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## Water quality the focus of Jackson County project

By Beth Gaines-Riffel, Editor

Willie Nelson sang about blue eyes crying in the rain and Fred Astaire danced in it — we know too often in agriculture that moisture doesn't come in the right form at the right time. Any time it does, most are thankful.

Water is a critical resource for any civilization. While farm and ranching practices certainly rely on moisture to grow crops and to care for livestock — the industry also has the ability, obviously unintended, to taint the resource. Generally, when there is a problem with water, it can be addressed with a few minor management changes.

That is the belief of the Jackson County Farm Bureau (JCFB) and part of the motivation behind their water-testing project.

Denny Ashcraft, a member of the Jackson County Farm Bureau board of directors, explained that the project was designed to be an tool to help farm and ranch families understand more about their water resources.

"We know that ranchers are good stewards of the land, and given the tools they make the right decisions," he said.

The program was a springboard of the Citizenship Science program through Kansas State coor-

minated by Rhonda Janke. The project's home website can be found at [www.oznet.ksu.edu/kswater](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/kswater).

The goal of the JCFB and the Citizenship Science programs is to provide a level of education about water quality and allow the landowners to make management decisions based on what those results are in a non-threatening environment.

Ashcraft noted that one of the biggest challenges to getting the project underway was conveying the message to the producers in the area that there wouldn't be any follow up with the testing.

"They didn't have to report any findings," he explained. "The government isn't involved in anyway. This was a no-strings-attached proposal."

For planning purposes, JCFB operated an educational booth during the annual Jackson County Livestock Expo, the annual meeting of the Jackson County Livestock Association which is typically well attended both from an educational and social aspect.

From the booth, producers who were interested in testing their water signed up for kits, indicating what tests they wanted to run and how many kits they would need.

"The kits run about \$5 each," Ashcraft said.

During the Expo 91 producers signed up.

Ashcraft said that the components of the testing kits were very simple to use and other than the collection container for the water sample, everything was provided for the producer.

Tests for pH, phosphorus, nitrites/nitrates, ammonia and coliform and e.coli bacteria were offered. The levels for most could be checked in a matter of minutes by comparing the color charts provided in the kit. The bacterial tests take 48 hours for the culture to grow on the petri film.

These basic tests, while not expensive, aren't normally at producer's disposal. When they are approached by a governmental agency, many farming and ranching operations are reluctant to participate — simply because of the implied use of regulations which might result in mandated changes or even fines.

"When farmers see the numbers, they are going to make operational changes if they are required," Ashcraft said.

While most farmers and ranchers are concerned about water quality — Ashcraft has a doubly-vested interest as the water superintendent for the City of Holton — and plant opera-



Denny Ashcraft, a member of the Jackson County Farm Bureau and the superintendent of water resources for the city of Holton, shows some of the components of the water-testing kits that the Jackson County FB provided at no charge to area farmers.

tor for the facility that provides water to Jackson County Rural Water district No. 3.

The water for these customers originates in Banner Creek reservoir, located just west of the city of Holton.

Ashcraft reiterated that the producers who signed up to receive the kits aren't

required to share the results of their testing with the Farm Bureau, or any other agency or organization, but advises that if a producer gets a result that is unsatisfactory — it is in their best interest to contact a private laboratory to do more precise testing.

Ashcraft noted that there

were several practical applications that producers could use the water tests for, including testing the water found in streams where it enters the landowners property and where it leaves — to determine if feeding, live-stock watering or farming practices is having an impact on the water quality.

If there is a significant variation, changes can be made that lessen the impact, such as fencing cattle out of the streambank or moving feeding pads to an area where runoff doesn't occur.

Private wells are also a concern and Ashcraft noted that a high percentage of Jackson County residents don't have access to rural water or are not served by a public water supply that is continuously monitored and checked for any contaminants.

Ashcraft is hopeful that the tests will be well-received.

"If only 10 people make a change, that's still positive," he said.

In addition to providing the materials, it is hoped that producers who identify a water quality problem will be able to tap into some of the other resources available — such as EQUIP funds through the NRCS and other programs which help producers adapt and further protect their natural resources.

## Rodeo life was significant for now-retired rancher

By Frank J. Buchman

A cowboy can get too old to ride bucking stock and wrestle critters, but there's no way to stop the adrenalin flow for the love of rodeo.

"I still ride helping with cattle some, and I really like to watch the PBR (Professional Bull Riders) bull ridings and enter the fantasy bull riding competition on



Cleo and Julie Schultz reminisced about their lives with horses, rodeos and cattle at their Schultz Ranch near Alma.

the internet," grinned Cleo Schultz at his ranch near Alma.

But that's a far stretch from his heyday, when he traveled the rodeo circuit fulltime for more than five years and his lifelong profession as a Flint Hills rancher.

"I was raised at Volland and about all we did was ride

horseback, looking after and gathering cattle ever since I was old enough to help," claimed Schultz, who recalled his life's story as his wife Julie chimed in.

Although she originated in Nebraska and not on a ranch, Mrs. Schultz was a talented horsewoman and fit well in the livestock envi-

ronment she married into.

"I always rode and showed horses, participated in a rodeo queen contest and taught college horse classes one summer at Fort Collins, Colo.," noted Julie Schultz, who continued to ride and help on the ranch until a few years ago.

The Rock Island Railroad

Stockyard was located at Volland, and Schultz helped gather cattle from nearby family pastures for shipment to Kansas City.

"We'd usually load every Sunday evening, but sometimes we'd gather Sunday morning and I'd have to miss church. Then on Monday morning when my parochial school teacher asked if I'd been to church Sunday, I'd get in trouble," recalled Schultz, who also has fond memories of riding the train's caboose to the Kansas City Stockyards.

During certain times of the year, Schultz was gathering and loading cattle at Volland several times a week, riding a variety of horses on the ranch. "We had lots of horses, and we rode them hard, but they didn't have all that much quality," he noted. "Now, we have really good horses, and we hardly ever ride them."

By the time he was in high school, Schultz decided to buy a cowbred mare from Buster Wheat at Allen. "Josie Beth was the first really good horse I had, and she raised the best horse I've ever owned, a brown gelding

called Joe," said Schultz, who still has some of that mare's lineage in his horses.

Trucks changed the method of transporting cattle. "Train shipping started dwindling in the '50s. Then they put in a truck loading chute at the stockyards, so cattle could be unloaded and shipped on the train," Schultz recalled. "That's when cattlemen started bringing in cattle by trucks, next hauling 'em out on trucks, and before long they weren't using the trains."

Reflecting on his background, Schultz explained, "My grandpa Gus came from Germany in 1872, with his parents and siblings, and his parents homesteaded some land. Later, Grandpa started adding on by mortgaging what he had. Some of it was about \$5 an acre, or even less, but that was a lot of money in those days."

"Grandpa rode a black horse called Tony when we were shipping, and he had a Jeep pickup he'd run around in getting things organized. He lived to be 100," Schultz continued.



Over the Barn Gate

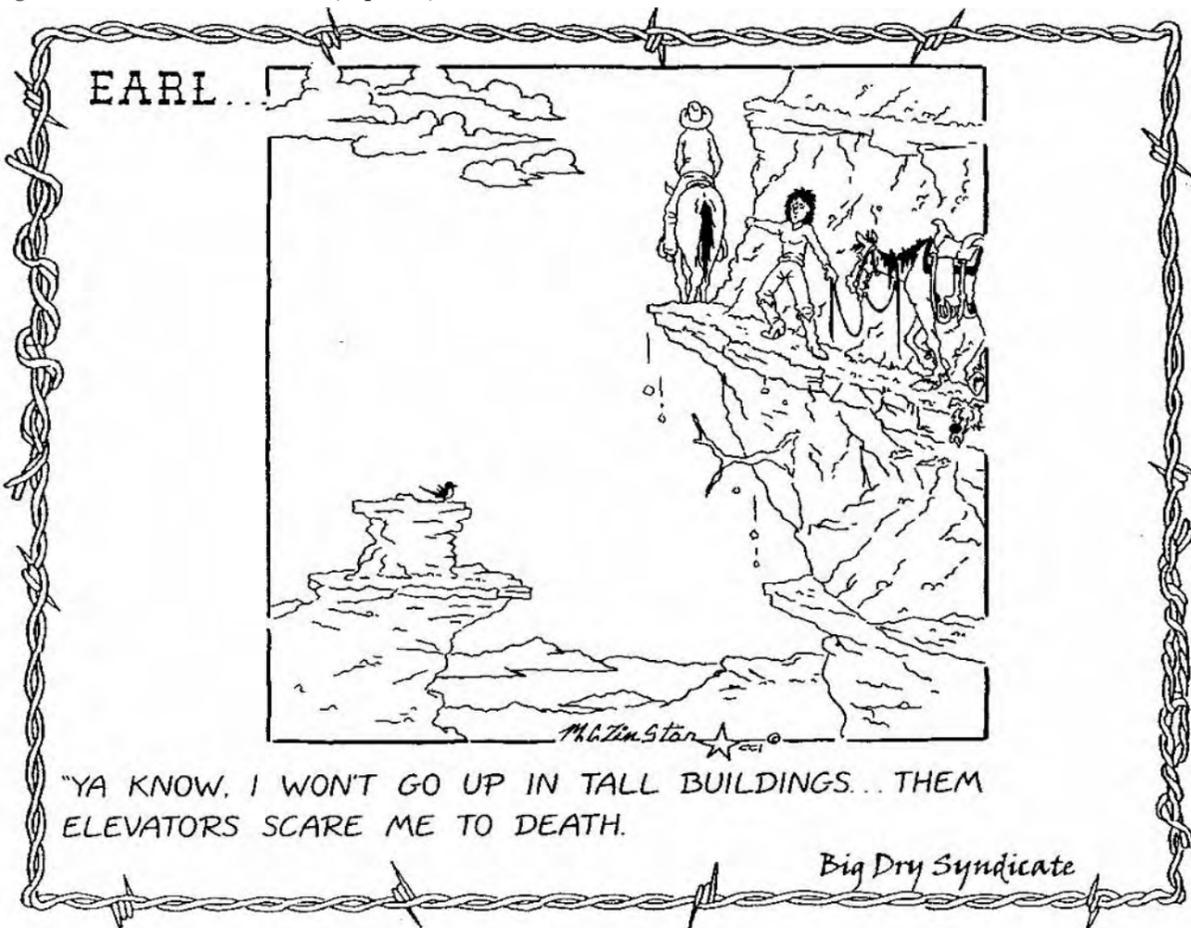
By Beth Gaines-Riffel

There has been much conversation in the past week about planting conditions, rain, cool weather and a spring season that seems a bit reluctant to arrive. I've heard about the above in church, the dinner and read posts online covering the subject. It would seem that nearly everyone is anxious to move into a more productive season — and the planters are serviced and ready to go — if only Mother Nature would allow them to do so. Even gardeners are growing tired of the slow start of the growing season. I had lunch with some friends, one of which, who had successfully planted her potatoes on St. Pat's (mine were a few days late) only to have them fail to come up because of the extremely cool days and nights.

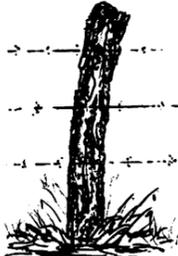
The conversations have mainly have been focused on water — and in this case too much. As the conversation continues it generally doesn't take long before someone notes that the moisture falling in April will be wanted in August and one probably shouldn't complain.

Water is one of those resources that so many of us take for granted, but yet is key in nearly every aspect of our lives. In this country we have the wonderful benefit of having good, clean water resources at our disposal — both for our businesses and for our families. It isn't until something disastrous happens — either the well goes out, the electricity is severed due to an ice storm preventing usage or by some circumstance the well has gone bad, either by going dry or from contamination — that do most of us even give our water resources much thought. And I'll admit that I probably fall into the camp. I harp on my kids for not making sure all the livestock tanks are filled to the top, not just three-quarters full — just as my mother did me — but seldom do I doubt that the opportunity to access water would be there.

As I visited with Denny Ashcraft this past week the importance of water, knowing the potential of the resource and the importance to be a good steward of that resource without government intrusion is clear in my mind. I applaud the Jackson County Farm Bureau for seeing the need, providing the tools and education about our water resources and giving the nudge that many need to be proactive in protecting the water which is so important to our businesses and our families. That's all for now. I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"



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## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator

### Where Should We Invest?

Ever since we acquired the ranch in 1988, there have been cows and calves to care for. Calving in blizzards was the most demanding and stressful time. To unroll five or six big bales and then walk among the herd as they jockeyed around for the best feed was always pleasant. To pull a calf that had a leg turned back was a challenge that made one smile when the new calf splashed onto the ground. To come onto a cow that was in a permanent sleep was always a sad experience, causing one to wonder why she had died before her time. The fact that her death meant the loss of several hundred dollars did not really enter into the sadness; it was like losing a friend that had given you several fine calves. To check the herd at daybreak and to tag the new, often wet, calves before they could outrun you was an apprehensive time. Would the mother back off and let you handle her new baby, or would she shake her head and dare you to touch her baby?

I had fed, walked and talked to these friends ever since they had been 500-pound calves. They were my cows, and they knew I was their shepherd and was there only to care for them. Just a few years ago I tagged 150 calves by myself one season and not once felt any fear. I also believe in angels.

Now my friends were 13 years old, still with calves by their side. I felt the timing was right to take them to the sale barn. Barry, the manager, told me the pairs would sell at around noon, so I settled into a chair to wait and watch for my cows to enter the ring. Popeye was always first for anything going on at the ranch, so when she made her appearance, I knew my pairs were entering the ring. The auctioneer introduced me and my cows. I really don't remember much about the bidding. My thoughts were about what my cows were thinking on this Good Friday. Had I forsaken them or what was I doing to them? Was I there to care for them?

I stood at the sellers' counter

waiting for my check. I looked at the paper and my thoughts were, "Did I trade my cows for a scrap of paper? Then my mercenary mind studied the data sheet; my old cows had sold exceptionally well, and I was quite pleased that most of the pairs had gone to one owner whom I knew. They would be well cared for, and I knew they would continue to be good cows.

Before we left for home, May and I drove around the pens of cattle looking for Old Brahma, the oldest cow and matriarch of the herd. She was close to sixteen years old and had given us many fine calves. It was a very large sale with hundreds of cattle for her to hide in. We couldn't find her to tell her, "Well done, old faithful friend."

It is now early morning with the sun up and warming the earth. The five bale feeders half full of hay are there, waiting for the cows to come and feed. But there are no cows. There is not a single cow or calf on the entire ranch. I keep looking for black cows to count and to watch the calves frolic, but they are all gone.

During my lifetime I have lived through many chapters in my book of life. I feel I am at the end of another chapter. The last page of it has been written. It has been a glorious chapter and one I truly hate to see come to an end. But my cows were getting to be pretty well spent, and my body said that it was time to pass this work on to younger men.

As I sit here looking out upon an empty ranch with wet eyes, my thoughts are on what will be the title of my next chapter. I wonder where I am to invest my time, good health and strength, talents, and money. We are living in a topsy-turvy world that even the most brilliant minds cannot comprehend or provide answers to its problems. What our next chapter will be about, I do not yet know. But whatever it will be, May and I will greet it with enthusiasm and walking hand in hand.

**"If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."**

— Michael Jordan

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By Ace Reid



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# KSU team tops regionals, will compete at the national beef quiz bowl

Kansas State University's Academic Quadrathlon Team will be seeking a national title after winning first place at the regional Academic Quadrathlon competition at the Midwestern Section of the American Society of Animal Science meetings in Des Moines, Iowa, March 15-16. The team also won an on-campus quadrathlon competition against other teams from K-State earlier this year.

The team will look to cap its perfect season at the National Collegiate Beef Quiz Bowl. The competition is sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and will be part of the association's annual convention and trade show, Jan. 27-30, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas.

Team members, all seniors in animal sciences and industry, are Clem Neely, Chanute; Thomas "Bain" Wilson, Locust, N.C.; Anna Pesta, Oakboro, N.C.; and Hyatt Frobose, Pemberville, Ohio.

The team's adviser is Ernie Minton, professor of animal sciences and industry and interim associate director, research and technology transfer, for K-State Research and Extension.

The Academic Quadrathlon began at several land-grant universities in the early 1980s. The competition, for students in animal sciences and industry and related fields, includes four individual events: laboratory practicum, quiz bowl, oral pres-

entation and written exam. The material in the events covers animal science and meat science information, with the oral presentation focusing on related topics currently in the news.

At the regional competition, K-State competed against 13 other teams and took first place overall by winning firsts in the quiz bowl, laboratory practicum and oral presentation categories, and second in written exam. The oral presentation topic was on a California proposition

banning certain types of confinement housing for sows, chickens and veal calves.

At the local competition, K-State competed against 11 other teams and placed first in every category. The oral presentation topic was on country of origin labeling.

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# GRASS & GRAIN Our Daily Bread

\*\*\*\*\* By G&G Area Cooks \*\*\*\*\*

## Millie Conger, Tecumseh, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest

Winner Millie Conger, Tecumseh:  
**SWIRL BARS**

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup quick-cook oats
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

**Icing:**

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons milk

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9-by-13-inch pan with cooking spray. In a bowl beat the butter, sugars, peanut butter and vanilla until smooth. In a bowl whisk flour, oats and salt. On low speed beat flour mixture into butter mixture until just combined. Press dough into pan. Evenly sprinkle chips over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Remove from oven. In bowl, blend icing ingredients until smooth. Pour icing over the uncut bars while still warm and swirl chips with icing. Cool.

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Louise Yarrow, Wakefield: "An easy dessert to make. Goes great with any meal or just a dessert to serve."

**ANGEL**

**TOFFEE DESSERT**

- (2) 3-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 8-ounce carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 5 cups cubed angel food cake
- 1/2 cup chocolate syrup
- 1/2 cup toffee bits

In a mixing bowl beat the cream cheese, sugar and milk until smooth. Fold in

the whipped topping. Arrange angel food cake cubes in an ungreased 11-by-7-by-2-inch dish. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Set aside 1 tablespoon toffee bits; sprinkle the remaining toffee bits over chocolate. Spread cream cheese mixture over top. Sprinkle with remaining toffee bits. Cover and chill until serving. Store leftovers in the refrigerator. Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

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Gin Fox, Holton:

**BAKED**

**SPAGHETTI**

8 ounces spaghetti

- 10-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 pounds ground beef
- (2) 10 3/4-ounce cans tomato soup
- 1 large onion
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 cups shredded cheese

Break spaghetti into 3-inch lengths. Cook in boiling water; drain. Brown ground beef, onion and pepper. Add soup, milk and 1 cup of the cheese. Combine the spaghetti and meat mixture and pour into a 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "Really good salad. This is also an old family recipe passed down from my mother."

**PINEAPPLE SALAD**

- 1 large can pineapple, drained (crushed or cubed)
- 1 cup small marshmallows
- 1/2 cup nutmeats
- 1 cup longhorn cheese, diced
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons butter

Combine juice of pineapple, sugar, egg and flour and cook until thickened. Add butter and set aside to cool. Mix pineapple, nuts, marshmallows and cheese. Pour dressing over all mixture. Chill in refrigerator.

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Kellee Rogers, Topeka:

**GOLDEN**

**RAISIN RICE**

- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 2 tablespoons water
- 8.8-ounce bag ready rice pilaf, cooked according to

package directions & kept warm (I use Uncle Ben's) 2 tablespoons chopped green onions

In a bowl combine raisins and water. Cover and microwave on high 1 minute or until raisins begin to plump and soften. Drain water from raisins, discarding water. In a bowl combine cooked rice, raisins and green onion, stirring well to combine.

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Mary Rogers, Topeka:

**SPINACH & HEARTS OF PALM SALAD**

- 14-ounce can hearts of palm, drained & sliced crosswise
- 6-ounce bag fresh baby spinach, washed
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest, about 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon, about 1 lemon
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

In a bowl combine hearts of palm and spinach. In a bowl combine lemon zest and juice. Slowly add olive oil whisking to combine. Add salt and pepper whisking to combine. Pour lemon mixture over spinach mixture tossing gently to coat.

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The next two recipes are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

- NUTMEG COFFEE CAKE**
- 2 cups flour

- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, unsalted & cut into small pieces
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix the flour and brown sugar in a bowl. Cut in the butter until mixture looks like sand. Spoon half the mixture into a 9-inch pan, evenly pressing over the bottom. Mix egg, sour cream, nutmeg and baking soda into the flour mixture you didn't use for crust, until well combined. Spoon the batter over the mixture in the pan, spreading evenly. Mix the walnuts and cinnamon in a bowl and evenly sprinkle over the batter. Bake for 40 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool or eat warm.

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**REFRIED BLACK BEANS**

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- (5) 15.5-ounce cans black beans, drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with spray. In a large skillet melt butter over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in seasoning. Add beans to skillet, 1 can at a time and cook, mashing constantly over medium heat for approximately 15 minutes or until desired consistency. Spoon mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake, uncovered, for 20 to 30 minutes until heated through.

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The following two recipes are from Allrecipes.com website:

**Chili Colorado**

*"Rich and hearty, this chunky pork stew gets its sizzle from chili powder, cumin, and garlic powder, and simmers on the stovetop for two hours to intensify its flavor."*

- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless pork, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon bacon drippings, or vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 4-ounce can tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt & black pepper to taste
- 3 cups water

Place 3 tablespoons flour in a plastic bag. Add pork and shake to lightly coat with flour; set aside. Heat bacon drip-

pings or vegetable oil in a Dutch oven over medium high heat. Add pork and cook until meat is evenly browned, about 5 to 8 minutes. Stir in 1 tablespoon flour, and cook 3 minutes. Stir in the onion, tomato sauce, chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and water. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium low and simmer until pork is just falling apart, about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Servings: 4.

**Ham and Cheese Breakfast Casserole**

*"A hearty ham and cheese breakfast casserole with a crispy cornflakes topping."*

- (18 1-ounce slices white bread, cubed
- 8 ounces cooked ham, cubed
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups diced Swiss cheese
- 6 eggs
- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder

2 cups crushed cornflakes cereal

1/2 cup butter, melted

Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Line the bottom of the dish with half the bread cubes. Sprinkle with ham, cheddar cheese, and Swiss cheese, and top with remaining bread. In a bowl, beat together the eggs, milk, and onion powder. Pour evenly over bread. Cover, and refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a small bowl, blend the crushed cornflakes and melted butter. Spread evenly over the casserole. Bake 40 minutes in the preheated oven, or until bubbly and golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Servings: 12

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This recipe is from the K-State Research and Extension Family Nutrition Program. Website: www.kidsa.cookin.ksu.edu

**Breakfast Banana Split**  
*Kids will find this breakfast very "a-peeling"!*

- 1 small banana
- 1/2 cup crunchy nugget cereal or favorite oat or corn cereal
- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla, blueberry or strawberry yogurt or cottage cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon honey
- 1/2 cup pineapple tidbits
- Maraschino cherries, optional

Peel and split banana lengthwise and place in banana split dish or cereal bowl. Sprinkle cereal over banana, reserving some for topping. Spoon yogurt or cottage cheese on top and drizzle with honey. Decorate your dish with reserved cereal, pineapple and cherries.

Nutrition Facts: One banana split provides 480 calories, 3g total fat, 10mg cholesterol, 430mg sodium, 107g total carbohydrate.

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For example, since north-

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# Colorful memories of rodeo life shared by Schultzes

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"My dad, Art, and my Uncle Bill continued handling cattle, but after they both passed away, the land holdings have been split up, and some of it has been dispersed."

Rodeo itch was strong as Schultz was helping with cattle work on the ranch. "Some of my friends liked to rope, but Dad wouldn't ever let us rope the cattle," Schultz reflected. "So when I'd go to the local rodeos and shodeos with my buddies, I'd enter the cow riding or steer riding."

When he went to the Fourth of July Rodeo at Council Grove in 1955, Schultz got on his first bucking bull. "The entry fee was \$5; I won second place and got \$12. I'll never forget that day," insisted Schultz, who was instantly hooked on rodeo competition and entered more rodeos the rest of the year.

However, the next spring, Schultz volunteered for the Navy and served for about two years on the West Coast and in Australia. "My good mare had her first colt, the one I named Joe, by Ready Money W right before I left," he mentioned.

Upon return from the Navy, Schultz knew he wanted to hit the rodeo circuit, so he got a job working for rodeo contractor Emmett Roberts at Strong City. "I only worked for him six months, but I learned a lot. He did many interesting things with his livestock," remarked Schultz, who recalls feeding with teams of mules and breaking horses.

Of course, Schultz went to all of the rodeos contracted that spring by Roberts Rodeo Company.

"But I wanted to go to more rodeos, so after the Fourth of July I started riding the circuit on a permit," Schultz commented. "I didn't rodeo full time until 1959, and got my RCA (Rodeo Cowboy's Association) card. If I'd done it a year earlier, I'd be qualified for a Gold Card (in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association)."

By that time, Schultz was a two-event cowboy, entering both the bull riding and the bareback bronc riding. "I never did ride any saddle broncs," he verified. However, when contesting at rodeos back East, Schultz started doing some bulldogging. "We were competing on a hard ol' race track, and I took some

bad wrecks," he declared.

That didn't stop him, as the steer wrestling fever hit, and Schultz continued to practice and enter that event as well.

He spent one winter at Turk Robinson's place in Hugo, Okla., where Todd Whatley, a top 'dogger, worked with him. "Todd is the one who really taught me how to bulldog," credited Schultz, who was now a three-event competitor, renting horses to steer wrestle.

That first trophy buckle always sticks with a rodeo winner, and Schultz vividly

recalls when he won the bareback riding at Sikeston, Mo., in a two head go round.

"I won the first go, and we were in wild horse race too, where our horse ran into me and cracked my ribs. I still got on my second bronc and made the whistle, so I won my first buckle, which I still have," Schultz said.

It's like a map of the United States as Schultz recites the rodeos he entered across the entire country's width and depth. Some of the most prominent rodeos include

Cheyenne, Denver, Houston, Spokane and Calgary, Canada. "We drove to all of the rodeos. We never did fly like they do nowadays," Schultz related.

With enough winnings to support himself, Schultz admitted times were often tough.

"Several of us would travel together, and we'd usually just get one motel room. It'd cost \$8 a night, but that was only \$2 apiece when we divided it up," he tallied.

While impossible to remember all of his winnings, Schultz pointed out, "The best two weeks I ever had was when I won the bull riding at Memphis and was third at Tupelo." Also especially memorable to Schultz are when he placed sixth at Houston and the time he won second at Baton Rouge.

Schultz' best bull ride, in his opinion, was on Ole Speck at North Platte in 1963. "He hadn't been ridden often, and I won the go round on him. I also won some in the bulldogging there, so I'd have won the all-around, but they didn't give an award for it," he

reviewed.

Questioned about his best rough stock event, Schultz replied, "It had to be bull riding. I could mark the barebacks pretty high when they jumped and kicked out across the arena, but if they bucked real hard, I sometimes didn't spur 'em as well. I wouldn't get bucked off, but I'd end up with my spurs in the cinch."

A 4.1 second run at Guyton, Okla., was his best time in steer wrestling. "I was in first, and then Sonny Worrell came up and bulldogged his in 4 flat," Schultz confirmed.

Along with the five buckles, trophies and other awards Schultz collected is the all around saddle he won at Marion, Ill. "I won the bareback riding and placed in the bull riding



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and the 'dogging. I still have that saddle," he shared.

After Schultz got married in 1962, his rodeo schedule tapered off. "We lived in Alma, and I started working the night shift at Goodyear in 1963. I also ran 100 cows in pastures rented from Grandpa, so I couldn't go to as many rodeos," expressed Schultz, who continued weekend competition regularly for another five years.

When an opportunity came up in 1966 to buy their native stone home, along with 160 acres, the Schultzes moved back to the Flint Hills, where they've lived since. After the death of his father in 1972, the couple formed a cattle partnership, known as Schultz Brothers Ranch, with his brother, Keith, and his wife, Carol.

"We had a cow herd, up to 500 pairs at one point, summer grazed the calves and finished them at the Flint Hills Feedlot in Emporia," Schultz indicated. "We also had other cattle, did custom grazing and farmed a lot to raise the feed."

As much as he would liked to have continued rodeo competition, ranch work and maturity hindered that. "I did bulldog at a couple of Old Timers Rodeos in Manhattan and Strong City," Schultz informed.

Still not an arena competitor in roping, Schultz became a roper out of necessity catching calving heifers and for other cattle doctoring. "That brown gelding I raised called Joe was still the best horse I ever had. I did bulldog on him in rodeos and used him in everything that needed done here on the ranch," Schultz verified.

The Schultzes have two children, Scott and Jamie. "Scott never had much interest in rodeo, but he helped us on the ranch and even rode calves at the 4-H rodeo to please me," Schultz described. "Jamie has always liked to be on the back of a horse, and the faster the better for her. She helped with all of the cattle work."

Contending there is no correlation between the surgeries he's required in

recent years on hips, shoulders and back and his rodeo career, Schultz has slowed considerably and is retired from fulltime ranch work. Still, he has an active interest in all proceedings and assists whenever possible.

"The ranch operations have been turned over to Jamie Schultz and her husband, Tom Maue. They have a cow herd, graze cattle and also do some custom grazing," Schultz stated. "They have had a ranch rodeo team and competed successfully over a wide area."

Son Scott is a rural water district manager at Baldwin and has two grown children, a son and daughter,

while Jamie's two sons are completing their high school and college educations. "Our grandchildren were exposed to horses and the ranch life, but they haven't had a great deal of interest," Schultz cited.

Generally raising a couple of foals annually, Schultz would use them on the ranch and then often merchandize those that he didn't want. "We have four horses now, more than we really need, but we still like to have them," he confirmed.

A lot has changed in ranch life and rodeo world since Schultz was going at full steam.

"This horse market has really gotten tough since

they have stopped the slaughter, and then the wild mustangs we're paying for with our taxes make it even worse," evaluated Schultz. "Horse prices will probably come back up, but ranches don't use horses like they used to, so we don't need as many horses as we did."

Economy of the rodeo world has changed considerably, with expenses much higher, but prize money has also multiplied, Schultz critiqued.

"The cowboys today are better than they've ever been. Many of them are really top athletes," he recognized. "The bulls are tougher than they used to

be, but the broncs aren't a lot different. There are plenty of bull riders, but there's a shortage of bronc riders."

Following family and ranch activities along with traveling on a limited basis, Cleo and Julie Schultz go to area rodeos and have been to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. They watch bull riding and rodeos on television, but what gets Schultz most excited is the PBR fantasy contests weekends on the internet.

"I've been ranking in the top one percent picking the bull riders and higher than that on the bulls. I enter for myself and for

Julie, and my picks for her have been better than mine. I still haven't won it all yet, but I'm getting closer," Schultz granted.

With a stenciled-steel bull rider beside the CS brand on the gate, over the cattleguard, leading into the Schultz Ranch headquarters on the Skyline Mill Creek Scenic Drive, one gets an inclination that Schultz has rodeo interests.

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# High quality internet access should be available to farm and ranch families

Unserved and underserved rural areas should be the priority for more than \$7 billion in funding to implement new high-speed broadband Internet access, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation. In comments to two federal agencies, AFBF stated that broadband service would bolster rural communities and families by giving them enhanced access to health care, education and business opportunities.

The Agriculture Department's Rural Utilities Service and the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration requested comments on both allocation of the funding and implementation of new broadband services. In response, AFBF pointed out that the intent of Congress in recently passed legislation was to provide broadband services to unserved and underserved areas of the nation.

"America's farmers and ranchers need viable rural communities for the goods and services required for their agricultural operations," said AFBF President Bob Stall-

man. "They also need affordable high-speed broadband service to access markets, weather reports, and government agencies."

The letter noted that unserved and underserved areas that lack access to a modern high-speed telecommunications infrastructure are predominantly in rural America and called for the vast majority of funds to be allocated to meet the needs of those communities. These same communities often lack access to the capital necessary to address infrastructure needs, making broadband access even more critical.

"Connecting unserved and underserved rural communities to high-speed, affordable broadband services should be a funding priority" when grant applicants are considered, according to AFBF.

AFBF also noted that retail price should be one of the primary considerations when awarding funding. In rural areas, broadband service must be affordable for the majority of businesses and residents to benefit from subscribing to the service.

# Fan choices, wiring can help prevent barn fires

There's a high probability that a barn could catch fire because of its contents. Barns are generally stocked full of potential fire hazards, such as hay, blocked doorways, cobwebs and fans.

If you use fans in your barn to keep animals cool, know that inexpensive box fans are not heavy duty enough for a barn and can pose several hazards. Motors in boxed fans are not sealed, allowing dust and dirt to get into them. The dust and dirt makes them seize and heat up, causing them to melt the plastic

house, catch fire and spread.

Instead, a larger industrial fan with a larger power cord would be best suited. Most animals could easily chew through the thin power cord of a box fan. Even with a motor-sealed industrial fan, precautions should be taken.

Barn fires can be prevented with some tidy housekeeping. Keeping loose hay swept and doorways clear can help prevent fire from spreading and

causing blockage if a fire occurs. Even a small cluster of cobwebs can spread a barn fire. It is imperative that you keep your barn clean in order to prevent future problems. Generally when a barn catches fire in a rural area, there is small chance that a fire department will be able to arrive in time to salvage anything.

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## Growers request Marion County Attorney to investigate open records, open meeting violations

The Marion County Attorney has been asked to investigate alleged violations of the Kansas Open Records Act, and the Kansas Open Meetings Act by the cities of Marion and Hillsboro. Kansas Corn Growers Association Executive Director Jere White made the request on Monday. The city councils of Marion and Hillsboro met in a closed session last month to discuss whether to enter into a lawsuit against the manufacturers of atrazine, a herbicide used by corn and grain sorghum farmers.

White requested from both cities copies of all materials relating to the health effects of atrazine that were provided to the Councils. The City of Hillsboro did not respond to the formal request, but in response to an earlier informal request, City Administrator Larry Paine said the documents were reviewed in executive session and were protected by attorney-client privilege. The City of Marion denied the existence of any documents.

"Although one city official denied the existence of documents, and another denied us access, these documents were provided to the local media," White said. "You can't pick and choose. You can't deny one person the documents, and then give them to someone else."

White also requested and did not receive a response to his request for a copy of the contract that the City of Hillsboro entered into with the law firm. In his letter to the county attorney, Susan Hobson, White also challenged the legality under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for two

separate councils to meet together in executive session.

"I've served in local government myself and I understand how important it is to follow the open records and open meetings laws," White said. "We have tried to do things properly by making formal requests for information to the cities. When we were denied or ignored, we talked to the Kansas Attorney General's office which recommended asking the Marion County Attorney to investigate the matter."

The Kansas Corn Growers Association and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association became involved when the two cities agreed to join in a lawsuit against the makers of atrazine. Both towns' water systems fall well below the 3 parts per billion drinking

water standard for atrazine. City officials were reportedly told that atrazine is more dangerous at even lower levels. White, who has been involved in EPA's Special Review of atrazine since 1995, said he had not heard any substantiated research to back those claims.

"Basically you've got trial attorneys looking to make some money by convincing people their drinking water is unsafe," White said. "EPA sets stringent standards for safe drinking water and the water that is provided to the people of Marion and Hillsboro is well within those standards. Instead of taking the word of these Texas trial attorneys, the city councils should have also consulted with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment or EPA."

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**VEHICLES:** Start selling at 12:30 PM: 1996 Chevy S10 pickup, automatic, V-6, extended cab, 70,850 actual miles; 1983 Chevy Caprice, low miles.

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chain saw chain sharpener; 24 inch diameter buzz saw blades; hammers, wrenches, pliers, files, punches, sledges, screw drivers and other tools; **Yard Care:** Echo SRM-230 gas weed trimmer; Troy Built walk behind trimmer.

**GUNS:** Sears 22 long or short semi automatic rifle; Bay States single shot 10 ga.; Springfield Model 87A, 22 cal.; four pellet guns; misc. shells & pellets.

**PRIMITIVES:** Crocks; blankets; kerosene lamps; scythe cherry pitter; wooden levels; potato washer; iron beds; blue canning jars and milk jars; milk crates; cross cut saws.

**FURNITURE:** Bowling pin lamps & turtles in various stages of completion; electric lift chair; couch; 2 ping pong tables.

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## Marita Elliott — Kansas Native Stone Scenic Byway

"Good fences make good neighbors," wrote the poet Robert Frost. Good stone fences in the Flint Hills of Kansas make something else: They make an attractive element along the

roadside, an appealing type of scenery for visitors, and a connection with the history and legacy of the Flint Hills. In addition to all that, they might even keep your cattle in. Today

we'll meet an innovative group which is utilizing the region's native stone architecture by building on it - and I mean that literally, one rock at a time.

Marita Elliott is the Chair of the Kansas Native Stone Scenic Byway. The Native Stone Scenic Byway is a way to showcase a part of the northern Flint Hills region which is well known for its native limestone.

In 2001, a number of communities from Dover to Alma got together to develop a scenic byway proposal for the region. Community representatives worked with the Kansas Depart-

ment of Transportation, researched historic sites, developed a corridor management plan, and ultimately had their site designated one of the nine scenic byways in Kansas.

The Kansas Native Stone Scenic Byway is located just west of Topeka in Wabaunsee County. The designated route begins at the intersection of Highway K-4 and Glick Road, goes west along Highway K-4 through Dover, Keene, Eskridge, and Lake Wabaunsee to K-99. Then it follows K-99 up to Alma and ends at Interstate 70.

The Kansas Native

Stone Scenic Byway was publicly launched in June 2007. Marita Elliott says, "Part of our mission is to preserve the native stone architecture and structures along the byway." With that in mind, in October 2007, the byway committee held its first-ever Stone Fence Renovation Workshop.

There are a number of

native stone fences - essentially hand-built, waist-high rock walls - which line the roads in this region. Many of these fences were built by early settlers using the plentiful rocks which help give the Flint Hills their name. Marita explains that in 1867, the Kansas Legislature passed a law paying citizens 40 cents per rod for building

## AUCTION

160 Acres More or Less, Graham County, Kansas  
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## AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 2 — 9:30 AM  
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Arrow Heads in Display Case; 70 Indian Head Pennies; 76 Silver Dimes; (2) 1853 O Halves; 16 Standing Liberty Halves; 1896, 1907, 1912 One Dimes; 21 Silver Dollars; 7 Case, Knives and 30 other misc. Knives.

## AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 — 9:30 AM

9131 S.E. Berryton Rd. — BERRYTON, KANSAS

HOUSEHOLD: Dining Table/5 Chairs, Swivel Rocker & Others, Iron Beds, Oak Chairs, Rocker/Recliner, Huge Oak Bookcase, Arm Chair, Record Cabinets, Oak Library Tables, Vanity, Sewing Cabinet, Expandable Dining Table, Coffee Table, VCR's, TV's, File Cabinets, Wooden Santa Fe Storage Boxes, Floor & Table Lamps, Shelves, School Desks, Storage Shelf on Wheels, Sweepers, Sm. Appls., Pictures & Frames, Kerosene Lamp.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25 — 8:30 AM

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50+ old house doors with fancy hardware; loose door hardware and such; old tin ceiling panels; vintage chandeliers; vintage globes; various pictures and frames; old luggage; collector's lunch boxes; assortment cast iron banks; nice old toys; various brass pieces; old green fruit jars with Maltese cross and other odd markings; old jewelry and watches; lots of small and curious items; "genuine Value, the John Deere Journey" book; adult saddle with tree; old linens; quilts; sets of dishes; cookie jars; huge volume of other glassware, misc. antiques, home decor, and other collectors items.

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## AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 2 — 10:00 AM

606 N 9th WAMEGO, KS

(corner of 9th and Ash St)

Antique electric Singer sewing machine in cabinet, Griswold waffle iron, lithograph books, hand-knitted sweaters, old hymnals, cast iron skillet, A.W. Miller patent clamp, antique toys, asst games.

Maple dining set w/ 6 chairs, solid maple corner hutch, Weider Pro 9628 weightlifting machine, stationary bike, computer stand, 4 and 5 foot metal shelving units, 4 ft wooden cabinet, 6 ft storage cabinet, McCall cabinet, HotPoint portable dishwasher, Whirlpool 16.3 cu ft refrigerator/freezer, 110v window air conditioner, 2 drawer file cabinet, 3 pc bedroom suite, 4 drawer chest, 3 drawer chest, Jenny Lind double bed, boxes of books, many collectible dishes, Fenton and McCoy and USA pottery, pressed glass, Frankoma shell dish, collection of frogs, 2 doz 8 oz jelly jars, Sunbeam stand mixer, Tupperware, pots and pans, hand-crank meat grinder, sets of glasses, flatware, glass pots & pans, California Pottery canister set, canning colander, relish dishes, wooden bread box, blender, 4 place setting china, granite roaster, 6 ft folding table, card tables, metal

folding chairs, 2 console-style stereos, table lamps, Kirby vacuum, wooden rocker, ice cream table w/ 2 chairs, birdcage 1 w/ stand, 2 ladder-back chairs, VCR and tapes, humidifiers, air cleaner, throw rugs, bedding, twin roll-away bed, entertainment center, 19" Magnavox TV, flower pots, vases, picture frames, ceramic figurines, Christmas decorations, adult clown suit, stuffed animals, cast iron bank, brass sconce.

Needlework pattern books, doll patterns, sewing notions, 2 quilt frames, quilt rack, quilt squares, fabric, doll stands, doll repair supplies, large amount embroidery floss, skeins of yarn, sequins, beads, latch hook kits, crochet supplies, needlepoint supplies, painting books, craft books, wooden thread spools, wooden clothes pins, plastic and silk flowers, wicker baskets; Car bike rack, 12v battery charger, 14ft wooden ladder, hedge trimmer, hand-truck, 8 ft jack post, concrete trowels, 4 ft step ladder, metal toolboxes, drill bits, saws, hand tools, 4in vise, clamps, wash tub, shop vac, drill press stand, extension cords, hand saws, garden tools

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stone fence. Of course, over time many of those fences have deteriorated.

Marita says, "Building a stone fence is really an art, but it's becoming a lost art." This workshop teaches participants the essential elements for successful stone fence building and repair.

As a child, Marita visited her grandparent's farm which had stone fences in northeast Kansas. Marita says, "I always admired those fences. I wondered, where did those rocks come from and how did they do that?"

Others were fascinated by those old stone fences also. The first workshop went so well that subsequent sessions were scheduled. Now some 160 feet of stone fences along the scenic byway have been rebuilt by volunteers during the renovation workshops.

Another workshop is scheduled for the first weekend of May 2009. Participants pay a \$100 fee and must bring safety equipment such as goggles and

steel toed shoes. They receive a safety check and orientation prior to going to work rebuilding fence.

The instructor for the workshop is a professionally trained, nationally-certified dry stone conservancy mason who lives in the Flint Hills.

Note that I said dry stone. This is a type of stone building which does not use mortar. The rocks in the fence are chiseled to fit and are pieced together one at a time.

Workshop space is limited. Scholarships are available for high school and college youth.

The scenic byways are a way to celebrate and share the scenery and history around us in rural Kansas. Marita's community of Lake Wabaunsee, for example, has a population of perhaps 200 people. Now, that's rural. The Kansas Native Stone Scenic Byway helps promote, preserve and utilize the natural assets of this rural region. For more information, go to [www.wabaunsee.com](http://www.wabaunsee.com).

# K-State beef research examines effects of breeding for feed consumption in heifers

With feed costs such a significant portion of beef production, animal scientists at Kansas State University recently finished a study on heifers that were sired by bulls chosen for their genetic residual feed intake (RFI) merit.

What they found, said Jennifer Bormann, a researcher with K-State Research and Extension, was that although RFI has been shown to be moderately heritable, heifers that were sired by bulls with low RFI merit performed no differently than heifers sired by bulls with high RFI merit. RFI is the

difference between what an animal eats, and what it is predicted to eat, based on its size and growth. Animals with negative or low RFI eat less than is expected for their level of production, and are more efficient than animals with a high RFI. A low RFI is more desirable because that animal can more efficiently and inexpensively turn feed into beef.

"RFI has become the measurement of choice in the beef industry, but there is not a lot of research about how cows (dams) fit into the picture or if the heifers would fare

differently on a more concentrated diet than the one we fed," she said. She presented the study's findings at K-State's Cattlemen's Day in March.

"Previous research has shown that RFI is moderately heritable," the researcher said. So she, along with colleagues Dan Moser, of K-State, and Twig

Marston at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studied how heifers sired by bulls with high and low RFI ratings would fare when it came to their own RFI ratings.

To begin the study, bulls with low or high genetic merit for RFI were select-

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mins eng., 9 spd., mileage show 40,478; 1988 Ford F250 XLT Lariat with hydrabed and cube feeder, dsl., 5 spd., shows 15,866 miles turned over; 1990 Ford 350 w/Eagle II sprayer, 45 ft. booms, self leveling boom, 5 spd. dsl., replaced rear end; 1979 Chevy 1 ton, 350 eng., 4 spd., flatbed; 1963 Ford snub nose 2 ton 5 spd., 15 ft. flatbed with bale rack, needs paint.

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**TRUCKS**  
1977 Ford 9000 dual tandem drivers 60" sides Harsh hoist w/Shurlok roll tarp, 290 Cum-

**OTHER EQUIPMENT**  
JD 455, 30 ft. drill, have replaced discs and bearings one time; Kinze 3600 no till planter w/liquid fert., 23 split row, 12 row 30 in. or 23 row 15 in.; JD 35 ft. field cultivator, shovels are good; McFarlane harrow, 6 section; JD 610, 25 ft. chisel; JD 235, 24 ft. disc, 9 in. spacing, 22 in. blades front, 21 in back; JD 20 ft. disc, 20 in. blades front, 23 in back, 11 in. spacing, plow disc; Peck 8 in. swing away grain auger, 72 ft.; New Holland 575 string tie square baler; IHC grinder mixer, Model 1250; fill auger for back of truck, 2 years old; car lift, 6,000 lb., 3 phase elec.; Hay Buster 1100 big bite tub grinder.

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**The Power of Perception**

In a recent nationally televised documentary, an animal rights group planted an undercover animal rights investigator in a production facility. Anyone watching that documentary, whether from the city or the country, undoubtedly could IMAGINE that farmers and ranchers are inhumane to their animals. This is the power of perception. The documentary was not to show the ins and outs of production agriculture. The intent was to infiltrate a producer and expose ANY ACTIONS that MIGHT BE PERCEIVED IN A BAD LIGHT.

What the documentary did NOT SHOW. It did not show the producer waking up before dawn to feed and water his animals. It did not show the producer, out in the below freezing temperatures with a newborn animal drying it off with a blanket, removing it from the cold, and placing it in a warm barn. The documentary did not show the wife coming out to help with chores or the children helping to care for the animals or even bringing a sick one in the house to bottle feeding it to keep an animal alive and more importantly healthy. As producers, we know the love and care and work that goes into our operations. But the power of perception can be great.

The majority of our consumers have little to no knowledge of agriculture. It is up to producers to showcase the positive attributes that we possess. Let us stand strong and work together to educate consumers and provide them with the knowledge to not just perceive us in a good light, but to KNOW that what we are the true environmentalists, the true humanitarians. We are the producers, the cattlemen of Kansas.

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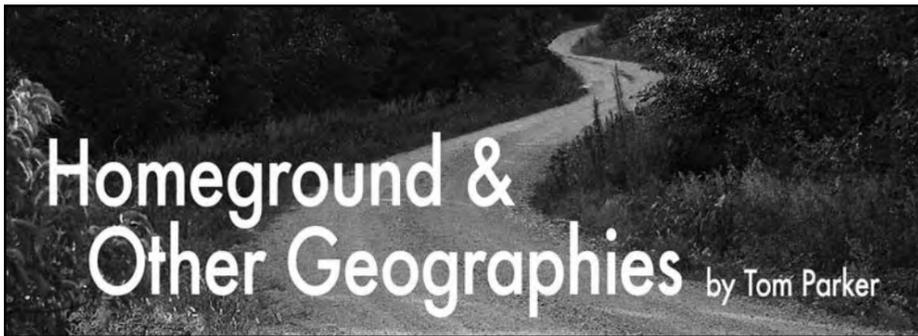
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# Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

## The longest season

Seasons are treacherous things. They lie. They cheat. They steal. They purport to be one thing and are, in fact, another. As hard to pin down as a drop of mercury and every bit as slippery, they differ from place to place, their borders indistinct and nebulous, constantly ebbing and flowing to their own tides, their own

vagaries and whims. Even physics, that immutable force binding creation, transmutes under their influence: said George Herbert, "Every mile is two in winter."

Nor is the number of seasons ever assured, as if the annual circadian cycle could be neatly segmented into four quadrants and left

alone to behave themselves. The tropics have a wet season and a dry season; England has but one, Byron said, a winter that begins in August and ends in July; Maine's summer is mere thaw, Emerson quipped, leaving that northern appendage three official seasons and one malingering; and then there's Vermont

and the northeasternmost tier of colonies, which, in keeping with their white-collar one-upmanship, insist on having more seasons than anyone else.

But not without reason. In New England states where winter is really winter and the ground freezes into the consistency and thickness of armor plate, there comes a time each spring, or somewhere in that shadowy borderland between winter and what passes for spring (in other words, when anything can happen, and often does), when the land turns into a gooey, bottomless slime. This interlude, sometimes brief, sometimes interminable, is officially known as "the fifth season." Locals just call it the mud season.

It is not a term of endearment.

Kansas, being an old-fashioned, plain-spoken, meat-and-potatoes kind of state, likes to keep things simple. Its residents are justly proud of their common sense, their driving work ethic and their allegiance to the natural order of things. If the calendar says there are four seasons, by golly, four seasons it is: late autumn, winter, faux spring and bug season.

If the seasonal designations sound unnatural, rest assured that they're as natural as the hand we've been dealt—sometimes too natural, if you get my drift. As one anonymous blogger wrote, "Every spring God puts the Great Plains on Auto-Smite." Certainly

what transpires in the same time period can be traced to a Creator who needed something to fill an area lacking mountains or deep canyons, and bugs just happened to be it. Rather than being based on antiquated notions of what seasons are supposed to be, ours are refreshingly honest, a truth-in-advertising candor sadly lacking in today's murky linguistic climate where meanings are veiled and words suspect.

And yet, by their very nature, seasons refuse to abide by designations. Take late autumn for example; it properly begins around Nov. 15, past the lady-bug/box elder bug invasion. However, in some years it experiences some of the worst weather, and winter,

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which naturally follows, turns mild. Faux spring is the trickster of the bunch, seducing us into believing winter is past while subjecting us to tornadoes, straight-line winds, hail, torrential rain, snow, freezing drizzle, sleet, frigid temperatures and the occasional nice day.

The demarcation between faux spring and bug season is ill-defined and subject to certain rules. Once ladybugs begin their outward migration from the hidden places in our homes, the season can be said to officially open. However, its true measure revolves on the enormity of the bug invasion and its impact upon our lifestyles. Fifteen ladybugs is faux spring, 15,000 is bug season. Conversely, one brown recluse is an automatic season-opener.

We're now well into our longest season, and long-term forecasts predict it's going to be a doozy. Twice this week I've stepped into the shower, cranked on the hot water, and found, to my dismay, a brown recluse clinging uncertainly to the ceiling. The first time the spider disappeared when I glanced away, leading me to a frantic and ultimately futile search of the tub and my flesh. The second time I was more adapted to the season and calmly stepped out of the shower, retrieved a flyswatter, and dispatched the creature. As if that weren't enough, last night I found a brown recluse next to my pillow, a harbinger of more to come as the season progresses to ticks, chiggers, grasshoppers, wolf spiders, house flies, black gnats, hornets, wasps and other members of the phylum Arthropoda.

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## Researchers looking at heifer nutrition, long-term effects for beef production

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ed from the Australian Angus Association sire summary and mated to Angus cross commercial cows at K-State's Cow-Calf Unit in 2005 and 2006. "There were no significant differences between heifers sired by low or high RFI EBV (estimated breeding values) system bulls in RFI, feed intake, feed conversion ratio or gain," Bormann said.

Heifers in the study were developed at a relatively low rate of gain, she noted. Genetic differences in RFI calculated in growing bulls may not have been expressed on the lower plane of nutrition of the developing heifers. Heifers sired by low RFI bulls in the study also had more rump fat and tended

to have more ribeye area and intramuscular fat.

"Our results indicated that selection for RFI should not negatively impact carcass quality," she said. There is no doubt, Bormann said, that a producer would prefer to breed for animals that are as efficient as possible at converting feed to high-quality beef. But there is much still to be learned about selecting for RFI in beef breeding programs. Several other universities are also studying various aspects of the practice. K-State will continue studying the issue to try to determine the best practices when selecting for RFI. "The bottom line," said Bormann, "is that as selection for RFI becomes more adopted by the industry, the relationships between

diet, growth rate, body composition, and RFI in heifers need to be better understood."

More information about beef research at K-State is available on the university's Department of Animal Science and Industry Web site: <http://asi.ksu.edu>.



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Auction Location: EconoLodge, Salina, KS.  
I-70 & 9th St. Exit 252

TRACT 1: The W/2 of SW/4 of 3-14-1, Saline Co., KS. 79.6 m/l taxable ac. 79.2 m/l ac. Cropland. Located 1 mi. N. of Country Club Rd. on Gypsum Valley Rd.

TRACT 2: The N/2 of NE/4 of 34-13-1, Saline Co., KS., less a tract of 3 ac. m/l. 76.1 m/l taxable ac. 74.3 m/l ac. Cropland. Located at N. Donmyer Rd. & E. Mariposa Rd.

TRACT 3: The SW/4; the NW/4 less a tract of 5 ac. m/l; AND all that part of the NE/4 lying S. & W. of the old channel of the Smoky Hill River, all in 35-13-1, Saline Co., KS. Included in this tract is a refurbished historic school house. Renovation was done by Medina Construction. 368.6 m/l taxable ac. 271.2 m/l ac. Cropland, bal. River, Trees, and exceptional Habitat for Deer & Turkey. Located on N. Donmyer Rd. between E. Mariposa & E. Stimmel Rd.

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### FURNITURE & APPLIANCES - 11:00 AM

Large upright freezer; small chest freezer; new style dehumidifier; very nice 6 ft. dbl. door maple storage cabinet; 14"wx4 ft. tall maple lingerie chest; 2 king size beds w/very good firm box springs and mattress; Waterfall vanity w/bench; night stand w/hide-a-way safe; hardwood dresser; roll-a-way bed; old pipe beds; lg. cedar chest; **Elna SU Model 62 sewing machine** w/free arm, good; nice sewing machine table; nice living room set with loveseat and divan; tan glider; end tables; various lamps; oak hall tree; narrow dropleaf table; 42" square oak 5 legged table, nice; nice oak finish dropleaf kitchen table w/2 leaves; primitive wooden desk; sm. child's Bentwood chair; primitive child's chair; 3 ant. wicker backed desk chairs; hyd. office chair; 3 oak ladder back chairs; sets of 2, 3 and 4 Bentwood chairs; 17 folding chairs; 8 ft. folding tables; card table and chairs; bedside commode; magazine rack and other pieces.

### TOOLS, HOUSEHOLD, MISC. - SELL FIRST

Moto-shop table top scroll saw w/disc sander; retractable drop cord; shop vac; air compressor, needs work; weed sprayer; variety of shop tools and supplies; elec. Husqvarna leaf blower; 6 ft. alum. step ladder; Brinkman elec. "Smoke n Grill", VG; charcoal grill on pedestal; tripod seat on rollers; cane stool; nice Hoover upright SP vacuum; VCR; stereo w/8 track and speakers; 8 track tapes; Kodachrome slide projector and screen; vegetable steamer; usual variety of kitchen wares and small appliances; pressure cooker; huge and small roasters; silverware; utensils; bedding; towels; lots of fabric and quilting supplies; sewing supplies; brushes, matting, paint and other supplies for oils and water colors; Christmas village and decorations; variety nice coffee table books and much more.

### ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, GLASS LATE AM, EARLY PM

Lg. wicker baby buggy on spoked wheels; child's Radio Flyer wagon; Plymouth bell shaped mantle clock; very unusual lions head lamp globe w/oasis; nice old collar box; old crocheted pictures; metal doll high chair; doll w/composite head; old marbles, games, etc.; nice and very old children's books: Mother Goose, Peter Rabbit, etc.; excellent set McGuffey's Readers, 1st through 6th; child's record player; 45 children's records; other 45's, 33 1/2's and LP's; Chenille bedspreads; old padlocks; corn shuckers; various smoking pipes; old postcards and Christmas cards; nice variety of costume jewelry; gold chains; 5" Pegasus tin; Chesterfield tin; Geo. Washington cut plug tin; approx. 40 offer tins, some very old; nice blue granite pot w/bail and lid; gr. fruit jars; clamp on roller skates; chicken catchers, waterers, feeder; ant. kitchen items; Kraut Kutter; cast soap tub; wooden slaw bowl; 2 nice nail totes; ant. hoe; good cast implement seat; set of silver plate flatware; German china bowl; old blue lattice "jello" bowl; vinegar cruets; American Fostoria pitcher, sherbets, platter and other pcs.; other stemware possibly Fostoria; other glass.



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE SOLD FOR HAROLD HAHN AT 10:00 AM BEGINNING WITH PICKUP

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# Archway event marks Pawnee tribe's return to Nebraska

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — When the federal government forced the Pawnee to leave the shores of the Platte River in the 1870s, the tribe took with it the corn seeds that had fed their people for hundreds of years.

The tribe members tried to replant the seeds passed down by their ancestors in their new home in north-central Oklahoma.

They failed. Then, about six years ago, a Pawnee tribal member sent some of the ancient seeds to a friend in Nebraska to plant near the Platte River in Kearney.

The seeds grew. They grew into cornstalks as high as the tallest Pawnee, and they grew into a friendship between the Pawnee and their newfound seed partners. That friendship will culminate this summer in a Pawnee cultural exhibition to be held June 20 at the Great Platte River Road Archway.

"It kind of started with a seed, and the seed has just grown and grown and grown," said Gene Hunt, superintendent of the Fort

Kearny State Historical Park near Kearney.

Along with Ronnie O'Brien of the Archway Monument and others, Hunt helped plant Pawnee corn seeds in Kearney.

But the cultural exhibition — much like a powwow with singers and dancers — is just one way the Pawnee are being welcomed back to Nebraska.

Two years ago, noted Nebraska author and TV essayist Roger Welsch gave 60 acres of his land near Dannebrog to the Pawnee. The tribe plans to use the land for reburial of their ancestral remains, said Francis Morris, repatriation coordinator for the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

"He is Pawnee at heart, and he's an honest man and we trust him with everything we have," Morris said of Welsch.

The Pawnee showed their appreciation by adopting Welsch into their tribe and by designating him as their representative on the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs.

Judi Morgan, executive director of the commission,

said the Pawnee have worked with Nebraska officials for years getting their ancestors' remains returned, a process called repatriation.

O'Brien, director of operations for the Archway Monument, said she expects more than 50 Pawnee will attend the June 20 celebration.

The daylong celebration will include singing, dancing, storytelling and art exhibits. An exhibit at nearby Fort Kearny will celebrate the role of Pawnee scouts in the fort's history, Hunt said.

# Processor installing animal welfare video auditing system

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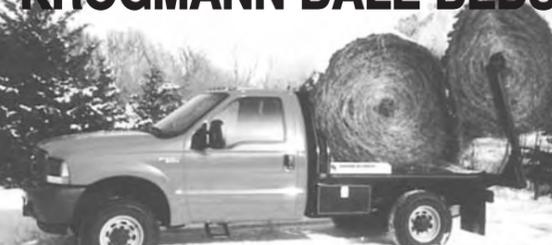


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April 21 & 22 — Hardware, lumber, paint, trucks, flooring, roofing materials, saws, trailers, Bobcat loader, ATV & tractor at Galva for Galva Lumber Yard. Auctioneers: Bud Palmer Auctions.

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

April 22 — Dog farm & personal property at Abilene for Jack Sherck. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction Co.

April 24 & 25 — Antiques, furniture, collectibles, primitives & misc. at Abilene for Cedar Street Antiques and Used Goods. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

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 25 — Real estate at Emmett for Mildred Blaker. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

April 25 — Vehicles, trailers, farm equipment, farm related items, cattle equipment at Little River for Edward (Ed) Joh-

hansen Estate & Patricia (Pat) Johansen. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

April 25 — 24th annual large farm machinery consignment auction at Augusta. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Auctions.

April 25 — Farm machinery, saw mill & lumber E. of Miltonvale for Lawrence Pacey. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions LLC.

April 25 — Furniture, antiques, collectibles & primitives at Portis for Dale Birdsell Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

April 25 — Real Estate, personal property, farm & heavy equipment, automobile, primitives, antiques & collectibles at Meriden for Margaret Kramer. Auctioneers: Wayne Hunter-Prudential First.

April 25 — Furniture, household, tools & misc. at Wilsey for Sylvester Saunder. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

April 25 — Tractor, vehicles, mowers, tools, household & misc. at Concordia for Ross Jones Estate. Auctioneers: Lagasse Auctions.

April 25 — Household, glassware, tools & misc. at Berryton for Rita M. Renyer. Auctioneers: Kooser Auctions.

April 26 — Real Estate, furniture, guns, coins, jewelry, tools, lawn & garden items, trailer, machinery at Olsburg for Clifford & The Late Erma Johnson. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

April 26 — Farm machinery & misc. W. of Onaga for Elmer Stumpff Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auctions.

April 26 — Antiques & collectibles, tools & household at Abilene for Elva E. Nelson Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

April 26 — Furniture, collectibles, glass & misc. at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel 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 & Real Estate.

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

May 2 — Household, antiques, tools, pickup & buggy at Clay Center for Friedrich and Bernice Meenen. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

May 2 — Pickups, tools, new & used surplus items at Salina for K-DOT. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

May 2 — Farm machinery & equipment, boat, ATV, construction, shop equipment & misc. at Holton for Mark & Denise Bowsler. Auctioneers: Harris Auctions.

May 2 — Farm machinery, truck & misc. at Fredonia for Jimmy & Mary Spillman. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auctions.

May 2 — Vehicles, parts, tools, yard items, coins & knives at Leon for Charles M. Maclean Estate & Millie Maclean. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.

May 2 — Tractors, trucks, combines, machinery, tillage equipment, livestock equipment, farm related items, misc. personal property at Sylvan Grove for Greg & Wilma Burger. Auctioneers: Victor Bros. Auctions.

May 2 — Tractors, trucks, machinery, tools & misc. at Beloit for Bernard Eck. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 2 — Auto auction-cars, SUV's & trucks at Junction City for Gross Wrecker.

May 2 — Antiques, collectibles, primitives, crocks, guns & misc. at Portis for Dick & Opal Davis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

May 3 — Antique trucks, antiques, household & misc. at Mankato for Doris & Newell Alexander. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 4 — Graham County land at Hill City for Dale Leidig Estate. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty.

May 5 — Saline Co. land at Salina for The Chester E. & Clara J. Kirtland Trusts. Auctioneers: Burr/Carlson Farm & Ranch Realty.

May 9 — Real Estate, guns, Model A & T parts, tractors, vehicles, many misc. items at Republic for Norman Sankey Estate. Auctioneers: The Realty Associates, Mark Uhlik, Auctioneer.

May 9 — Coins, arrowheads, lapidary at Salina for Torrey Fox Estate, et al. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

May 9 — Farm machinery, hay equipment, trucks, trailers, panels, livestock equip., tools & misc. at Independence for Dan & Katherine Thiessen. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auctions.

May 9 — Real Estate, guns, antique car parts, Silver Morgan dollars, tools, vehicles, tractors & misc. at Republic for Norman Sankey Estate. Auctioneers: Mark Uhlik Auctions.

May 9 — Real Estate & inventory at Holyrood for Brown Lumber & Supply. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West Services & Blomquist Auctions.

May 9 — Tractors, combine,

headers, grain cart, trucks, trailers, ATV's, machinery, stock trailers, hay equip. & misc. at Republic for Glenn & Russ Lervold. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

May 9 — Real Estate, furniture, collectibles at Council Grove for Wilma Bennet. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions LLC.

May 9 — Household & misc. at Clay Center for Mildred Carlson. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

May 9 — Tractors, trucks, trailers & equipment at Hartford for M.J. Finnelly. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Real Estate & Auctions.

May 9 — Cowley County land S. of Atlanta for Norma Henderson Estate. Auctioneers: Joe R. Haggard-Webber Land Co.

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 16 — Antique furniture, glassware & collectibles at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions LLC.

May 20 — Cloud Co. real estate at Concordia for Zeldia Rhodes Trust & Howard Rhodes Trust. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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

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.

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

May 30 — Machinery, antiques, furniture & misc. W. & S. of Jamestown for Heirs of Howard & Zeldia Rhodes Trust. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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

June 6 & 7 — Antique furniture, collectibles, glassware at Emporia for Lucky U Antiques. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions LLC.

June 13 — Gas Hit & Miss engines at Lawrence for Mrs. Raymond (Fig) Ruby Newton. Auctioneers: Edgecomb Auctions.

August 1 — Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

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

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**PROPERTY LOCATION:** From the Jct. of Hwy. 31 and Hwy. 195 at the SE side of Harveyville, KS, go 3.2 miles west on Hwy. 31 to Gray Wolf Rd., then 1 mile south to Soldier Creek Rd., then 1/2 mile east on the north side OR from Eskridge, KS, go 6 miles south on Hwy. 99 to Hwy. 31, then 4 miles east on Hwy. 31 to Gray Wolf Rd., 1 mile south to Soldier Creek Rd., then 1/2 mile east on the north side.

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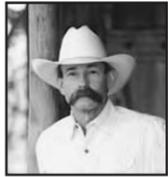
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## America's Funniest Farm Videos

It's curious why more cows aren't featured on America's Funniest Home Videos. Maybe it's because we cow guardians always have our hands full of hay forks, reins, twine cutters, squeeze chute handles, syringes or up the back of a cow! And, if the truth were known, you could stand in a pen or pasture full of cattle all day with your video recorder and see nothing more exciting than you would in a day room full of senior citizens after lunch.

See, cows are not like monkeys, puppies or bull riders who can always be counted on to show you some kind of bizarre body function, tail pulling or booger-related behavior! And yet, I cannot count the number of stories I've been told wherein the dull, cud-chomping, cloven-hoofed

grazer has made a fool out of our Supermanic cowboy hero!

In spring Cowbelt cowmen can see green on the horizon from the top of the windmill. You can hear the tickertape sound of mental calculations dividing bales of hay left in stacks divided by days till the grass arrives.

"It's gonna be tight," said Bob as he tossed the last two broken bales off the back of the hay wagon into the adoring crowd of cows. Pete, who was driving the horse-drawn flatbed wagon through the snow, pulled ahead of the cows and looked back. The three cowdogs had jumped on board and were lolling in the lazy morning sun.

"Bob," said Pete, "I believe that brockle-face calf there needs a scour pill."

He stopped the wagon. Bob slipped off the side and approached the calf.

The calf's mama lowered her head and snorted a warning! In one smooth cowboy move, Bob grabbed a front and hind leg and swung the startled calf onto the wagon bed! The sudden movement spooked the horses! They jumped, knocking Pete over backwards! Bob ran to catch the wagon with the mama cow right behind him! Up on the wagon ... first Bob ... then the COW!

The dogs rose to full barking mode! The horses picked up speed! Soon a whirlpool of dogs set upon the cow! Our two intrepid cowboys flew off the wagon like bird poop on a windmill fin!

The final scene in this America's Funniest Farm Video would be of the horses in a crazed run pulling the bouncing, bucking wagon across the bumpy terrain, the cow with legs spread wide trying to keep her balance, and the dogs circling her like Geronimo attacking Ward Bond's wagon train!

Credits would include: Stunt work - Bob and Pete and a cast of thousands.

# Canola field day planned in Reno County this week

Many fields between Great Bend and Hutchinson turn bright yellow blooms in the spring. These fields are canola.

If you like to see canola up close and learn more about growing and marketing it make plans to attend the field tour on Thursday, April 23 in Reno County. A tour of fields will begin at 9 a.m. on the Clark Woodworth farm near Sterling. To get to the field, go 14 miles south of Great Bend on Highway 281. Then travel east 23 miles on the road through the Quivira Wildlife Refuge. The farm is located at West 95th Avenue and S. Langdon Road. We will be there until about 10:00.

The second stop will be at the Redd Foundation Field near Partridge. The field is 2 miles west of the Partridge turnoff on Highway 50 and then 1.5 miles south on High Point Road. This is a newly acquired tract of land that is part of the K-State Research Experiment Fields. We will

be there from 10:15 until 12:00 noon.

Canola is a fascinating crop. It is edible rapeseed. Traditional industrial rapeseed is high in erucic acid and glucosinolates which makes it toxic for humans and livestock feed. The term Canola, actually stands for Canada Oil - Low Acid. It was patented back in the late 1970's but has been only widely promoted in the last 15 years.

There is winter canola grown in the south that is planted in the fall and can withstand their winters. Then there is spring canola, which is planted in Canada and the northern states after the danger of a killing freeze is past.

Unfortunately, that has left us in Kansas and Oklahoma with a crop that can be killed by winter-kill or spring freeze injury after breaking dormancy too early. Our late spring season tends to be too hot for spring canola to do well, much like with oats. However breeding efforts have improved dormancy and cold tolerance and canola has the potential to become an important rotational crop with winter wheat.

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