. You don't have to know very many individuals to find that the circles intersect rather often. And that's a notion that I am pleased with. It is reassuring to know that people really do matter and people really do care.

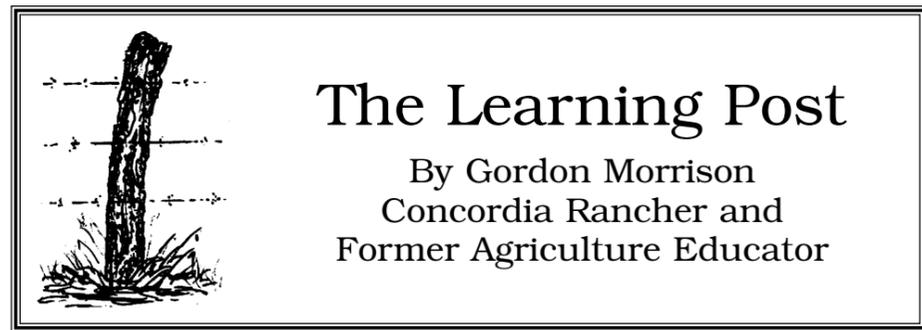
One of Dr. Dave Mugler's favorite sayings during the years I spent at Kansas State was "It doesn't matter how much you know until they know how much you care." And if you think about this statement a little while, it does provide a bit of guidance as we navigate stressful times and difficult choices. I know of a few very bright people who choose to treat others poorly, and quite honestly I don't have much time for them. To the other extreme, I know of some people who are also very intelligent, but treat colleagues and others with kindness and respect and I am in awe of their circle of influence.

People are probably 90 percent of the reason that I enjoy my career choice as much as I do. I very much feel privileged to be able to tell their stories, listen to their challenges and how they managed to persevere in the face of some really difficult circumstances. And I know that I'm not alone in this observation.

I had the opportunity to visit with Ron Seyfert last week before he officially entered retirement. In today's environment, where the career carousel seems to be spinning at a high rate of speed, it is unusual that you find an individual who has successfully spent 40 years in a single position.

While duties and emphasis have altered slightly through the past 40 years, the "people" part of the job remained very much the same. And from what I've observed through the years, that an enjoyment of serving a client base is key for any individual to be successful in their chosen career field. My hat's off to Ron, and I wish him the very best in the future while he and Karen spend a little more time farming and spoiling grandkids.

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



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Carbon Dioxide — Blessing Or Curse

After church Sunday, my friend Bud and I visited about the positive merits of carbon dioxide (CO₂). Being a sound-thinking farmer, Bud knows the value of carbon dioxide in raising crops. Through the media we have been bombarded with all the negative possibilities related to this atmospheric gas as to how, if not controlled and checked, it would cause global warming that would in time melt all the ice caps, cause severe droughts, and raise the ocean level so that it would inundate much of the present land mass of the world as it is today.

My conversation with Bud helped me realize that perhaps positive proven truths about carbon dioxide should be expressed so that people will understand how important this gas is to our well-being and not just about how it may or may not affect global warming. In looking through the bookshelves, I found an excellent resource, the textbook I had used when teaching plant science, Introductory Plant Science, by Henry T. Norther, and specifically Chapter 6, entitled "Food Manufacturing — Photosynthesis."

It was good to re-learn that while the gigantic, noisy steel mills produce many hundred million tons of steel for automobiles, construction steel, railroad rails, etc., the green plants of the world very quietly and unobserved produce an estimated 375 billion tons of sugar (glucose) every year. Ninety percent of this huge amount of energy is produced by aquatic plants from oceans, lakes, and rivers; and only ten percent is produced by the land plants. The ocean area is 2.7 times the land mass. Of the huge tonnage of glucose produced annually by green plants, humans and animals consume only two percent. While we humans eat green foods and grains and then later become the meat in the diet of humans. This is called the food chain.

All this production of glucose is accomplished by the process known as photosynthesis. Of all the millions of chemical reactions, this is the most important one. In brief, carbon dioxide and water, in the presence of sunlight and chlorophyll

(the green pigment in plant cells) must be present for glucose (energy) and oxygen to be synthesized. The cycle is as follows: carbon dioxide is expelled from the lungs of humans and animals for the plants to use in glucose production, and oxygen is emitted from the green plants for the humans and animals to breathe and to break down and digest their food for nourishment. This is called respiration.

What a marvelous chemical reaction! This makes plants and animals dependent upon one another for existence. Experiments prove that excessive amounts of carbon dioxide produced from the burning of fuels such as wood and coal make plant life grow more profusely.

Nitrogen makes up 78 percent of atmospheric gas, 21 percent is oxygen, storing it as a reserve, which has a stabilizing effect by providing a constant supply of it. The carbon element found in CO₂ or carbon dioxide, is the building block for carbon found in energy foods such as carbohydrates, fats, and oils while the nitrogen in the air is the building block for proteins.

All the people in the world are extremely dependent upon carbon dioxide for their subsistence and caloric intake. In the United States the daily caloric consumption is considerably higher than in the Far East. This accounts for the differences in the extent of obesity; some populaces may have a high percentage of obese persons while in other parts of the world many are emaciated and starving. Take note that photosynthesis requires carbon dioxide and water along with sun and chlorophyll; and some countries are too dry for good plant growth.

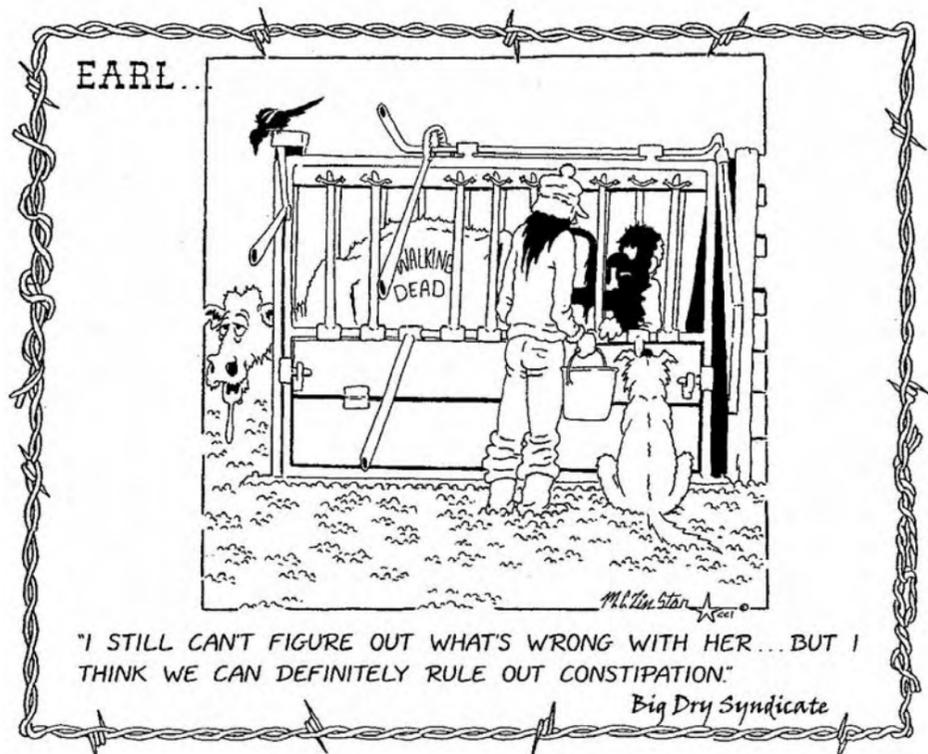
Perhaps this discussion on carbon dioxide will help you to appreciate the fact that it truly is a blessing and not a curse. Without it, we would all soon starve. Being politically correct can be a dead-end road. Can we now realize that all the world's energy comes from the sun? We marvel at the creator who put this all together for our enjoyment. Our place in all this wonder is to be good stewards.

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By Ace Reid



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Seyfert retires from Extension

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feet is more common," Seyfert said. "Power steering was about the highest advance."

Now tractors and combines can be equipped to steer themselves. Some will turn themselves around using a global positioning system that also aids in dispensing just the right amount of fertilizer, herbicides and insecticides on fields that are mapped with a grid.

Flood irrigation gave way to center-pivot sprinkler systems, then low-pressure nozzles that reduced evaporation losses, and, most recently, subsurface drip irrigation.

Soil-borne mosaic that plagued big chunks of the wheat in Ottawa County was relieved when K-State wheat breeders found wheat varieties with a mosaic-resistant gene. "There's a problem we solved," Seyfert said.

Through the four decades as agriculture evolved and changed, there were high points as well as tremendous lows. The swine industry, which was flourishing when he took the post, dwindled to nothing. "I can count the number of swine producers in Ottawa County and have

fingers left over," Seyfert admitted. Other hard times include 1989 when the agent recalled visiting with producers in their pickups, surveying drought-stricken crops which left producers wondering how they would pay the bills. "It was a tough time," he said.

While he will retire as a livestock expert, the overall job hasn't changed much — passing research-based information from land-grant universities to agriculture producers. And it is a job he has done diligently. And others have noticed and respected his knowledge of agriculture and how to best serve the families that have come to rely on Extension for factual and research-backed information. Seyfert has served as an officer in the state agent's association and on the national board. He has also served as a mentor to many younger Extension agents and has had the opportunity to train a number of beginning agents.

When asked if there was anything that he didn't have a chance to accomplish during his career or would do differently, Seyfert only pondered for a minute. "It's been good. There have been a lot of people who have helped me. I only hope that I said 'thank you' enough."

Winter storm aftermath felt in wheat country

The late March storm that dumped more than 20 inches of snow in parts of Kansas was welcomed by farmers who suffered through one of the driest winters on record. In some areas of Kansas, however, the snow blanketed wheat that had broken winter dormancy and was past the jointing stage. The jury is still out on whether that wheat is damaged. Kansas Wheat Commissioner Scott Van Allen, who farms near Clearwater, scouted his wheat fields after the snow and ice melted.

"The crop has a brown cast to it. It just looks bad," Van Allen said. "Some of the leaf tissue has been frozen off and it looks just like when you give wheat a heavy dose of nitrogen and it turns brown after you spray it. And the later-planted wheat looks worse than the early-planted wheat."

Jim Shroyer, Extension agronomist at Kansas State University, says it will take several days before farmers will know whether the crop has permanent damage. "I think most of the wheat is probably okay. I'm hopeful that any damage will be minimal," he says. "When the wheat is greening up and those leaves are encased in ice or snow, the cell walls or membranes in the leaves can break. If this occurs in the main stem, the tillers can still be productive," he says.

Shroyer had not yet scouted any wheat fields in south central Kansas, where the crop was most mature, by the time a second winter storm had descended upon much of the state on April 2. For many farmers, the moisture — whether in the form of rain or snow — is welcome.

Much of the state is still in dire need of precipitation. Even factoring in the late March snow storm, western and central Kansas are well below average in precipitation accumulation, says Mary Knapp, State Climatologist for Kansas. West central and central Kansas, Knapp says, have still received less than 55% of normal precipitation for the year. North central Kansas, she adds, has received just 21% of the normal precipitation.

The U.S. Wheat Associates has recapped conditions of other winter wheat producing states. In Oklahoma, one- to two-inches of snow and rain fell on what had been a severely dry region, although it missed producers in the southwest portion of the state, where hopes for an average crop are fading with on-going drought. Wheat there is heading about three weeks ahead of normal, due to drought.

In Colorado, blizzard conditions March 26-27 helped many farmers and improved the wheat crop outlook a great deal. Half the crop is rated good to excellent.

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DESCRIPTION: Overall the dimensions are 28'x52', which provides 1,456 sq. ft. of living space. This house has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a utility room, and a great room. The master bedroom has a vaulted ceiling with a walk-in closet. The great room features a cathedral ceiling throughout and consists of a living room, dining area and a kitchen. The windows are Simonton double-glazed vinyl clad. Some are tilt and wash, while others are sliding. The bathrooms have tubular skylights and exhaust fans. The house has five ceiling fans along with a whole house attic fan and smoke detectors that are hard-wired. The baseboard and all door casings are solid oak, which have been milled by the students. All exterior doors are thermal insulated. The kitchen cabinets are constructed of solid oak with raised panel cathedral doors, slide out bins, and two lazy-susans. These are all made of Warkentin cabinets and installed by the students. The bathroom cabinet tops are made of Onyx. The Service entry panel is 200 amps and the house is wired with Cat5e and coax cable for computers, phones, and cable TV outlets.

The floor joists are Engineered Truss Joists that are 9 1/2"x28' long on 16 inch centers. The exterior is sided with CertainTeed, which is a Solid Core vinyl siding with an R-value of 4.5 and a Lifetime Guarantee. The exterior is sheathed with 1/2" OSB. The sub floor is 3/4" OSB tongue and groove. The house is fully insulated with 12" R38 fiberglass bat insulation in the attic and cathedral ceiling, and 6" RE19 fiberglass insulation in the walls. The bathrooms and entryways have vinyl flooring. The bedrooms and living room have carpet, and the kitchen and dining area have laminate flooring.

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- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 4 eggs
- 1 3/4 cups cooked or canned pumpkin (I use what I have frozen and thaw it very good and drain)
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce (I omit this and add 1 more cup pumpkin)

Confectioner's sugar, optional
 In a bowl combine the dry ingredients. In another bowl combine eggs, pumpkin and applesauce; mix well. Stir into the dry ingredients. Spread into a greased and floured 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Do not overbake. Cool on a wire rack before cutting. Dust with the confectioner's sugar if desired. Yield: 2 1/2 dozen.

Martha Melcher, Herington:
SPAGHETTI WITH SHRIMP

- 2 cups spaghetti
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 3 tablespoons butter
 - 1 teaspoon flour
 - 4 ounces cooked shrimp
- Boil spaghetti in salted water; drain and set aside. Fry onion in butter until transparent (not brown). Add flour and enough milk to make a nice gravy. Add cooked shrimp and simmer 1 minute. Add spaghetti and salt to taste.

Kay Spoo, Frankfort:
 "Part of my family has always liked lamb, the rest thought they didn't like it until one Easter Sunday dinner when I served the following recipe. It has become a family tradition as part of

our celebration of Easter."
GARLIC & ROSEMARY ROAST LEG OF LAMB

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 6 large garlic cloves
- 1/3 cup fresh rosemary or 3 tablespoons dried
- 2 teaspoons minced parsley
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 5-6-lb. leg of lamb (lamb roast may be substituted)

Combine butter, garlic cloves, rosemary, parsley, salt, pepper and allspice in processor or blender. Spread evenly over lamb. Wrap tightly with heavy duty aluminum foil. Place in open roaster. Roast until meat thermometer in thickest part of meat reads 135 degrees or about 2 hours at 325 to 350 degrees.

Marlene Swisher, Reading: "This tastes a lot like the chicken dishes you can order at restaurants."

BACON-CHEESE-TOPPED CHICKEN

- 1/2 cup dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup honey
- 4 1/2 teaspoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- Salt & pepper
- 2 cups fresh mushrooms
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 1 cup shredded Monterey jack cheese
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 bacon strips, partially cooked

Combine the mustard, honey, 1/2 teaspoons oil and lemon juice. Pour 1/2 cup into a large plastic bag and add the chicken. Seal the bag and turn to coat. Refrigerate for 2 hours. Cover and refrigerate the remaining marinade. Drain and discard marinade from chicken. Brown chicken in remaining oil. Put in a greased 11-by-7-inch dish. Sauté mushrooms in butter. Spoon reserved marinade over chicken. Top with cheese and mushrooms. Place bacon strips on top. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
ANGEL CHICKEN

- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/4 cup Kraft Tuscan house Italian dressing
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1/2 pound angel hair pasta, uncooked
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Beat cream cheese, soup, dressing and wine with whisk until blended. Pour over chicken in slow-cooker. Cover and cook on high for 2

to 3 hours. Cook pasta as directed on package about 15 minutes before chicken is done; drain. Serve topped with chicken mixture and parsley.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
PARMESAN GREEN BEANS
 28-ounce can French-style green beans, drained
 1 tablespoon butter
 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
 1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a pan combine green beans and butter. Cook over medium heat until hot, about 5 minutes. Stir in cheese and pepper. Serve immediately.

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- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (6 ounces each)
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2/3 cup chunky applesauce
- 2/3 cup spicy barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon chili powder

Sprinkle chicken with pepper. In a large skillet brown chicken in oil on both sides. In a small bowl com-

bine the remaining ingredients and pour over chicken. Cover and cook 7 to 10 minutes longer or until a meat thermometer reads 170 degrees. Yield: 4 servings.

The next two are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
PEACHES & CREAM NO-BAKE CHEESECAKE
 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
 6 tablespoons melted butter
 1 cup sugar, divided
 (4) 8-oz. packages cream cheese

3-oz. package peach gelatin
 15 ounces sliced peaches in juice, drained & chopped (or 2 cups chopped fresh peaches)

8-ounce tub whipped topping
 Mix crumbs, butter and 1/4 cup sugar; press onto bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan. Refrigerate while preparing filling. Beat cream cheese and remaining

sugar in a bowl with mixer until blended. Add dry gelatin mix and mix well. Stir in peaches and whipped topping. Spoon over crust and cover. Refrigerate at least 4 hours.

ORANGE CHICKEN
 4 bone-in chicken thighs
 12-ounce can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
 1 orange, unpeeled & cut into 1-inch cubes
 1-oz. package onion soup mix

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with spray. Place chicken thighs in prepared dish. Bake uncovered for 40 minutes or until chicken is browned. In a bowl combine orange juice concentrate, orange cubes and soup mix, stirring well to combine. Pour over top of chicken. Bake 10 to 20 minutes or until done.

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Our Daily Bread Readers Make Requests

Dear Our Daily Bread:

Could you ask your readers if they know about spreading mushroom marinade on bread in winter? I read about it in a book, "The Zookeeper's Wife." It is set in Poland in the late 1930s.

It sounded like something that would taste great as I like mushrooms.

Norma Voigts
Edgerton, Ks.

Here is a recipe from all-recipes.com.

WARM

MUSHROOM SPREAD

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 pinch salt & pepper to taste
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Melt the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Stir in the mushrooms and onion and cook until tender. Sprinkle with the flour. Reduce heat to low and continue cooking 5 minutes. Mix in sour cream and lemon juice and season with salt and pepper. Transfer to a small casserole dish and top with Parmesan cheese. Bake 15 minutes in the preheated oven, until bubbly.

Serve the spread on crackers or with warm bread.

Another G&G area cook requests recipes that are heart healthy or designed for cooking for two.

The following recipe is from www.eatingwell.com

TANGELO PORK STIR-FRY

- 2 tangelos, such as Minneolas or Honeybells
- 3 teaspoons toasted sesame oil, divided
- 1 lb. pork tenderloin, trimmed & cut into thin strips
- 2 medium shallots, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 2 red bell peppers, thinly sliced
- 2 stalks celery, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch

Using a vegetable peeler, remove zest from tangelos in long strips. Cut the strips

lengthwise into very thin pieces. Cut the tangelos in half and squeeze enough juice from them to get 1/2 cup. Heat a large wok or skillet over medium-high heat. Swirl in 2 teaspoons oil, then add pork and cook, stirring, until just cooked, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a plate. Add the remaining 1 teaspoon oil to the pan along with shallots, garlic, ginger, crushed red pepper and the zest. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add bell peppers and celery and cook, stirring constantly, until crisp-tender, about 2 minutes. Stir in the tangelo juice and soy sauce; bring to a simmer. Cook for 1 minute. Whisk vinegar and cornstarch in a small bowl, then pour it into the pan along with the pork and its juices. Cook, stirring often, until thickened and bubbling and the pork is heated through, about 1 minute. Makes 4 servings, about 1 1/4 cups each.

NUTRITION INFORMATION: Per serving: 226 calories; 8 g fat (2 g sat, 3 g mono); 63 mg cholesterol; 16 g carbohydrate; 25 g protein; 3 g fiber; 329 mg sodium; 562 mg potassium.

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1 Carbohydrate Serving
Exchanges: 1/2 fruit, 1 vegetable, 3 lean meat

The next recipe is from www.americanheart.org

CRISP CHICKEN WITH RASPBERRY DIPPING SAUCE

From Diabetes & Heart Healthy Meals for Two

- 3 tablespoons panko
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon very finely snipped fresh parsley

- 1/2 teaspoon firmly packed grated lemon zest
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 4 ounces each), all visible fat discarded, pounded to 1/4-inch thickness
- 2 teaspoons & 1/2 teaspoon olive oil, divided use
- 2 teaspoons minced shallot
- 1/2 cup fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons raspberry vinegar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons all-fruit raspberry spread (seedless preferred)

In a shallow dish, combine the panko, garlic powder, parsley, lemon zest, mustard, salt, and pepper, lightly stirring together with a fork. Put one piece of chicken in the crumbs. Using your fingertips, firmly press the crumbs so they adhere to the chicken. Turn over and repeat. Repeat with the remaining chicken. Discard any crumb mixture remaining. In a large non-stick skillet, heat 2 teaspoons oil over medium-high heat, swirling to coat the bottom. Cook the chicken for about 4 minutes on each side, or until it is cooked through and the crumbs are golden brown. Transfer to a plate. Cover to keep warm. To make the sauce, put the remaining 1/2 teaspoon oil in the skillet, swirling to coat the bottom. Cook the shallot over medium heat for about 1 minute, stirring constantly and scraping to dislodge the browned bits (a wooden spoon or heatproof scraper works well). Slowly pour in the broth and vinegar. (The

mixture will bubble vigorously.) Increase the heat to medium-high and cook for about 2 minutes, or until the sauce reduces slightly. Remove from the heat. Add the raspberry spread, stirring until melted. Slice the chicken diagonally into strips. Serve with the sauce on the side.

Serves 2; 3 ounces chicken and 1 heaping tablespoon sauce per serving.

Cook's Tip: Japanese bread crumbs, known as panko, make a delicious, crunchy coating. Panko is coarser than the usual dried bread crumbs and contains far less sodium. Look for panko near the other packaged bread crumbs or in the Asian section of the store.

Exchanges/Choices
1/2 Carbohydrate
3 Lean Meat
1 Fat

NUTRITION INFORMATION: Per serving: Calories: 225; Calories from Fat: 80; Total Fat: 9.0 g; Saturated Fat: 1.6 g; Trans Fat: 0.0 g; Polyunsaturated Fat: 1.2 g; Monounsaturated Fat: 5.1 g; Cholesterol: 65 mg; Sodium: 310 mg; Total Carbohydrate: 9 g; Dietary Fiber: 1 g; Sugars: 4 g; Protein: 25 g.

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This week's recipe is Mexican Hominy Skillet from Sandy Hill of Eskridge.

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- 4 Little Debbie 100 Calorie Nutty Bars
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Crumble the Nutty Bars

inside their wrappers. Unwrap; place in small bowl. Scoop ice cream into blender. Add milk, vanilla extract and 3/4 of bar crumbs; cover and blend until smooth. Pour into chilled glasses. Top with remaining crumbs, peanut butter and chocolate syrup. Serves two.

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Group to develop Explore Rural Kansas partnership

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Titled the "Explore Rural Kansas Partnership," the initiative aims to increase rural Kansas communities' capacity to become tourist destinations while also promoting these communities to the traveling public. The project is designed to encourage participation and input from rural communities and volunteer groups that have a stake in promoting rural Kansas as a tourism destination — with the ultimate goal of keeping rural Kansas viable.

The initiative will be headed by the Kansas Sampler Foundation, in cooperation with the participating communities and the Travel & Tourism Division.

The Kansas Sampler Foundation will work with partners to develop an educational marketing plan, website, promotional materials and brand based on the tagline "Rural Kansas: Come ... and get it."

"Rural Kansas has so much to offer the traveling public," said Travel & Tourism Director Becky Blake. "The Explore Rural Kansas Partnership is designed to get rural communities to collaborate on a plan to promote rural Kansas as a tourist destination, which ultimately improves the region's viability. By using this model,

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The Explore Rural Kansas Partnership is geared toward the "explorer," a particular kind of tourist who sets out to understand rural culture by visiting and sharing experiences with locals. The

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Lambert to lead ag econ department

Kansas State University has named David K. Lambert to lead its Department of Agricultural Economics.

Lambert, who is a professor and former department chair in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics at North Dakota State University, will assume his new responsibilities at K-State August 3.

"We are so pleased to have Dr. David Lambert come on board," said Fred Cholick, dean of K-State's College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension. "His international experience, as well as his years in research, teaching, and extension, will prove valuable as he guides our agricultural economics efforts. In addition, his time spent in government work will bring a new perspective to our college and the department."

Lambert earned a Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics from Oregon State University, and master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of California, Davis. He also spent one and a half years at Georg August Universität in Göttingen, Germany, first in the University of California's Education Abroad Program and later as a research assistant.

He has been on faculty at NDSU since 1998. Prior to that he was an assistant and later, associate professor at the University of Nevada,

Reno from 1984 to 1998.

During his years at NDSU and the University of Nevada, Reno, he taught graduate and undergraduate courses, authored numerous journal articles, and is currently nearing the end of his three year term as the editor of the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

"I am very excited to soon be a part of a great university that is preparing tomorrow's leaders through its excellent educational programs, is providing research-based answers to today's agricultural and natural resource problems, and is working with the state's public and private decision makers to help them make the best choices for their families, their businesses, and for the people of the state," Lambert said.

He and Cybil Perkins, married now for 27 years, met as undergraduates while both attended UC

Davis. Cybil is the assistant editor for the Journal, and serves in numerous volunteer roles around the Fargo area. The couple has two sons. Tyler is a junior at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Dylan is a sophomore in high school.

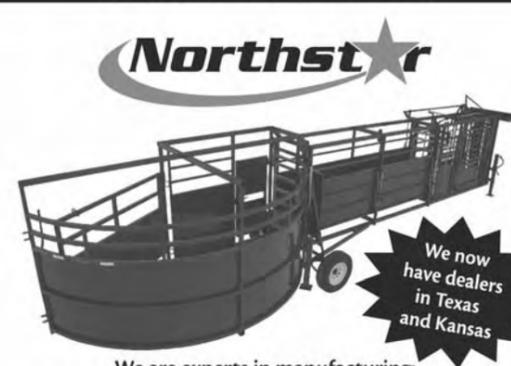
As head of the Department of Agricultural Economics within K-State's College of Agriculture, Lambert will lead a department that includes 54 faculty members, including the Kansas Farm Management Program. In the current academic year, 300 undergraduate students are enrolled in the department's agribusiness and agricultural economics degree programs. The department also has 108 graduate students enrolled in the Master of Agribusiness (M.A.B.), master of agricultural economics (M.S.), or the doctorate of economics (Ph.D.) programs.

The department also has an active research program providing both public and private decision makers with valuable insight into important agricultural economics, agribusiness, and rural development issues.

In order to convey that research-backed information to Kansans and others, K-State's agricultural economics department provides information and education on issues of significance to agriculture and rural areas in Kansas. The department's extension and outreach program consists of state specialists, area specialists, and KFMA economists, making K-State's agricultural economics extension team one of the largest of its kind in the country. K-State's agricultural economists host the annual Risk and Profit Conference for producers and other agribusiness professionals, as well as many other educational outreach programs throughout the state.

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Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith

April Fool



Last month, thanks to questions about how February became the shortest month, I was forced into some interesting calendar research.

Ever wonder how April Fool's Day started? We seldom do wonder about such things. They are just there, included in the earliest memories for most of us, accepted as part of our existence. There are a lot of truisms and partly true traditions, as well as some which amount to pure superstition. The problem is to sort them out.

For instance, if a black cat crosses your path, is bad luck sure to follow? Reactions vary from "of course not" to "maybe," to almost certainly. There are too many variables. If you're driving, for instance, and swerve to miss the cat, you might lose control and hit the semi in the other lane. In such

a case, the black cat might be a factor almost as hazardous as a cell phone in the driver's ear. There's a lot of that going around, too.

Or, there was once a solid belief that getting your feet wet would almost certainly result in a head cold. Everybody's grandma knew that for fact. Any basis for such belief? Not really. No direct anatomical connection between the nose and the big toe has ever been located. Still, in bad weather, an exposure to cold produces a certain amount of stress, which interferes with our defense mechanisms. So, here's another definite "maybe."

But, last week celebrated the strange custom of April Fool's Day, a time which seems to be based around pure and undiluted silliness, enjoyed by all. Well, maybe not all. Nearly every year, there will be somebody

who doesn't get the word, and when they realize they've been "April Fooled," become disgruntled (I'm not certain what "disgruntled" means ... the process of no longer being grunted, I presume, but it's a wonderful word in the context of April Fool).

Many newspapers, especially on college campuses, run a special edition. Some fabricated stories about the discovery of dinosaur fossils in the history department, among the ivy-covered professors, maybe, or the Dean of Students running off with the cheerleaders' coach. Some standard newspapers even have an April Fool edition.

A few years ago, somebody published a story about the purchase of the Liberty Bell by the fast food chain. It was to tour the country, on display at each Taco Bell outlet, as a patriotic emblem. A lot of people actually took this seriously, especially in Philadelphia, where there was much outrage. But a lot of people had a good laugh, and probably another taco to celebrate April Fool.

Speaking of which, back to the question: When, where, and why, April Fool? In many

cultures, the new year's calendar has begun with the spring awakening. I've written about it before. It's all connected to the calendar. Any agricultural economy has a big stake in the coming of the growing season, and many have started with the spring awakening, as the start of the new year in March, with April the second month.

The Romans, under Julius Caesar, changed to the "Julian" calendar, with the winter solstice as the beginning of the new year. Most of Europe continued to regard March as the beginning of the year, the celebration ending on April 1st in a big New Year's party.

Our present calendar, based on the Roman, was adopted by France in 1564, the first nation outside Rome's influence. Some still wanted to celebrate on April 1st, and gained the reputation of "April Fish." This led to (usually) harmless jokes and pranks on relatives and friends. The custom spread to other countries. The concept of silliness to celebrate the end of winter has a strong appeal.

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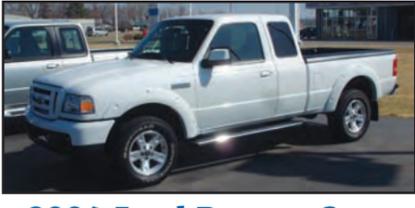
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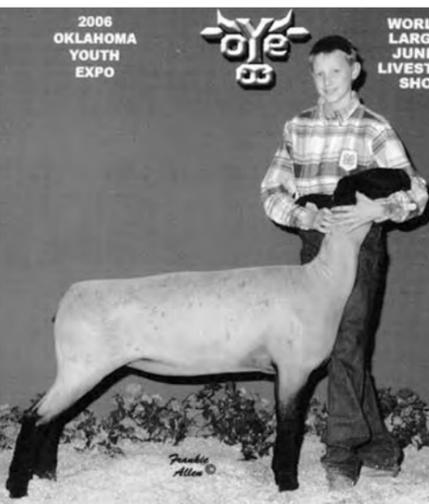
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April Fool emerged to describe the victim of the pranks. In Scotland, he's an "April Gowk."

The Roman church, where our Gregorian calendar, a solar calendar, was devised, continued to operate partly on a lunar calendar, based on phases of the moon. That's why Easter moves around, while Christmas is always on December 25th. It also provides a puzzling side note. In Portugal, Mexico, and India, the Sunday and Monday before Lent, which moves around, are celebrated as All Fools' Day. Well ... April Fool!

See you down the road.

Farmers plant third largest corn acreage since 1949, shows report

Growers intend to plant 85.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2009, down 1 percent from last year and 9 percent below 2007. If realized, this will still be the third largest acreage since 1949. Expected acreage is down in many states as corn prices have retreated from last year's record highs and input costs have remained unstable.

The largest declines are expected in North Dakota and Colorado, down 250,000 and 200,000 acres, respectively. Intended acres in California are down 120,000 acres from last year while producers in Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Texas intend to decrease corn planted area by 100,000 acres. The largest increases are expected in Missouri, up 250,000 acres, South Dakota, up 150,000 acres, and Illinois, up 100,000 acres.

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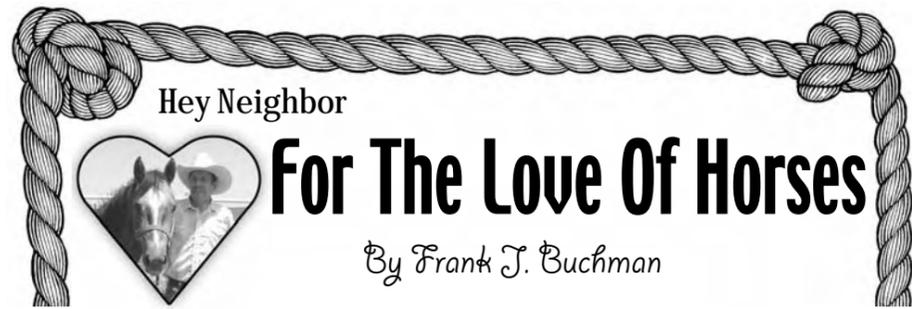


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By Frank J. Buchman

Dentists Are Needed By Horses Too

Tooth care is often overlooked in horses.

Horses' teeth continue to grow throughout their lives, and require regular attention to prevent problems, according to Dr. Chris Blevins at EquiFest of Kansas in Wichita.

"Equine dentistry is important to help prevent impaction colic, esophageal obstructions, weight loss, bit problems and oral ulcers," clarified Blevins, assistant professor in equine field service at the K-State Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, Manhattan.

Anatomy of horse teeth was reviewed indicating that foals have 24 teeth, while there are 36 to 44 permanent teeth in a mature horse.

Enamel is the hard part

of the tooth intertwined with dentin, while the pulp is the connective blood vessels and nerves, and the cementum is similar to bone, making up bulk of the clinical crown. "Variation in hardness of the tooth allows for irregularity of the chewing surface, and therefore aids in grinding food particles," Blevins remarked.

Horses spend most of the day grazing, while stabled horses often are fed twice a day. Roughage versus processed feeds can change chewing patterns "These methods of feeding may result in a very different tooth wear" Blevins emphasized.

Amount of dental work needed by a horse will depend on the age, jaw conformation, feeding practices,

chewing patterns and training modalities.

During a horse's aging process, teeth wear down in

a specific pattern with both temporary and permanent teeth following the same sequence from the lower jaw to the upper jaw, and from front to back, or from the first incisor to the third incisor. Cheek teeth grow at a 15-degree angle in two correlating planes.

As the incisor tooth ages and wears down, it changes from a long oval shape to a round shape and finally to a triangular one.

Foals should be checked for normal bite and conformation defects, suggested

Blevins. Those horses with overbites (parrot mouth) and underbites may require corrective procedures, including orthodontic corrections, he pointed out.

Bi-annual exams were recommended for horses from one to five years of age, as the deciduous teeth erupt and shed, and the permanent teeth erupt. Annual exams are necessary for middle-aged horses, from five to 15, depending on the amount of forage in the diet and if a horse is having problems.

"When horses reach the

geriatric age of 15 years and older, bi-annual exams are essential because teeth wear out and are sometimes lost," Blevins explained. "Minor treatment and diet changes are often necessary before problems get worse."

A dental halter or head rest, equine stocks and oral speculum along with sedation are needed when performing dental procedures. Veterinarians will initially do an oral exam that includes checking for retained baby teeth, hooks, ramps, wave mouth, shear mouth

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Regular checkups of a horse's teeth are needed to prevent more serious problems, according to Dr. Chris Blevins, who spoke at EquiFest of Kansas in Wichita. He is in charge of equine field service for the K-State Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

and extra teeth.

"Gradual changes should be made to the teeth with a mechanical float," said Blevins. "Power tools, like mechanical floats, have made dental procedures easier to treat problems in the mouth, but we have to be careful not to float over a few seconds per tooth and also to rinse the teeth and the tool to prevent heat damage."

For extensive problems in the horse's mouth, gradual changes are needed over time. "This may include re-examining in four to six months to see if further treatment is necessary," Blevins informed.

Impaction of fibrous feed material can sometimes be a

problem in horse teeth, noted Blevins. "Clinical signs include bad breathing, food packing, weight loss and infections of the bone or sinuses," he related. "The impaction must be cleared, and sometimes widening of inter-dental spaces is required."

Dietary modifications are often necessary when a horse has this situation.

Wolf teeth or the first premolar are frequently found in young horses and may be a problem, especially when the bit meets the tooth during training. "These teeth usually erupt at six to 18 months of age, and typically should be extracted under sedation and local anesthesia," Blevins stated.

Incisor abnormalities include smile bite, frown bite, diagonal bite and irregular bite, Blevins showed while explaining. "The longer incisor must be reduced to correct the problem," he verified.

Computerized dental charting is being done for an increasing number of horses

to keep track of changes in teeth and to help prevent problems, Blevins detailed.

"Client involvement and education along with careful record-keeping and following a regular exam schedule will help eliminate costly dental problems with your horse in the long run," he concluded.

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MACHINERY
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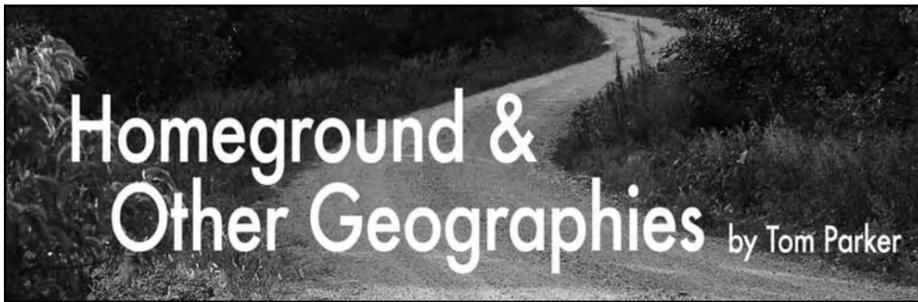
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Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

Exceptions to everything

Looking back on it, my father said, It was a different world then, but what I think he meant was, We were different people.

Different in that we thought the world was limitless, that our actions had

no real consequences other than the immediacy of the moment, which in the end was merely self-indulgence masking a pitiless arrogance, and us too blind to recognize it. Though we finally did.

And when we did, when

we sat beside the Conejos River in southern Colorado, our flyrods dangling in the clear moving waters, it was with a melancholic remorse, and maybe a childlike surprise to find that the people we

were talking about were us and not strangers. Our conversation centered on a rattlesnake I'd almost tripped over — actually, one I had to jump over, an uncomfortable feat not for the faint of heart. The herp's den was beneath an unused outhouse not a hundred yards from our camp (though not too unused), a location that at one time would have been an unthinkable encroachment into our play area. But that was then and this was now, and rather than dispatching it with a bullet I ran back to camp and asked our kids, nieces and nephews if they'd like to see the snake. Boy, did

they, so we marched off to watch it for a while. It studied us with those cold reptilian eyes, its tongue snaking out to glimmer the air, while we kept our distance.

My father-in-law wanted it dead, saying rattlesnakes and kids are a bad mix. That the snake was spared probably had more to do with my father's intervention than mine, though I was prepared to take whatever measures necessary to keep it alive.

In the past, we would have killed it without a second thought. As we killed birds, lizards, snapping turtles, rabbits, foxes — anything that

moved on the plains of West Texas.

But we change, or mature, or grow into a sort of wisdom that provides a clearer map of the fields beyond our own narrow borders, and with it the dawning realization of our own insignificance. At some indefinable point we said, enough. The time for killing was past.

That's not to say that in the succeeding years I've never shot anything, or even stepped on a bug. However, I've certainly grown more selective.

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chair; piano bench; wash stand; captains chair; 3 wicker book shelves; crock bowl; ice cream dishes; copper molds, strainers, & bowls; Bavaria & other hand painted plates; thimble collection; porcelain painted Easter eggs; 8 ruby red glasses; green cookie jar; glass pitchers; Tin Belleville green house arrow; 2 wood Bush beer boxes; marble chess game; cast bug boot kicker; Toms 5 cent peanut jar; hand quilted quilts; 10gal. & 2gal. Red Wing Crocks; brass night lamp; cast wagon wheel; parlor iron; kids tea set; foot stools; set 13 state silver spoon collection; 2 Terry Red Redlin pictures; 3 DU medalion geese & duck decoys; assorted steins; 84-87 Phillips Co. belt buckles; copper boiler; & other.

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Five short line railroad projects selected for stimulus funding

Five short line railroad improvement projects in Kansas have been selected to receive nearly \$2.2 million in federal stimulus funding. Short line rail accounts for about 41 percent (1,930 miles) of the nearly 4,780 miles of rail across the state. Short line railroads transport about 14.5 million tons of freight in Kansas each year. The state received \$348 million for highway and bridge projects through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. ARRA allowed states to devote a portion of their highway and bridge funding to rail projects. KDOT sought applications from short line railroads and port authorities to share approximately \$3 million for projects to build or improve infrastructure. The grants are intended to enhance economic vitality in the areas served by the railroads. "All the applications we received were for worthwhile projects so it was challenging to decide which would be funded," said KDOT Director of Planning and Development Chris Herrick. "The projects we selected will benefit shippers and industry as well as local and regional economies. They will bring greater efficiency and improve safety on the short lines. Moving freight by rail also reduces the number of heavy trucks on our highways, saving on maintenance costs." The number of requests for short line railroad grants exceeded the available funds. KDOT received 16 requests for grants totaling \$18,978,000. Staff from KDOT's Bureau of Transportation Planning and

the Freight and Rail Unit evaluated and selected the projects following specified criteria, such as job creation, whether the project was in an economically distressed area and whether it could be completed within three years. Most of the projects will include matching funds, so the ARRA funds could be stretched even further. The selected projects

are: Kyle Railroad Company, Scandia — construct 2,000 feet of new siding and a new switch at Nesika Energy, \$371,000 (Republic County). Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Alexander — expand siding at Mid-States Farmers Co-op, \$158,470 (Rush County). Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Sawyer — extend siding capacity at Farmers Co-op, \$195,278 (Pratt County).

ta — add siding to handle 110-car grain trains, \$967,820 (Sedgwick County). Nebraska Kansas Colorado Railroad, near St. Francis — partial funding for bridge rehabilitation, \$476,826 (Cheyenne, Rawlins and Decatur counties). Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Sawyer — extend siding capacity at Farmers Co-op, \$195,278 (Pratt County).



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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 8 — Firearms at Aurora, NE for Tewell Collections. Auctioneers: Cornwell Auctions.

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

April 9 — Tractors, livestock equip., shop equip. & misc. at Utica for Duane Stutz Corporation. Auctioneers: Berning Auctions.

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. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 11 — Club lamb sale near Home for Abeldt 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 11 — Tractors, trucks, combines, misc. equip. & misc. at Strong City for Joanne Carter & the late RJ Carter. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Auctions.

April 11 — Tractors, machinery, pickup, toys, guns, coins, antiques, collectibles, household items, tools & misc. at Beatrice, NE for Ernest & Adeline Cacek. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son Auctions.

April 11 — Collectibles, furniture, appliances, household, shop & garden tools at Lyons. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auctions.

April 11 — Furniture, decorator, bronze statuary, western, jewelry, rare coin collection & misc. at Wichita. Auctioneers: Bud Palmer Auctions.

April 13 — Farm equipment at Gaylord for Dean & Dorothy Seems. Auctioneers: Frieling Realty & Auction.

April 13 — Consignment auction at Kingman for Kingman Co. Young Farmers. Auctioneers: Giefer Auctions.

April 13 — Tractors, machinery, trucks, pickups, trailers, livestock & alfalfa bales, shop equipment & tools & misc. at Lakin for Glen & Dorothy Jenks. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auctions.

April 14 — Real Estate, trucks, trailers, forklifts, motorcycles, tree spade, building materials, boat, tires, shop equipment, mowers at Yoder. Auctioneers: Bud Palmer Auctions.

April 14 — Smith Co. grassland at Smith Center for Lilith Sweat Heirs. Auctioneers: Frieling Realty & Auctions.

April 16 — Unreserved Farm Machinery Retirement at Palmer for Wendell & JoAnn Wilgers. Auctioneers: Stock Auction.

April 17 — Land & farm equipment at Lucas for Ronnie & Mildred Bland. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

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, antiques & 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 18 — Tractors, antiques misc. farm items at Alma for Roberta Rebskise. Auctioneers: Charlie Koenig.

April 18 — Farm machinery, trucks, antique tractors, antique glassware, household, shop equip. & riding mowers at Minneapolis for French Estate. Auctioneers: Bacon Auctions.

April 18 — Real Estate, equipment, welders & welding equip., wood-working, shop tools, sheet metal, tractors, truck, pickups, forklift & misc. at Fairview for Robert Peterson Estate. Auctioneers: Roger Hartter Auctions.

April 18 — Show pig sale at Manhattan for Mid America Pig Sale and Buchman Show Pig Sale.

April 18 — Pig sale at Abilene for Five Star Pig Sale.

April 18 — Household, tools, yard & misc., yard shed at Frankfort for Theda Lolley & Nan Lewis. Auctioneers: Horigan Auctions.

April 18 — Antiques, collectibles & primitives at Wichita for Duevane & Linda Unrein. Auctioneers: Swenson Real Estate & Auctions.

April 18 — Farm consignment auction at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swisher Auctions.

April 18 — Farm, shop & industrial consignment at Larned. Auctioneers: Carr Auction.

April 18 — Tractors, machinery, farm items, collectibles & household at Talmo for Louis & Vicky Novak. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 18 — Farm machinery, truck & trailer, livestock equip. & livestock at Wakeeney for Kirk & Debra Hemmert & Stan & Mary Brandyberry. Auctioneers: Stithem & Fabrizius Auctions.

April 18 — Vehicles, tractor, machinery, tools, guns, collectibles, furniture & household at Baldwin City for Mark & Betty Currie. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

April 18 & 19 — Furniture, coin op machines, parking meters, military & railroad items, memorabilia Model T parts, Civil War sword, calvary saddle at Lawrence for Glen "Corky" Reed Estate. Auctioneers: Metzger-Olde Mill Auction.

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. Auction-

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May 2 — Household, furniture, antiques, dishes & misc. at Wamego for Mrs. Leo Funk. Auctioneers: Ivan Seele & Fred Nelson.

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 21 — Complete dispersal, dairy equipment at Tonganoxie for Holton Brothers Dairy LLC. Auctioneers: Burton-Fellers Sales.

April 20 — Chase Co. grassland at Emporia for David & Janet McAfee. Auctioneers: Leppke Auctions & Realty.

April 22 — Marion Co. grassland at Marion for JB & Carol Miesse. Auctioneers: Leppke Auctions & Realty.

April 25 — Construction equipment, semi trucks, machinery & tools at Haddam 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, outbuildings, tractor, tools, furniture & misc. SE of Concordia for Ross Jones Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 25 — Machinery consignment auction at Downs. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 25 — Antiques, collectibles, shop & household at Newton for Clarence & Gladys Niles. Auctioneers: Wade Brubacher Auctions.

April 27 — Rush County land at Otis for Cecilia H. Bahr Estate. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty.

May 2 — Trucks, tractors, farm machinery & farm related 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 Vannice. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction &

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May 23 — Carpentry house at Abilene for USD 435. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auctions.

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

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

If The World Was Up To Me

I was at coffee shop communion with a couple of Nebraska wise men. After we had outlined, opined and refined solutions for the deficit, global warming, the ethanol fizzle and the movement to hold the next winter Olympics in Ogallala, we became introspective.

"If it had been up to you, Jay, where would the world be today?"

"Well," he said, "If I'd been there at the beginning we'd never have discovered electricity, alimony or the four-door sedan." Jay is a horseman. His interest, expertise and education has

made him the man to turn to regarding the health, breeding and training of the magnificent equine. He would never have taken the time to worry about hydraulic dams, transformers, alternating current or sonograms. But he would have allowed civilization to harness the horse as a beast of burden. He would have been quite influential until they invented the steam engine.

"What about you, Bob?" I asked.

"I farm and I'm a pretty good welder," he said. 'A good start,' I thought. For his skills he would have

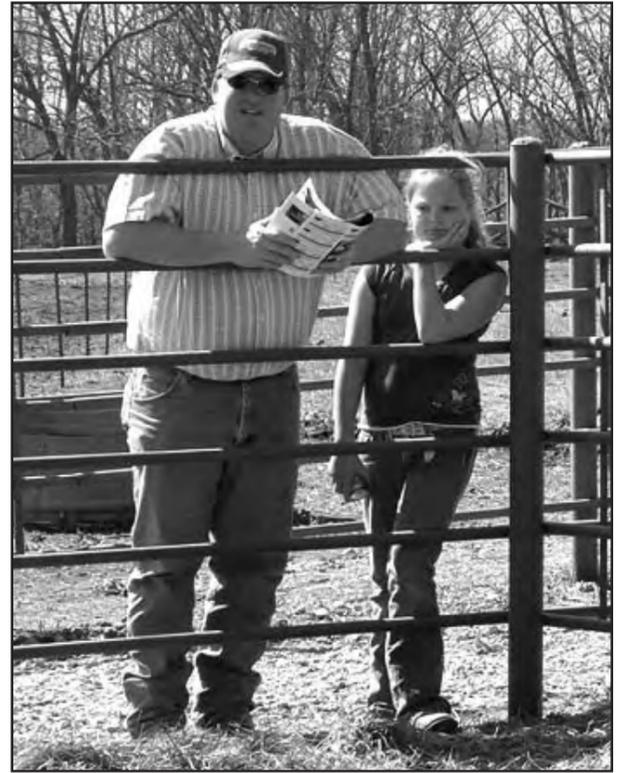
needed fire, metallurgy and the art of complaining. But, by his own admission he probably would not have thought of the Museum of Fine Art, creating the corn maze or Carhenge. Yet he would have discovered things like grain: enough for his family and his neighbors, fire: to keep his cave warm, and a live version of a round-the-camp-fire right-wing talk show!

When my turn came, I realized if the world had been populated with people who had my natural limitations, we would never have put a man on the moon, discovered the ball-point pen or eaten Italian food. We'd have no wheel, no fluorescent lighting or cell phone. We'd never have discovered Greenland or Antarctica, Cream of Wheat, mar-

garine or deficit spending.

I'd like to think I might have thought up palpating cows. I've always had a curiosity of how the body works. I remember the first time I ran my arm up the back of a cow and discovered a whole new world! I guess I could have invented veterinary medicine, although I might have been sidetracked by my insistence on curing critters with chants, cures and cowboy poetry!

So, in the end we concluded that we were glad that Thomas Edison, Bill Goodyear, Snoop Dogg, John Browning and Raquel Welch came along or the world today would be a less civilized place. I mean, can you imagine living without porch lights, split rim tires, droopy pants, the 30-30 or grape juice?



Kara Horton and her dad Matt of Americus enjoyed the beautiful St. Patrick's day weather as they evaluated the bull offering at the Hinkson Ranch just south of Cottonwood Falls. It was also Kara's spring break.



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