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Ranch family depends on rangeland; honored for conserving the resource

By **Beth Gaines-Riffel**,
Editor

"We're a ranching operation, not a farm." And that first statement made by Steve and Marlene Flinn as I dropped in to visit with them about the grassland management honor bestowed upon them by the Pottawatomie County Conservation District, pretty well summed it up.

Translation — it's all about grass, cattle and horses.

"We might sell cattle, but what we are really raising is grass," Steve explained, going on to share the belief that the better "crop" of grass you have the better the cattle grazing their will do.

"I've been told that a good rule of thumb is to take half and leave half," he said. "That and burn and what doesn't burn; spray."

It is this simple philosophy, and a true love of the range, that has brought success to the family.

The Flinns manage about 1,600 acres of grass and rangeland — a combination of owned and lease agreements. Some of those acres are close to the home headquarters, but depending on the availability of leases, they have had some pastures located as far as 45-50 miles away.

"Good grass is hard to come by," Steve added. He explained that each year acres of good, productive grass disappear in the grazing region of the Flint Hills.



Mother and son ranching partners Marlene and Steve Flinn of St. George understand, respect and work hard to protect the Flint Hills grazing resources that form the foundation of their ranch.

"Development, hunting and recreation are taking acres away from the rancher."

He added that the cost of purchasing grass, even if it become available, generally

doesn't make sense from a financial standpoint, because it takes too many years to recoup that investment from the cows. The price of rents is also moving up, partly be-

cause of fewer acres becoming available. That dynamic has made the grass-leasing sector of ranching extremely competitive and those who are fortunate to enjoy good

relationships with absentee landlords are anxious to maintain good relationships by taking care of them. "If you've got grass, it's worth gold," Steve said.

Productive rangeland is a resource that needs protecting in their belief and the family is quick to point out that it takes a lot of work to maintain pastures.

"It takes about as long to clean up a pasture as it took to get it in bad shape, which is usually a long time," Steve said. "Sure, you could do some expensive things like bringing in equipment or doing a lot of spraying, but if you're going to change it in a way that makes economic sense, it takes a long time."

So, with that perspective in mind, the Flinns work to maintain the quality of grass available to their cattle by preventing or addressing small, localized problems before they get out of hand.

"Sure, I spend a lot of time spraying, but generally it is spot spraying," he said.

Marlene said that this type of work is ongoing, partly because bad management of the adjoining pastures doesn't stop at the fence.

"You can't do much if your neighbors don't work at it too," she said. Steve added that it wasn't uncommon for him to spray on the other side of the fence when working in pastures, noting that he gets the benefit in the end.

Locusts, red cedars and thistles are all perennial challenges, according to the pair.

"Locusts are the worst thing I fight," Steve said. "I've got all the adult trees killed, and there will be new shoots springing up from the roots."

The Flinns use fire each year to help control weeds and brush. This method is effective in keeping the cedar in check, but doesn't faze the locust trees.

"A good, clean pasture is also important because we do everything horseback," Steve explained. "I don't want brush that I get scratched up in gathering cattle or that they can run off into and hide."

Marlene added that quality horses have always figured prominently into their cattle operation.

"It gives us an opportunity each year to break colts and put miles on them riding pastures," she said proudly.

Stocking the appropriate number of cattle is a priority for the Flinns. Following the take half, leave half rule, they want to ensure that enough cover is left on the land so that a good burn can be achieved the following spring.

The family has shifted their production system from a spring-calving scenario to one using a fall-calving program in the past three years. Steve explained that he's

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Pasture rates revealed for coming grazing season

By **Beth Gaines-Riffel**,
Editor

It's been a tough spring to be a grass rancher. The sporadic weather, cooler temps, high winds and frequent rains have made it challenging to get the pre-grazing season chores done

for the 2009 year. Steve Flinn, rancher and grass manager in Pott County noted, that the window for burning was short. "We didn't get everything burned that needed to be burned,"

he said in an interview. But despite the time and weather challenges, the grass growing in the 14-county region that comprises the Flint Hills as designated by the Kansas Agriculture Statis-

tics Service is in pretty good shape.

The information for the Bluestem report includes the 14-county area of Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee, Lyon, Coffey, Woodson,

Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Cowley, Butler, Chase, Marion, Morris and Geary counties.

The report released last week indicated that the pastures are 57 percent good and 23 percent excellent at the start of the grazing season.

KASS indicated that 78 percent of the pastures received prescribed burns, down six percent from 2008.

When the information was released 96 percent of the grass was under lease for the coming year. Full-summer season contracts made up just over half of all the lease arrangements at 52 percent. Partial-season con-

tracts are 29 percent with 19 percent under year-round arrangements.

Officials indicated that the average start-date for full summer-season leases began April 22, with cattle coming off the grass by Oct. 15. Partial season or double-stocked arrangements generally were found to start on April 22, with steers and heifers under 700 pounds being allotted 98 on the grass.

For ranchers that prefer full-summer type of leases where the fee is based upon a stocking rate of live pounds per acre, the following rates were revealed.

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AVERAGE BLUESTEM PASTURE LEASE RATES, 2009, FULL SUMMER SEASON CONTRACTS

| Type of Lease | Average Lease Price per Head for Full Summer Season (Dollars) | | | | | | | Price for Pastures Rented on "Per Acre" Basis |
|--|---|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|---|
| | Steers and Heifers | | | | Cow/Calf Pairs | | | |
| | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | With Fall Calves | With Spring Calves | Avg. for Pairs | |
| 14 COUNTY BLUESTEM PASTURE AREA | | | | | | | | |
| With Service | 85.50 | 80.80 | 81.80 | 90.10 | 140.50 | 156.70 | 151.60 | 20.80 |
| Without Service | 59.10 | 64.90 | 62.80 | 80.10 | 123.80 | 124.50 | 124.30 | 18.20 |
| Combined Average Lease Rate | 65.10 | 70.90 | 69.10 | 83.80 | 127.60 | 131.10 | 130.10 | 18.60 |

AVERAGE BLUESTEM PASTURE LEASE RATES, 2009, PARTIAL SUMMER SEASON CONTRACTS

| Type of Lease | Average Lease Price per Head for Partial Season (Dollars) | | | | Price for Pastures Rented on "Per Acre" Basis |
|--|---|----------------|------------------|--------------------|---|
| | Steers and Heifers | | | | |
| | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | |
| 14 COUNTY BLUESTEM PASTURE AREA | | | | | |
| With Service | 65.20 | 68.50 | 67.60 | 81.70 | 23.60 |
| Without Service | 50.40 | 56.60 | 54.60 | 58.10 | 20.50 |
| Combined Average Lease Rate | 56.60 | 62.40 | 60.60 | 67.00 | 21.30 |

FULL YEAR LEASING

| | Cows With Fall Calves | Cows With Spring Calves |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Avg. Lease Price per Head | 137.10 | 137.70 |
| Avg. Acres Guaranteed per Head | 9.0 | 8.8 |
| Price for Pasture Rented on Per Acre Basis | 18.10 | |

Guest Editorial

By Andy Vance

Let me preface what I'm about to say by telling you that my comments are in no way meant to diminish the grief and suffering of those folks in Mexico who've lost loved ones through the influenza situation affecting our continent, nor to white-wash the dozens of Americans sickened with the illness.

That being said, "swine flu" is as manufactured a crisis as you can possibly imagine.

In a classic case of solution in search of a problem, the federal government took the occasion of a public health concern in Mexico and turned it into a full-blown federal emergency. Early on, departments and

agencies including the Centers for Disease Control, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administrations, the Department of Homeland Security, and the United States Department of Agriculture inserted themselves into the situation by declaring a national state of emergency.

Folks, a national state of emergency is when terrorists fly planes into skyscrapers or communist dictators develop long range missiles aimed toward our shores. A few dozen people catching a bug does not qualify.

Interestingly enough, while the story hit fever pitch over the weekend news cycle (April 25), by late Monday/early Tuesday

veteran reporters were questioning the veracity of the story. Semi-retired Fox News Washington Bureau Chief Brit Hume referred to the media/government hyperbole as "insane," saying "Russia canceled beef and pork imports from the United States of America, notwithstanding the fact that you can't get this disease from eating beef or pork either," Hume said. "Besides that, nobody has implicated beef in this. This isn't cow flu, it's pig flu. And, you can't get it from eating pork."

Beyond that, the CDC's own report on the issue minimized the severity of the situation on the very same day the agency was taking part in a government

full-court press in the media to beat the drum that it was a big story. Only a fraction of all reported cases in the US required hospitalization, the disease was not spreading in pandemic fashion, it did not appear resistant to typical treatment protocols, and it was absolutely unthreatening to the food supply.

Why then, you ask, was this such a major issue for the Obama Administration? Look no further than the agency that made the official declaration of a "public health emergency." The Department of Health and Human Services. This crisis was manufactured by the Department to "turn the page" on the issue of Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius' controversial nomination as HHS Secretary.

It is no secret that the Obama Cabinet nominations have not gone smoothly. The number of candidates withdrawn, the number of appointees with serious tax issues, the ongoing string of surprise skeletons in the closet have been embarrassing for the President and his ambitious agenda, clearly distracting the apparatus from its "shock and awe" campaign of proposing the most ambitious social agenda since FDR. Governor Sebelius drew opposition from social conservatives for her stances on abortion issues and fetal stem-cell research. The only conceivable reason a department of the federal government could have for inducing the general public into a panic over a potential disease outbreak is to redirect attention from another potentially frustrating confirmation process and in turn make the argument that the Senate needed to confirm Sebelius posthaste so HHS could combat the crisis with a capable leader at the rudder.

The law of unintended consequences in this case has clearly been detrimental to agriculture. Between market closures in coun-

tries ranging from Russia to Ecuador, U.S. pork producers have lost potential sales abroad due to the negative press and misinformation. While there is no scientific basis to link pork consumption with the transmission of the H1N1 flu strain, these trading partners ignored the science and closed their markets.

Beyond that, grain producers suffered downward price pressure in Chicago as traders assumed pork producers would lose business, feeding fewer hogs, and thereby buying fewer bushels of corn and soybeans. Furthermore, publicly traded companies like Smithfield Food and Tyson suffered in New York with stock prices dropping in each of the days following the HHS pronouncement.

In the context of recent attacks on animal agriculture from anti-meat eating activists, this situation couldn't come at a worse time. By midday Tuesday (April 28), dozens of blogs had taken bait offered by the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS), attempting to link the H1N1 strain to concentrated animal feeding operations allegedly owned by Smithfield in Mexico.

Smithfield confirmed there were no sick animals at its facilities in the country, but the anti-modern livestock systems crowd wouldn't be deterred by pesky facts. Wayne Pacelle, CEO of HSUS told Farm Broadcasters in Washington D.C. this week that his online assertion that concentrated hog feeding was to blame for the Mexican flu outbreak regardless of the scientific contradictions.

This is an interesting argument, particularly given the experience of the global public health community with avian influenza in Asia during recent years. Recall that the most common agent for spreading the disease beyond person to person was through live animal markets and backyard poultry flocks. Because the cul-

ture in Asia is such that birds are kept in open-air style housing rather than modern enclosed facilities, those flocks became primary breeding and transmission paths for the virus. Concentrated poultry feeding operations were not implicated in the disease outbreak in any case. The same is certainly true were this flu to spread via the hog population.

Assume that Wayne Pacelle and his ilk aim to end modern production of pork as we know it, migrating to "free-range" style housing. In that scenario, the H1N1 strain would pass through the national herd with far greater efficiency, perhaps actually leading to a true flu pandemic. By engaging consumer doubt that the evil faceless corporate farmer caused the current outbreak, HSUS weakens one of agriculture's key arguments for modern livestock production: biosecurity.

The bottom line in the case of the H1N1 "North American" flu strain is that you aren't going to catch it from hogs in this country or from eating fresh pork. There is no science to link eating pork with catching a flu virus, and furthermore the hog population in the United States remained unaffected by the virus as of this writing.

So join me in enjoying a thick slice of smoky bacon, a sweet maple-y sausage link, or a tender juicy ham steak in honor of our nation's pork producing families and manufactured controversies.

Vance is a leading farm broadcaster in the state of Ohio for ABM network. An active member of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting (NAFB), he received the 2006 NAFB Horizon Award. As a child, he spent a great deal of time helping his father who worked at a 2,000 head hog operation. He was also involved in showing cattle in 4-H and still owns a small herd of Shorthorn cattle.



Our bunkhouse steps were made of scraps of lumber that in time became weathered and rotten to the point they were not safe. My project eight years ago was to replace them with concrete steps that would endure the test of time. In haste and again with scraps of lumber, forms were built for the steps that would contain the workable mix of sand, cement, and water, which would solidify to form a very hard concrete structure known as steps.

This was a great improvement over the rotten wooden steps; however, I soon realized that the forms made of wood to shape the concrete were quite imperfect. The tops of the steps were too level so that water did not run off, allowing it to freeze into slick ice in cold weather. I also wish the forms had been wider so that when we open the door, there would be more room to stand. Another flaw is that the steps are not quite deep enough for one's entire boot to fit on the step; another inch or two would have been better, especially for those with long feet. With just a little more planning and care in constructing the forms, these steps that were built to last over a period of many years would have been safer and easier to climb.

I offer this illustration of the bunkhouse steps to compare them with the structure and life of a human being. During one's youth — the most formative years in life — attitudes, habits, and personality traits are developed that will be present for a lifetime. Since it is in those very early years of childhood that characteristics are formed that determine what one will be like and affect how one's life will be lived, they are very important years. Usually by the age of ten or twelve, one's nature has hardened to the point it is hard to change. The die has been cast and, like the concrete steps, it is quite rigid. However, there is consolation and hope in that humans, unlike the immovable steps, are able to change slowly and be transformed but it may take a lifetime in some cases.

The forms shaping our lives may have contained some warped boards that have been hindrances to leading a life that is filled with a sense of value and purpose. It can take effort and years to overcome these inade-

quacies. I will mention some of these poor forms that can negatively shape lives and some positive actions to help correct them.

1. Too many restrictions or a lack of them by parents can cause warped tendencies in a child. Children can run with the wrong crowd and be influenced by them. Thus bad habits such as using drugs and poor conduct may warp their lives for years but this can be slowly corrected. On the other hand, being somewhat isolated from their peers can hinder children from developing social skills, being good conversationalists and being accepted by their peers. They may become introverted.

2. Some children are teased or avoided by their peers because of physical handicaps and deformities or other conditions that are not normal. These hindrances may be difficult to overcome but with time and effort the challenge can be met.

3. Molestation can scar a youth and into adult life if there is no intervention and counseling.

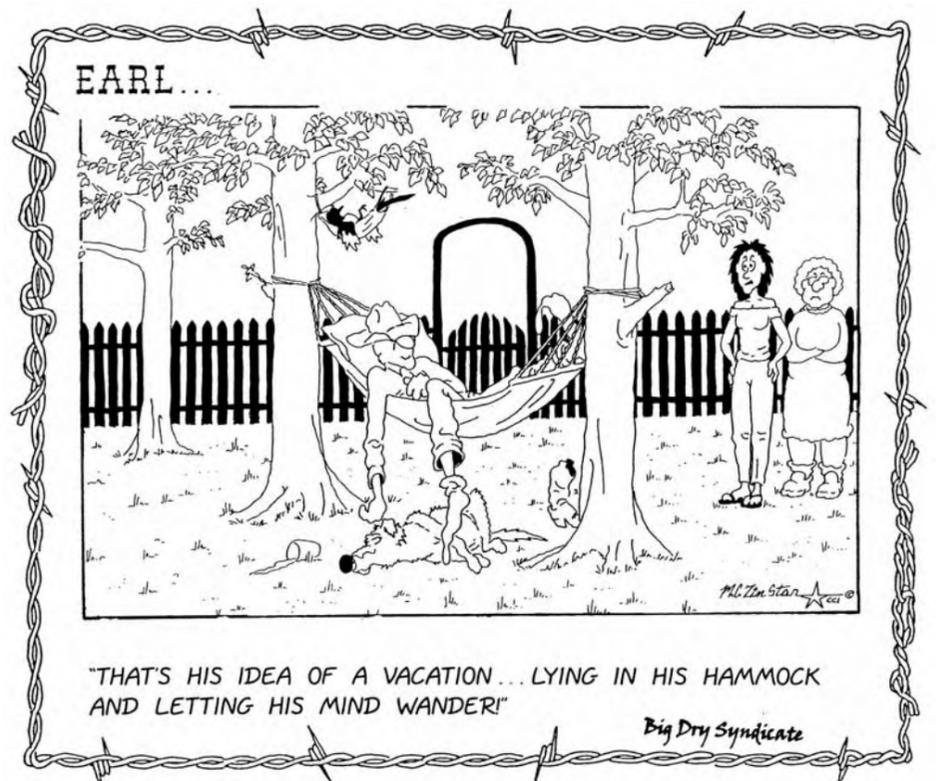
4. Malnutrition can have a big impact negatively on a child's development, not only physically but also mentally and emotionally. Gain understanding on the value of a healthful diet.

5. Illness can impair natural and normal development. These problems may be unavoidable, but proper treatment, understanding, and positive attitudes can help improve the situation or make it more tolerable.

6. Children need ample quality time with their parents, not just to work together but to enjoy recreation such as games, hobbies, and outdoor activities in order to establish good relationships.

7. Encourage the young to be creative in developing their own talents and interests without demanding perfection. A word of praise at appropriate times will help build confidence.

As parents and grandparents you can add to this list. If we can build better forms in which to pour the lives of our youth, it should result in life structures that will be well designed for productivity and greatness. Even so, I realize that almost all of us have to undergo some adjustments. We may call it maturing with age.



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Kansas Bluestem Pasture Rates

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Partial season, intensive arrangements stocked an average of 596 pounds per

acre. Full season average is 281 pounds per acre.

On a per acre basis, the cost per acre with care was

reported to be \$20.70. Situations with no care averaged \$18.40.

Care was defined by

KASS as burning, fence maintenance, guaranteed count and salt.

In the report, there were only 20 surveys returned that indicated the arrangements were based on pound of gain. There was a variation from three to 84 cents per pound of gain and averaged 40 cents.

Cow leases with calves at side came in at \$137.50, with just under nine acres guaranteed per head. That averaged per acre \$18.10 for a full year.

In all, the prices for grass leases across all categories were slightly softer than in

the previous years as shown in the charts, with a slight increase in the number of acres available per head. This could be attributed to the slightly smaller beef

herd currently in the country.

Additional charts showing details of lease arrangements can be found on page 16.

RANGE OF BLUESTEM PASTURE LEASE RATES, 2009, FULL SUMMER SEASON

| Type of Lease | Lease Price Range per Head for Full Season (Dollars) | | | | | | | Price for Pastures Rented on "Per Acre" Basis |
|--|--|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|---|
| | (Dollars) | | | | | | | |
| | Steers and Heifers | | | Cow/Calf Pairs | | | | |
| Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | With Fall Calves | With Spring Calves | Avg. for Pairs | | |
| 14 COUNTY BLUESTEM PASTURE AREA | | | | | | | | |
| With Service | 60-122 | 50-153 | 50-153 | 58-153 | 50-183 | 90-225 | 50-225 | 13-27 |
| Without Service | 25-100 | 25-100 | 25-100 | 25-120 | 25-300 | 25-245 | 25-300 | 10-30 |
| Comb. Avg. Lease Rate | 25-122 | 25-153 | 25-153 | 25-183 | 25-300 | 25-245 | 25-300 | 10-30 |

BLUESTEM PASTURE LEASE RATES, 2004-2009 1/

| Year | Average Lease Price per Head for Full Summer Season | | | | | | | Price for Pastures Rented on "Per Acre" Basis |
|------------------|---|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|---|
| | (Dollars) | | | | | | | |
| | Steers and Heifers | | | Cow/Calf Pairs | | | | |
| Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | With Fall Calves | With Spring Calves | Avg. for Pairs | | |
| 2009 | 65.10 | 70.90 | 69.10 | 83.80 | 127.60 | 131.10 | 130.10 | 18.60 |
| 2008 | 67.60 | 73.30 | 71.60 | 89.60 | 132.10 | 133.30 | 133.00 | 19.00 |
| 2007 | 59.20 | 67.20 | 64.50 | 77.40 | 125.50 | 125.80 | 125.70 | 17.60 |
| 2006 | 68.20 | 67.80 | 67.90 | 85.40 | 120.60 | 118.90 | 119.40 | 17.60 |
| 2004 | 58.50 | 66.10 | 63.00 | 75.80 | 111.90 | 109.20 | 110.00 | 16.70 |

1/ Funding was not available for the 2005 survey.

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MACHINERY
 New Holland 273 twine baler; Krause 14' pull type chisel; Rem 2100 grain vac; sunflower 14' offset disc; IHC 510 semi

mount 5-16 plow; Crustbuster 28' & 36' springtooths; John Deere 16-10 RB drill; John Deere 816- drill; Hesston 5800 big round baler; IHC 47 square wire baler; IHC 36 baler for parts; Farmhand 8 bale accumulator; Snoco 8 bale accumulator; 40' bale elevator; 200 gal. 3 pt. sprayer; IH 6 row 400 planter; AC 6 row planter; JD 5-16 semi mount plow; IHC manure spreader needs work;

Kelly Ryan 5x12 feed wagon; pair Krushman 10-10 hoe drills.

TOOLS & OTHER

Craftsman snow blower for garden tractor never used; Craftsman 10 hp. riding lawn mower; Huskee 18 hp. lawn tractor w/sprayer; yard sprayer; calf chute & table; hog equipment; 300 gal. gas barrels w/stand; G alfalfa sieve; pickup tool boxes; barrel furnace; trailer load of tools & misc.

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

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grinder; bracket lamps; spice cabinet; Sessions clock; Gilbert kitchen clock; turtle match holder; pewter car collection; silver pieces; Cupid picture; Stenberg Harness Lindsborg match box; post card album; tins inc.: 8 o'clock coffee, Lee coffee, Prairie Queen coffee, Uneeda Baker Butter Wafers, Red Dot cigar, JWA Meringue, harness oil, other tins; blue swirl granite pieces; railroad lantern; car emblems; hay knives; cast iron tool box; wrenches; 2 brass grain probes; watch cases; scythe; soldering irons; wood- en planes; oil jars; SSS For the Blood pot; wooden butter churn; 5 & 6 gal Western crock; 2 wheel coffee grinder; Yankee mold; Lions club pins; Hesston belt buckles; Bucking cowboy windup toy; GI Jane toy; 160 collector tractors 1/16th; Sit & Ride truck; dress form; Game Birds book; linens; quilt; rug beater; wall clothes dryer; bottles; egg baskets; wood orange crate ends; cast iron boiler; 7 cast iron seats;

large assortment of other collectables.

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Art inc.: 4 Signa Larson pictures inc.: Lindsborg Mill, 5 Gunnarson pictures, Malm pictures; 14 K white gold Tiffany ring w/1 European cut .25 ct diamond; 10K yellow gold baby ring w/2.8 mm. Amethyst; large amount of coins inc.: Ike dollars, 1970's mint & proof sets; 1992 one pound silver; Indian head pennies; gold plated dollars; quarters; guns inc.: Remington model 10 pump 12 ga, Saxton double barrel muzzle loader, 1868 Proviance Tool Co muzzle loader, Simmons Expert 12 ga trap single shot, Stevens Crack Shot 22; Crossman pellet gun; Daisey BB model 95 gun; cap pistol; Glass inc.: cut glass 14" tray, vases, creamer & sugar; hand painted plates; pink & green depression glass; Candlewick tray w/creamer & sugar; blue & white spice set; pressed glass vases; bell collection; assortment of other glass.

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bed; table lamps; GE washer and dryer, white, like new; Sharp microwave; Amana refrigerator, 22 cu. ft, white; Kenmore washer and dryer; Whirlpool electric range; Woods upright freezer.

COLLECTIBLES, TOOLS & MISC.
 Costume jewelry; wall hangings; Fire King pieces; Dutch Boy cookie jar, old; various Fenton pieces; pressed glass, pieces; finger bowl; various crystal pcs.; Bicentennial serving pieces; set of Sango china, Dawn Rose; wall shelves; tulip water pitcher; Carnival fluted bowl; tea set; JFK assassination news clippings; Singer portable sewing machine; various kitchen appliances and cookware; bedding and linens; metal lawn glider; Far Mec bench top drill press; gas powered transfer pump; Murray riding mower, 11 hp.; push mower; gas weed eater; various yard tools; air bubble; 2 ton floor jack; extension ladder; lawn spreader; Weber grill; various hand tools.

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Karen Allen, Dunlap, Announced As G&G Recipe Contest Winner For The Week

Winner Karen Allen, Dunlap:
MOM'S PORCUPINE BALLS

- 1 1/2 pounds hamburger
- 1 1/2 cups applesauce
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

- Sauce:**
 1 cup ketchup
 1 cup water

Mix well. Form into balls (about 3 inches across). Place in baking dish. Mix ketchup and water and pour over meatballs. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Let stand for 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

The next two recipes were submitted by Mary Rogers, Topeka:

OATMEAL CAMEL BARS

- Base:**
 2 cups flour
 2 cups quick-cooking oats
 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 1/4 cups butter

- Filling:**
 12.5-ounce jar caramel topping (1 cup)
 3 tablespoons flour
 1 cup chocolate chips
 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan with spray. In a bowl beat base ingredients with mixer until crumbly. Reserve 3 cups for topping. Press remaining crumb in bottom of pan and bake 10 minutes. In a bowl mix caramel topping and 3 tablespoons flour. Sprinkle

chips and nuts over partially baked base. Drizzle with caramel mixture and sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Bake 18 to 22 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on rack about 1 hour. Refrigerate until filling is set, 1 to 2 hours.

FIESTA BAKE

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 can Pillsbury Grands refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- 16-ounce jar chunky style salsa
- 3 cups shredded Monterey jack cheese
- 1/2 cup bell pepper
- 1 medium green onion, sliced
- 2 1/4-ounce can sliced ripe olives, drained
- 1 cup chunky style salsa

Heat oven to 375 degrees. In a 9-by-13-inch baking dish melt butter in oven; tilt to coat. Separate

dough into 13 biscuits (discard extras). Cut each biscuit into eighths. In a bowl place biscuit pieces and toss with 1 3/4 cup salsa. Spoon evenly into dish. Sprinkle with cheese, bell pepper, onions and olives. Bake 35 to 45 minutes or until edges are deep golden brown and center is set. Let stand 15 minutes. Cut into squares and serve with 1 cup salsa.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "Take this to any get-together and you won't be coming home with leftovers."

BAKED SPAGHETTI CASSEROLE

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 10 3/4-ounce can tomato soup
- 10 3/4-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
- Water
- 16-ounce package spaghetti, cooked
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Brown ground beef and onion; drain. Add salt, pepper, chili powder, tomato soup, cream of mushroom soup and one soup can of water; simmer 30 minutes. Place cooked spaghetti in an ungreased 9-by-13-inch baking pan and top with beef mixture, stirring to combine. Spread ketchup over top and sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes, until bubbly. Serves 6 to 8.

Another recipe from Sandy Hill: "You can just make in a bowl and serve that way if you like."

- CHERRY FLUFF**
 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
 2-ounce can crushed pineapple, undrained
 21-ounce can cherry pie filling
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 8-ounce carton frozen whipped topping, thawed

In a large bowl beat cream cheese and pineapple. Stir in pie filling and pecans. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into dessert dishes. Garnish each with whipped topping and a cherry, if desired. Cover and chill until serving. Yield: 10 servings.

The next two are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

PEACH COBBLER

- 4 cups peaches, sliced (can used canned peaches)
- 2 cups sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup water
- 8 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- Cinnamon, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine peaches, 1 cup sugar and water in a saucepan and mix well. Bring to a boil and simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Put butter in a 3-quart baking dish and place in oven to melt. Mix remaining sugar, flour and milk slowly to prevent clumping. Pour mixture over melted butter. Do not stir. Spoon fruit on top, gently pouring in syrup. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Batter will rise to the top during baking. Bake 30 to 40 minutes.

CHICKEN ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

- 3 cups shredded, cooked chicken

- 1.25-ounce package taco seasoning
- 2 cups salsa verde
- 9 fajita size flour tortillas
- 1 can refried beans, warmed in microwave
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix chicken, taco seasoning, 1/2 cup water and salsa in a skillet. Simmer on medium heat for 10 minutes. Coat a 9-by-13-inch pan with spray. Cover bottom of pan with 3 tortillas, overlapping. Pour half of the chicken mixture on the tortillas. Cover with 3 more tortillas. Spread with warmed beans and the sour cream. Sprinkle half the cheese over the beans and sour cream and cover with the remaining 3 tortillas. Top with remaining

chicken mixture followed by remaining cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 28 minutes, until bubbly.

Karen Allen, Dunlap: "So easy and so good."

EASY COBBLER

- 2 teaspoons butter
 - 1 can pie filling (any kind)
 - Small box yellow cake mix
 - 1/2 stick butter or margarine
- Melt 2 teaspoons butter in a pie plate. Dump in pie filling then sprinkle with cake mix. Melt the 1/2 stick butter or margarine and pour over cake mix. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes.

NOTE: Cherry with chocolate cake mix is very good too. I've also used apple with cinnamon and sprinkled some oatmeal in the mix. You can double this and use a 9-by-13-inch cake pan.

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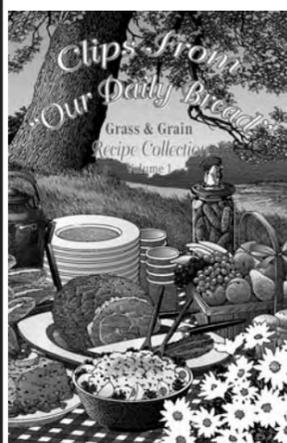
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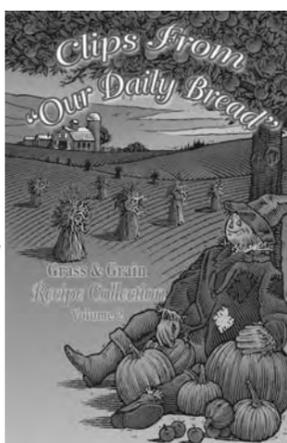
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(NAPSA) — Eating refrigerated dairy foods can be a delicious and convenient way to boost the amount of nutrients in your diet.

Foods in the dairy group supply most of the calcium we need to consume, as well as provide protein, phosphorus, potassium, vitamins A, D, B12 and riboflavin. It is well known that calcium plays a major role in maintaining good health—studies and research have shown calcium can help to increase bone density, decreasing chances of developing osteoporosis later in life. Calcium can help to lower blood pressure and reduce the risk of hypertension as well. Recent findings even show calcium and dairy foods in general can help in weight loss and maintenance.

two to three dairy servings daily; children ages 1 to 3 need two; ages 4 to 8 need three, and ages 9 to 18 need four servings daily. Try these serving suggestions to help meet your calcium requirements (each suggestion equals one serving of dairy):

- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup yogurt
- 1 1/2 ounces natural cheese (cheddar, Swiss, etc.)
- 2 ounces processed cheese (American slices)
- 1 cup pudding
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 2 cups cottage cheese
- 1 cup frozen yogurt
- 1 1/2 cups ice cream.

Here is a delicious breakfast or snack recipe that will delight those trying to fill their daily calcium requirements.

YOGURT BERRY CRUNCH

6-ounce carton light vanilla yogurt
1/4 cup low-fat granola
1/2 cup berries (blueberries, raspberries, strawberries)

Layer yogurt, granola and berries. Serves 1. Substitute your favorite yogurt flavor and other seasonal fruits.



Unfortunately, the USDA reports that nine out of 10 women, seven out of 10 men, and more than half of children fail to meet the recommended daily calcium requirements. Adults need

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Dining On A Dime: Tips To Saving At The Store

Cindy Williams, Meadowlark District Extension Agent

The unsettled financial market is causing many to tighten their spending. Americans spend over half their food dollars on meals eaten away from home. This may be a good time to dust off the pots and pans and reintroduce yourself to the kitchen.

Here are some hints to cut costs in the kitchen:

1. Plan meals, then shop with a list. The average shopper spends 40 percent more on impulse purchases when shopping without a list. You're also likely to spend 50 cents more for every minute you are in the grocery store beyond 30 minutes. Weekdays and early mornings tend to be less crowded, which lets you get in and out of the store quickly. Shopping

with a list can save gas money as well by avoiding repeat trips to the store.

2. Think before you drink. Buy a reusable water bottle and fill it with water. Limit consumption of soft drinks and fancy coffee. These "extravagances" might be things to put on your gift "wish list" as the holidays approach.

3. Try store and generic brands which usually cost less than name brands.

4. Look for specials, sales and coupons in newspaper ads. Use coupons only for foods you would normally eat, rather than for "extras."

5. Check your grocery receipt — sometimes there are valuable coupons on the back that help save money. Also, if you have access to a computer, check online for coupons.

6. Shop on double or

triple coupon days when a store increases the value of coupons, or use grocery store loyalty cards as another source of savings.

7. Prevent food waste. Buy the types of food you know your family will eat and only the amount that can be consumed before it spoils.

8. Buy fresh fruits and vegetables in season when they are cheaper.

9. Use canned or dry beans to occasionally replace more costly sources of protein like meat, poultry and fish

10. Build main dishes around pasta or grains, such as noodles or rice. Combine the dish with smaller amounts of meat, poultry or fish.

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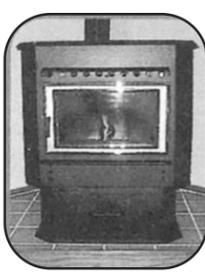
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Steps for pork producers to protect herds

People cannot become infected with any of the influenza viruses by consuming meat or other products derived from pigs, says a University of Missouri Extension veterinarian and swine disease expert.

"Influenza is strictly a disease of the respiratory system, and these viruses are not known to infect meat," said Beth Young.

Young and other members of the MU Extension Commercial Agriculture Program swine focus team met to discuss how to keep producers and the public up-to-date with accurate information.

The main concern for producers is to keep their pigs protected from the virus from sources outside the production site.

The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) and the National Pork Board (NPB) are urging all pork producers to use industry standards to reduce transmission of influenza viruses between pigs and people.

Joe Zulovich, structures engineer for the Commercial Agriculture Program and an expert in ventilation, said producers should immediately check their ventilation systems to be sure they are in working order. "If a producer was considering upgrading his system, now is probably the time to make that investment," Zulovich said.

Maintaining appropriate ventilation in the barns will reduce the exposure of pigs to viruses from other pigs and to human influenza

viruses. It also will reduce exposure of workers to swine influenza viruses.

The virus identified in the current outbreak, misleadingly named "swine flu," belongs to the A(H1N1) influenza virus subtype. H1N1 is unusual as it can cause disease in many species. Birds are especially susceptible as both victims and carriers.

Pork producers should maximize protection of herds by sealing or screening doorways, windows and airflow vents in swine housing units to prevent birds from entering. Unlike migrating waterfowl, small birds are not thought to be

important in the overall ecology of influenza viruses, but they may carry the virus from waterfowl feces into barns on their bodies.

Pig feed should be stored in closed containers to prevent contamination with feces from overflying waterfowl. Producers should not use untreated surface water as either drinking water or for cleaning in swine facilities.

Vaccination of pigs for swine influenza can reduce the levels of virus shed by infected animals and thus reduce the potential for human exposure and infection.

Swine farmworkers and their families should be vaccinated for human influenza

on a yearly basis. Vaccination will provide some level of protection against infection with swine viruses of the same hemagglutinin subtype. Vaccination of farmworkers also will reduce the amount of virus they shed if infected during human flu outbreaks, and thereby limit the potential for infection of pigs with human influenza viruses.

To further reduce the risk of infection of pigs with human influenza viruses, farm owners should provide sick-leave policies for employees that encourage

them to remain away from work when they are suffering from acute respiratory infections. People typically shed influenza viruses for three to seven days.

Producers should enforce basic hygiene and industry-standard biosecurity practices. Producers should provide workers with boots that are worn only within the pig housing units.

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PRIMITIVES, ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Monarch enameled cast iron stove; Old Mobil oil cans (5 & 10 gal.); Calf weaner; Wood milking stools; Old hand tools (pitch fork, alum. grain scoop); Cut plug tobacco tins; Tractor seat; Crock butter churn lids; Crock butter churn; Assort. sizes & brands of Crocks; Daisy butter churns w/o jar; Butter stompers; American metal train set (wind up); Arm & Hammer wood box; Old magazines; Old radios; Coal buckets; Oak wall crank phone (complete); Oil lamps, mantels & parts; Cream cans (5 gal. & more); Cast banks & cast items; Shaving kit; Razor strap sharpener; Large assort. of salt & pepper shakers; Assort. of ships; 1939 Midwest grain calendar; Wooden kegs; Wash tubs & buckets; Round & oblong lard kettles; Shoe cobbler set; Assort. of cheese boxes; Assort. of License plates; Round Coca-Cola sign; Radio tot wagon; Large assort. of knick knacks & shelves; Rhineland ice box; Little Giant ice crusher; (2) Twin size rod iron beds; (5) Wooden spoke back chairs; Old butcher knives & meat cleavers; Picture frames & pictures; Ice cream churn; Coleman gas flat-iron w/box; Hudson & Columbia old scale; (1) Gal. lard press; Sad irons; 1/2 bu. buckets; Oil burning heating stove; (3) Shop seats; 5' wood stepladder; Hay bundle cutter; Breast auger & bit; Fairbanks 500lb scale; Wood carpenter tool box; 2 man saw; 81mm Mottars box; Child's tricycle; Wind-up musical rocking horse; Metal doll buggy; U.S. metal water canteen; Hand carry black boards; Shirley Timple items (books, DVDs, VHS, & dolls); Large cast iron kettle; Small camel back trunk; Old cast cooking stove top; Nativity scene, Last Supper & Praying hands pictures.
VEHICLE: 1993 Plymouth Acclaim 4-door, 4 cylinder, Auto, AC, Cruise, AM/FM radio, 100,545 miles, white.
SPORTING GOODS: J. C. Higgins model 20, 2 3/4 12 ga. pump w/poly choke; Mosburg Mod. S-46B, 22 bolt action; Winchester Mod 60A, 22 bolt action; Shells.
YARD TOOLS: True Value 4 hp electric start 20" mower; Metal wheel barrow; Stihl string trimmer.
BOOKS: Large assort. of paper back books; Zane Grey The Border Legion 1916; Zane Grey The Last Chance of the Plainsmen 1911; Plat Book of Barton County 1918; Collection of romance books (some authors: Violet Wispers, Janet Dailey, Roberta Leigh, Lilian Peake, Mary Burchell).
APPLIANCES: 25" RCA console color TV; 13" Magnavox TV-DVD & stand; RCA VCR; Record players; Vacuum sweeper; Fans.
FURNITURE: Child's wood rocker; (2) Dressers; 4-drawer file cabinet; Hide-a-bed couch; (2) VHS tape cabinets; Coffee table; Swivel rocker; Cosco metal kitchen stool; Oak 5-drawer chest; 4-drawer chest; Metal folding chairs; Buffet; (2) Cabinets; Rocking chair; Magazine rack; Cabinet sewing machine & chair; Micro stand; Entertainment center; Sewing cabinet; 5 piece water fall bed set; Wicker stand; Night stand; Book case; 45, 78, 33 records & cabinet; Kitchen table and (2) chairs; Kids table & (1) chair; Parlor table; Metal bar stool; Lamps; Wooden stools; (2) Pink Lady lamps; Cedar chest waterfall front.
GLASSWARE & POTTERY: Enamel ware; Set of 8 Pop-Gosser china (Florence pattern); Bowls (footed & others); Hand painted platters; Egg dish; 25th Anniversary plates; Steak plates; Coasters.
GAMES: Scrabble; Toy instruments; Wagon & wheel barrow; Toy tractors; Toy planters.
MISC: Sewing equipment (spools, ribbon, etc.); Christmas items including Hallmark ornaments; Cigar boxes; Agate Batter scale w/weights; (2) Boilers; 24 c. gold plated real Hawaiian flowers and leaves; Huffy Eldorado bike; Typewriter.
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KSU opens hotline to address concerns with H1N1 flu outbreak

Since the news that swine flu has come to Kansas, officials at Kansas State University have been monitoring the situation and putting programs in place to minimize the impact of the virus.

"We continue to keep an eye on developments at the local, regional, national and international level," said Dr. Robert Tackett, medical director of K-State's Lafene Student Health Center.

To make sure students and K-State staff have the latest information, a swine flu hotline has been launched: (785) 532-7233, or (785) 532-SAFE. This line will provide general information and allow people to connect to Lafene Student Health Center or the office of student life.

Should the current swine flu outbreak become a larger public health problem, K-State also has a Pandemic Influenza Plan in place. It lays out the steps that could be taken by university officials should the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization declare that there is a pandemic of influenza.

"The plan was developed

because of the possibility of a flu pandemic similar to the 1918 pandemic," said Steven Galitzer, director of environmental health and safety at K-State. "We developed a plan of action to aid in administrative decision making and to help university departments plan for the worst."

The plan was developed by a committee comprised of members from all corners of campus and was adopted in the fall of 2007. According to the plan, the campus' greatest risk would be a highly transmissible virus with 3,000 students in residence halls living in close proximity and sharing facilities. The plan's purpose is to minimize exposure and key to that is early action.

But when exactly the plan goes into effect depends on whether there are confirmed cases in Manhat-

tan or on campus, and what phase the World Health Organization has assigned the outbreak.

At this stage, the World Health Organization has classified the current situation as a "phase 4" outbreak. That means that the virus has demonstrated that it is transmissible between people and could cause a community-wide outbreak, but has yet to reach pandemic level. A pandemic flu is highly contagious and spreads internationally, infecting a large proportion of the human population.

In Kansas, two cases of swine flu have been confirmed in Dickinson County. Nationwide, there are more than 60 cases, with another 2,000 people in Mexico hospitalized with swine flu-related pneumonia and roughly 150 deaths believed to be flu-related in that country.

As defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, swine flu H1N1 is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza, the strain that regularly causes outbreaks of flu in pigs. Though the disease does not normally infect humans, they can contract the disease if they are exposed to infected pigs. Unique to the current outbreak is the ability of the virus to be transmitted from person to person.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

The Cat Burglar

The Discovery Channel and Animal Planet have now exposed our suburban children to the dog-eat-dog reality of nature. Despite the stark images, I applaud their philosophy that it is important to show the unbreakable connection of life and death in Earth's giant panorama.

It allows the biologically innocent a significantly deeper understanding of the world than their daily doses of virtual mass shootings, bombing, zappings and killings that video games, TV and movies provide. Farm kids who are raised

with both domestic and wild animals make this profound connection earlier. I think it is more an acceptance of mortality than a numbing of the senses.

Cowdogs and barn cats on farms are often functional as well as pets, but they are prey to the coyote, the lion, the hawk, wolf and the occasional man-made contraption.

A young couple, we'll call them Lafe and Annika, left their dairy farm in Free-land, S.D., to do some shopping at America's biggest mall in the Minneapolis area. They stopped to break-

fast and pick up her folks. All loaded and departed. It was a cool, brisk clear-sky day.

Down the road a mile Annika commented on a strong unpleasant odor. Grandpa denied. Maybe some road-kill they passed or a cow carcass, they thought. Once on the freeway the smell dissipated some. As they drew closer to their destination the wisps of smell changed from a pungent acid bowel bouquet to the aroma of a burnt hair and Valvoline clambake!

In the mall parking lot Lafe popped the hood. Suffice it to say, the scene was as gruesome as Freddy Krueger's barbecue! Grandma recognized the remnants of one of the barn cats. From the evidence on the fan she remarked that "at least death was instantaneous ... 3000 rpms will do that."

They put the scrapeable pieces in a shopping bag

and Grandma started for the trash can. From out of nowhere a shady lady in a long coat raced by Granny, grabbed the bag and ran inside! Lafe was right behind the thief and chased her to a public women's restroom. He stood outside the door banging on it. The mall po-

lice arrived just as a spine-tlingling scream erupted from inside!

Within ten minutes the paramedics loaded the unconscious woman on a gurney and strapped her down. "Fainted," they said to the crowd, "Fell, maybe even a neck injury."

They were halfway to the exit when a good Samaritan came running after, "Wait a minute!" she hollered, "You forgot her shopping bag!"

"Thanks," said the EMT, as he sat it down on top of the comatose bump-and-run robber, "Smells like she's been to the pet store."

ESTATE AUCTION

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coils; Model T carb heater; Wheel bearings; Pistons; Wood wheel bearings; gauges; stem gauges; hood ornaments; Nash center hub caps; Arco tire patches; fuel bowls; Model T plug wires; STITT spark plug; A nude girl suicide knob; nelson spark plugs; international parts; car regulators; piston rings; piston ring compressor; several red stop light lens; A motor heater; Model T master vibrator, inner tubes, Model A/T stop lights and lens; A Spartan horn; Nash wrench; Model A/T cylinder heads; Durant radiator shell; 17 to 20" ford rims; Model A/T window regulators; Model T bell housings; Model A/T manifolds; Nash Dash; Model A/T bumper brackets; Model A/T starter drives; Model A/T luggage racks; Model A/T running boards; wheel hubs; 18" tires; Federal Signal; Ford hub caps; Model A/T dash; Model A/T driving lights; Model A/T crank engine; Model A/T tool boxes; Model A/T steering columns; Lincoln spot light; magnetos; Klaxon/Spartan car horn; Ford grill shells; alternators; starters; wiper arms; master oil caps; car foot warmer; Ford car radio; fog lights; horn ring; car heater; Model A/T frames; Model A/T cowls; Model A/T transmissions; Model A/T fenders; old tags; Model A/T jacks; Scandinavia lining belting 1917 to 1925; Nash 1927 oil filter; Lens covers; Model A stop light; 1920's horn; Briggs and Stratton engine FH27878; power producer single plug motor; several Maytag engines; 2 pony engines; Model T starters; Model T wood spokes wheels; Model A windshields, doors, transmission parts; Case Model C valves; many many other misc parts.

TOOLS: 8" south bend metal lathe; long handle tools; fire extinguishers; craftsman table top sander; large motor; bottle jacks; buffing wheel; Ashland car jack 2T30; a scroll saw; band saw; large cross cut saws; brace and bits; brass couplers; hydraulic couplers; skill saw; McCulloch chain saw; wood planes; block planes; wood clamps; cabinet clamps; engine stand; work benches; 1/2 trailer load nuts, bolts and washers; wood chisels; 1 ton chain hoist; bead buster; medal cut off band saw; hammers; gear pullers; buzz saw blades; wood lathe; table saw; die grinder; angle grinder; router; 1/2 inch drill; belt sander; cylinder hones; carb tools; ox/ac tools; thread cutters; box end wrenches; adjustable wrenches; locking pliers; screw drivers; air tools; rotary planer; mortiser, blow

GUNS: Colt SAA 44-40 7 1/2 In. brl. SN78030; Colt Bisley 32-20 4 3/4 In. Brl. SN293682; Winchester 1892 Oct. Brl. 25-20 SN433020; Springfield 1873 Trapdoor SRC. 45-70 SN210817; Marlin 1893 32-40 Oct. Brl. SN347471; Marlin 1894 32-20 Oct. Brl. SN372356; Marlin Model 47 shotgun 12 Ga. SN4070; Ithaca Hammerless dbl brl 12 Ga.; Remington 870 Express 20 Ga. Mag; Winchester 12 Ga. model 11S; Harrington Richardson single shot 16 Ga.; Syracuse Arms new twist dbl brl 12 Ga.; Hopkins & Allen single shot 16 Ga.; Winchester model 37A single shot 12 Ga.; W. Richards dbl brl 10 Ga.; Neuman Brothers dbl brl 12 Ga.; Hopkins & Allen single shot, 12 Ga.; Eclipse gun company Victor, dbl brl 12 Ga.; Louis Erhardt dbl brl 12 Ga.; Marlin model 80 22 bolt action; Savage model 110bl 243 left hand bolt action; J. Stevens "Favorite" 22 single shot; Remington #4 32cal single shot; Model 1873 Winchester Rifle parts; Power Master 760-BB gun; gun rack; 22 cal rifle cleaning kit; shot gun shells; rifle shells; gun stocks; Winchester Wood Box Shot Shells; powder horn; black powder; other items.

SILVER: Several Morgan and Peace dollars.

ANTIQUY CAR PARTS: Model A/T lights; Model A/T carbs; Schuler Brass carbs; Model A/T radiator and shroud; Model A/T 6 volt bulbs; spark plugs; 1920 and up headlamp lens; Model A/T windshields and forms; brake linings; 1909 to 1927 Ford Gasket sets; Model A/T

torches; Roybi chop saw; Kohler power plant; 2 1/2 ton floor jacks; anvils; chain boomers; Viking equipment press 60,000 lbs; Ottawa saw; Buzz saw; wood planer; hand bits/wood handle; mini gas torch; old hand tools; buck saws; brass welding rod; Montgomery separator tool; John Deere JD50 tool; IH12737-D tool; leather tool; buggy wrench; wheel barrow.



VEHICLES & TRACTORS: 1995 white, Pontiac Bonneville, 4 dr. 168K miles, auto, power everything; 1976 Chrysler New Yorker, ran when parked; 1995 Chevrolet Pickup C1500 5 speed 141,000 miles; 1969 International Loadstar 1600, short bed with ball; Tractor mufflers 8N9N Ford; Farmall H single front tire; Super C Farmall with blade; Grain-O-Vator wagon; IH M with loader, ran when parker (sn) 101142.

MISCELLANEOUS: Lonkenner Brass steam whistle; Brass scale; Carbide parlor light; 25 to 30 hand meat grinder collection, including, climax, enterprise, new triumph, lee's lightening chopper, husqvarna, Keen Kutter, economy, keystone, hibbard, LF&C, Puritan; steam gauges; roller chains; Concordia thermometer; Baum iron repair bushings; Briggs Stratton small engine parts; copper shims; Pflueger reel; old books; Hamm's beer keg; prince Albert cans; ice skates; Mohawk stove; cream cans; small seeder; 3 phase motors; aluminum siphon tubes; decoys; horse collars; victor #4 coyote traps; artillery wheel child's wagon; 3 grist mills; pigeon hole cabinets; butcher block table; well caps; hog oiler; brass fire extinguisher; enamel ware; elevator buckets; several gallons tordon & 2, 4, D; cemetery mower, horse drawn potato digger; roller conveyers; iron wheels; iron irrigation motors; sucker rod; electric smelter; lawn mower wheels; super C grist mill; ideal duplex #6 grist mill; copper tubing; corn sheller; draw knives; husking gloves; horse bits; balance scale; wood advertising boxes; metal organizers; Pepsi crate; horse harness; Iron piles too numerous to mention; Many undiscovered items.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Norman collected, invented, fixed, and manufactured many unique and interesting items, this is only a partial list many items still being discovered. Come spend the day! Lunch Served

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Familiar seasons, familiar cycles

We fall into old habits as easily as slipping into old jeans unearthed from the nether reaches of a closet. And surprised to find the jeans still fit, and the old habits as fresh as yesterday, and oddly comforting in the way that the beginning of each season resonates with its sameness. We have been here before, have seen this sudden greening and riotous growth, these fierce hues redolent and fragrant, and if the recollection is familiar it is only ourselves we are seeing, and our place in the world.

Spring is the time of dreams. Freed from our winter quarters, we plan our gardens and start our seeds, throw open windows to banish air gone tired and stale, cast out clutter and vow organization, propose vacations and farflung journeys (only to pare and whittle them down to base affordability and probability),

devise home improvement projects and hatch schemes of maximizing the days bleeding away to the vernal equinox. No matter that our ambitions often exceed our stamina, that when autumn arrives like an unexpected guest we're duly surprised at how little we managed, how paltry our accomplishments.

Sometimes it seems as if we're just going through the motions, rehearsing parts of a play so boringly mundane that no one would dare to watch. And yet these acts are our own, and if repetitive then also somehow justified, and unnecessary of apology. Which is to say, I mowed the yard for the first time this season.

By summer the act will have become drudgery and nothing more, but the first time is the first time and all firsts are imbued with a sense of newness and exploration. Why should a yard

be any different? We create our own adventures.

Unlike our neighbor, who has been actively trimming any new growth almost before it becomes visible, my tendencies lean toward later rather than sooner. A latent laziness — I prefer the term ambivalence — seems only practical in light of the world's economic collapse, the threat of a lethal pandemic, global warming and the opening salvo of Mother Nature's

springtime rampages. One unheralded benefit is that any work performed is immediately recognizable, almost a reward for waiting. My neighbor has difficulty distinguishing what's been mowed and what hasn't; I don't.

It was almost soothing getting back into the routine. Check the oil, fill the tank with gas, insert earplugs and yank the starter cord, the mower firing into life without hesitation as if it had waited all winter for this singular moment. The first swath was long and straight, following the fence line with one eye on direction and the other on a macrocosm of a yard blanketed with much more than mere grass. And the sky, rapidly graying with rain promised but also graced with migrants, a

flock of Franklin's gulls weaving indecipherable patterns, the season's first barn swallows and a lone chimney swift darting above the house in an elliptical orbit around the redbrick flute of its namesake.

At the road I turned back and shadowed the edge the blades had carved, an inverse Mohawk. Within minutes the to and fro lulled me into a sort of somnolence, so that even as my physical being maneuvered the mower in logical sequence, my mind rambled and meandered on various paths, mostly dead-ended. I pondered on finances and the ageless want-wish cycles I get trapped in, undertows of desire, and inwardly arguing and debating moved on to potential vacation destinations, dates of travel and worries of an aging vehicle.

The other half of me grounded more to this plane caught a single Woodhouse's toad backing into a narrow crevice so that only its baleful eyes were visible, the spread of purple-fringed vinca and cedar fingerlings, a wandering horde of waxwings alighting in a mulberry, their yellow-tipped tails as bright as the dandelions freckling the yard, and an errant flicker of lightning in the west. For a moment I balanced between two realities, and then imagining the low sonorous rumble of thunder lifted bodiless above the trees to stare down at a man, almost a stranger but not, moving geometrically back and forth across fields of green, his gait unhesitant and sure, with a rhythmic surety of one who knows his place in the world.

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K-State researchers studying best forages for cattle in SE Kansas

It's as true for livestock as it is for humans — what animals eat has a big impact on their health and performance. That's why researchers at K-State's Southeast Agricultural Research Center are working to find the best forages for cattle that can be grown in that part of the state.

"We're a little different here — our agriculture is more like what you'd see in the southeastern U.S. than like the rest of Kansas," said Lyle Lomas, who is an animal scientist and head of the research center. He cited the area's shallow claypan soils, a longer growing season and higher average precipitation totals than the rest of the state. Because of those differences, the center's forage research focuses on introduced forages rather than the native forages that grow in much of the rest of the state.

Given the value of Kansas' cattle industry to

the state's economy, coupled with the challenges facing the beef industry including high input prices, Lomas believes that now more than ever, it is important for the center's researchers to help producers find ways to raise beef as efficiently as possible.

"The Southeast Agricultural Research Center has the only KSU grazing research program dedicated exclusively to introduced forage species," he said. "Native grasses predominate in other parts of the state and at other K-State research locations."

Some of the species studied at the center include tall fescue, bermudagrass, smooth brome grass, and crabgrass.

"Our grazing work can be divided into two major categories," Lomas said. "One is the supplementation of grazing livestock and the other is evaluating forage systems with different varieties or species of forages —

the quality and quantity — that grow well in this part of the state."

One recent project on which Lomas and forage agronomist Joe Moyer collaborated, involved supplementing grazing stocker cattle with distillers grains — a byproduct of the ethanol industry. The team is trying to determine how a distillers grain supplement affects grazing, as well as finishing performance.

One study conducted in 2005-2007 using steers grazing smooth brome grass pastures and another in 2006-2007 with steers grazing bermudagrass showed that steers supplemented with dried distiller's grains (DDG) at the rate of 0.5 percent or 1.0 percent of body weight had significantly higher grazing gains and gain per acre than when steers were fed no supplement. Feeding DDGs at that level had no effect on forage availability during 2005 or 2006, but in 2007, overall

forage availability was higher on brome grass pastures where the steers were supplemented with 0.5 percent or 1.0 percent DDG.

"Because pastures were assigned to the same supplementation treatment during each year of the study, it is possible that the effect of supplementation on forage availability was cumulative and not detected in brome grass pastures until after the third year of grazing," Lomas said.

In addition to the Parson site, which includes 450 acres, the research center has another 400 acres near Mound Valley, where cattle from grazing studies are finished. Once the cattle reach market weight, they are slaughtered and the carcasses are evaluated.

"Most of our grazing studies utilizing stocker cattle are followed by a feedlot phase to determine the effect of grazing treatment on subsequent finishing performance and overall prof-

itability," Lomas said.

Other projects the team is involved in include comparing grazing and subsequent finishing performance of stocker cattle grazing non-erogot alkaloid tall fescue, Midland 99 bermudagrass and wheat double-crop system, and Red River crabgrass and wheat double-crop system.

The researchers are also evaluating the effect of interseeding of legumes in bermudagrass pastures on beef cow performance.

"Fescue is both a blessing and a curse in southeast Kansas," Lomas said. "It can be easily grown, but cattle don't perform as well on it as some other forages if it contains the endophyte."

The endophyte refers to a fungus within the grass that affects grazing animals and the grass itself.

One of the challenges faced by cattle producers in southeast Kansas is the gap between when cool season grasses and warm season

grasses peak, in terms of nutrient quality, Moyer said.

"We've been studying crabgrass to fill that gap. We've been a little surprised at how well cattle perform on crabgrass," he said.

Forage crabgrass is the same species, but a different cultivar as the type that plagues homeowners' lawns, he said.

"The research conducted at the SEARC is crucial to my success as an extension specialist in aiding producers in southeastern Kansas," said Karl Harborth, Southeast Area livestock specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "For example, if a producer has a question on which particular variety of a grass he should plant, I can use data generated locally at the SEARC to help make these educated decisions.

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In addition, the K-State Southeast Agricultural Research Field hosts the Beef Cattle and Forage Field Day at the Mound Valley site every year on the first Thursday of May. That event is planned for May 7 this year. Other events are also held at the center during the year.

"Forage is probably the most underappreciated crop we have in Kansas," Lomas said. "A lot of universities don't do applied grazing research anymore because of limited opportunities for extramural funding. Producers know it's important but there's no 'product' produced — it all goes through the animal. Plus there's no commodity group working to make sure that research in this area is supported," he said. Information about the center's research, events and staff is available on its Web site: <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/searc>.

Research provides clues as to why invasive plants take over

New research shows that two key causes of plant invasion — escape from natural enemies, and increases in plant resources — act in concert. This result helps to explain the dramatic invasions by exotic plants occurring worldwide. It also indicates that global change is likely to exacerbate invasion by exotic plants.

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) ecologist Dana Blumenthal reached these conclusions after studying 243 European plant species and their fungal and viral pests, both in Europe and in the United States.

The study was published this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Blumenthal, based at the ARS Rangeland Resources Research Unit in Fort Collins, Colo., and colleagues at the University of North Carolina and in the Czech Republic showed that fast-growing plant species adapted to moist,

nitrogen-rich soils had many fungal and viral pathogens in the areas where the weedy species evolved. Once these species arrived here, they escaped many of their long-time enemies.

Such an escape from numerous enemies is thought to provide exotic species with an advantage over native species still burdened by their enemies. This is the first study, however, to show that whether a plant escapes from a few or an unusually larger number of enemies can be predicted from the type of plant: Exotic species that are fast-growing and weedy are likely to have more enemies to escape from.

Unfortunately, these are the same species most favored by global change. Fast-growing weedy species thrive in environments with

ample plant resources. And global change increases key plant resources, such as carbon dioxide and soil nitrogen, through increases in the greenhouse gases carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, respectively.

Fast-growing, weedy exotic species therefore have a double advantage in today's world. Increases in resources enable them to outcompete slow-growing plants. An escape from an unusually large number of enemies enables them to outcompete even fast-growing native plants. As global change proceeds, continuing increases in resource availability are likely to exacerbate such plant invasions.

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"There is only one way to do anything, and that's the right way."

It was always the philosophy followed by Elmore Stout in his long life dedicated to serving people, livestock and the land. More than anything, Elmore loved life; the lives of people, livestock and the land.

This message was shared and emphasized by Rev. Pat Ireland in the Celebration Of Life Service for Elmore

Stout, lifelong Chase County rancher and agriculture leader, who passed away last month at almost 94 years of age.

Miles McKee, retired Kansas State University animal scientist and Elmore's ranch employee over 60 years ago, quoted an experience when he and Elmore were trying to save a calf stranded on an island while a flooding creek was steadily rising.

"We tried and tried every way possible, and the creek just kept getting faster and higher. Finally, water overtook the island, and the calf was swept downstream," McKee recalled. "Elmore's lip quivered and tears ran down his face as we mounted our horses."

When a cowboy positively touches as many as Elmore did, there are literally thousands of remembrances.

That was the case with those paying respects to Elmore in the crowded First Presbyterian Church at Cottonwood Falls. When we received notice of his death, we were overcome by sorrow and quickly began reminiscing about our association with the cowboy.

Likewise was the feeling and talk of the Livestock Who's Who and neighbors from all up and down the creek and many miles away who gathered at the Bazaar Schoolhouse following entombment at the nearby cemetery.

Born in 1915 at Strong City, Elmore's roots stayed tied to the Flint Hills despite his education at Kansas State College. He excelled on the judging team there, helping claim the second leg of the Chicago International Bronze Bull now displayed at K-State. Elmore also often told of his marksmanship skills in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Returning to Bazaar, Elmore married Doris Titus, daughter of Dr. A.E. Titus, who formed a stock-share lease with Elmore. That partnership became Titus-Stout Herefords, later known as the TS Ranch, producing whiteface purebreds for more than 70 years. It was the late 1960s when we first attended one of Elmore's 45 Hereford production sales.

Then, Elmore had only a

handful of Quarter Horse yearlings. Originally, the ranch had Morgan horses, but Elmore switched to Quarter Horses early in his career. Just before the first auction we attended, Elmore acquired his sorrel stallion Sun Otoo, by Otoo, the race winner Jerry Wells was showing to national halter championships.

Cattle were more valuable than Elmore's horses at that point. We purchased



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bulls from him twice, and once prided ourselves in our purchase being the "cheapest one sold." That bull served our cows well, and we took a picture of our little daughter sitting on him. We sent that photo to Elmore, and he responded, claiming it "made his day."

Winner of a trip to National 4-H Congress, Elmore had shown top Hereford steers at the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior National. Thus, he and

Doris were leaders in the Bazaar 4-H Club, serving more than 30 years. Their children, Stanley and Marcia (now Bailey), showed home-raised Herefords and Quarter Horses to many titles.

Second and third generation Bazaar 4-H members specifically remember Elmore's insistence to "practice, and practice some more," before county model meeting competitions. Because of that, the club was generally the winner. Floats

from the club were always featured in the rodeo parade, as they are today, and again, often were best.

Many livestock people have fond memories of "getting their start" in the livestock business through Elmore with purchases of Hereford heifers, "already broke to lead," as well as Quarter Horse yearlings. Although many could be named, a friend of ours bought a filly, by Scotty's Billy Star, and raised sever-

al foals, of which we acquired one of them.

A leader in many local, regional and state groups, Elmore was the Chase County Fair treasurer for 46 years. Nobody can deny his participation was an asset to every organization he served. Elmore handled the purse strings as if they were his own.

Those who worked with Elmore on directors' boards claim, "There were often heated discussions before

action would be taken, and it always ended up that Elmore was right after all."

That county fair in Swope Park where he'd shown as a youth continued to garner Elmore's livestock entries throughout his life. Each year, sometimes as many as ten foals, often described by judges as "peas in a pod," were entered and typically came away with

grand and reserve championships. He was present as his horses were shown last year.

Livestock evaluation and competitions related to it were always important to Elmore as he judged many cattle and horse shows. On countless official panels, Elmore was a reasons taker frequently for the collegiate

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Chase County rancher Elmore Stout showed his buckskin Quarter Horse stallion, Zans Rawhide, in one of the Flint Hills pastures on the TS Ranch near Bazaar.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 9 — 9:00 AM
211 Walnut St., WAMEGO, KS

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ELECTRONICS & RADIO EQUIPMENT: Baldwin Fantasia fun machine keyboard; stringed instruments (First Act acoustic & elec guitar, ukulele, violin, mandolin); lots of misc music equipment; Panasonic record player; old records; Radio Shack light-up MIDI keyboard; CD's; compact disc players; Emerson boom box; sports radio; Argus digital camera; HP PSC printer/scanner/copier; computer chair; 3 drawer cart; paper shredder; computers & monitor; 2-drawer filing cabinets; HP deskjet 3322 printer; misc computer manuals & equipment; old watches; lots & lots of CB & amateur radio equipment; Tasco 20-60x60 Spot SCO.

HOUSEHOLD: Loveseat hide-a-bed; entertainment cntr; GE 27 in TV; coffee table, misc. end tables; lamps; nice oak library table-old; salt dishes; lamps; swivel recliner rocker, rocker recliner, pictures & wall hangings; weather center; bookshelf; GE refrigerator; Tappan elect range; washer & dryer; kitchen step stools; dining rm set; baking dishes/Pyrex; old butter dish; Oster blender; Tupperware; iron; card table; portable table; pressure cooker; rolling pins; misc pans & roaster; 12 in Wagner cast iron skillet; silverware; knives; misc. kitchen utensils; cookbooks; Singer twin turbo vac sweeper; towels; handiwork pillow cases/scarves; several quilts; blankets; oil lamp; pine dresser; full bed; bedroom suite; handicap equip; window fans; metal step on trash can; Singer portable sewing machine; sewing box & supplies.

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contest at the American Royal. As has been stated, "Many youth got their start in livestock judging through Elmore Stout."

Kansas Hereford Tours stopped at the TS Ranch, a couple of times, and he always had his horses displayed. While he never bought a horse, bred a mare or rode a horse personally for Elmore, we knew his horses well. We had the opportunity to train many offspring and relatives of his sires. They were big, heavy muscled, pretty, and athletic.

It's uncertain which horse Elmore considered "the best" he owned; the stallion Zans Rawhide had the strongest advancement for his breeding program. The buckskin son of Zan Parr Bar was purchased directly from Matlock and Carol Rose in Gainesville, Texas, "for what we've heard to be more money than we can imagine he would have paid."

Actually, it was a daughter of "Rawhide" who moved the program. Miss

Fancy Rawhide won many Buckskin shows, and owners of those she beat soon found their way to Elmore's to buy sisters and brothers. Elmore felt fortunate to repurchase the mare who produced a replacement for her dad: Fancy Zan Gold Bar, Elmore's last main herd sire.

As influential as Elmore was to so many, his own children, Stanley and Marcia, and their children had to be his biggest pride. However, as Stanley became a renowned livestock auctioneer, selling the country's biggest sales, Elmore did not consent to letting him sell the TS sale for many years, thinking buyers might see it as nepotism.

Col. George Morse, who sometimes brought his Saddle & Sirloin Club fellow members to the TS Ranch for trail rides, served as the sale auctioneer many years. Upon Morse's retirement, Col. Ike Hamilton of Louisiana, who coincidentally had sold Elmore Zans Rawhide at the Rose sale, served as the auctioneer.

Both Stout children rode

family-produced Quarter Horses, and there was a special glow in Elmore's eyes when he, his children and grandchildren would all ride Stout horses in the annual Flint Hills Rodeo parade. Elmore was a rodeo director, serving 14 years as president, and was pictured in Grass & Grain advertising the rodeo on Sun Otoe.

The rodeo remained close to Elmore's heart, and he was in the stands for every performance even after grudgingly retiring from the board. Registered Quarter Horse shows were conducted at the Strong City rodeo grounds many years, and Elmore was instrumental in their success.

One year Marcia qualified to compete in barrel racing in a Western state, and Elmore took his daughter and her horse to the rodeo. Of course, the truck was heavily loaded with home-raised hay to save money on the road. A law enforcement official stopped them for overload-

ing, but Elmore "explained the reasoning" successfully.

Especially important in Elmore's full life was his church and his singing. Attending church without fail since a very young age, Elmore served in leadership capacities, but his singing in the choir was quite special to him. He was a men's quartet member, and frequent soloist, remembered particularly for "Open The Gate" on Palm Sundays.

His work ethic was apparent in everything Elmore did. McKee recalled, "One morning, Elmore knocked on my door real early and said to come on, he needed some help. I hurried outside and asked Elmore what he needed. He replied, 'Oh, there isn't anything, but the thermometer said 32 below, and I didn't want you just loafing around.'"

A number of past employees remained friends with Elmore, and some served as his pallbearers. His present ranch foreman, Doug Cain, was one of them,

and (Mrs.) Anita Cain, who had been a close assistant to Elmore in recent years, was an honorary bearer.

We have several other special memories of Elmore. One year he judged three shows where we had horses, and we had several first places. Elmore served as a ringman catching bids for annual horse sales conducted by Russell Klotz and Puncher Cooper. Likewise, he was a pallbearer for funerals of both Klotz and rodeo man E.C. Roberts.

More than once Elmore judged the horse division at his alma mater's Little American Royal, where he was usually in attendance including one of the years we officiated that contest. Elmore insisted that we "picked the wrong winner," and he was probably right, but we were the judge that day.

One year we had some of our foals on display at a

field day in Emporia, where Elmore also had several of his horses. During our visiting, Elmore noted the longevity of his parents, and his expectations for a long life, which became a reality.

We attended Elmore's production sale on a fairly regular basis, and until this year, he was always in the auction box introducing his family, his livestock and encouraging bidding based on the animal. This time, Elmore had a seat in front of the ring.

His main concern to Col. Sonny Booth: "There won't be anybody in the auction box to discuss the offering." His smile was ever-present though as the livestock was paraded and acquaintances from over the past nine decades visited and shook his hand.

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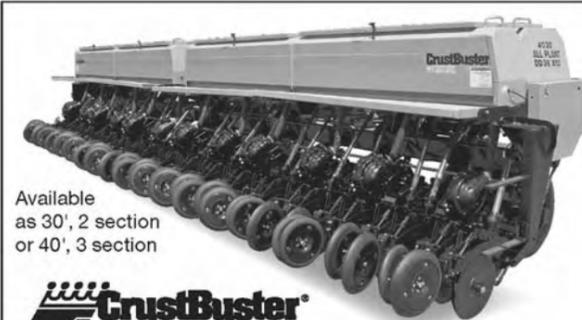
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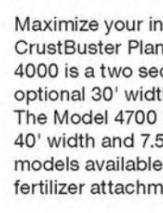


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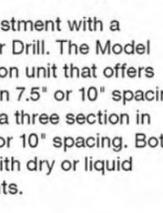
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GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled

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

May 5 — Real Estate-Williamsburg Unit One-Lot 2 at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 7 — Mower, equipment, camper, van, pickup, trailer, wrenches, hand tools, household & misc. at Halstead for Clarence & Annie Troxel. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

May 9 — Coins, arrowheads, lapidary at Salina for Torrey Fox Estate, et. al. Auctioneers: Omlis & 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 Rervold. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

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. Finnerly. 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 9 — Vehicles, shop equip., furniture, collectible & household items at Elyria for Colin Diederich Estate. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

May 9 — Antiques, collectibles, shop, garden, household & misc. at Wamego for Mrs. Carl Brase. Auctioneers: Ivan Seele Auctions.

May 9 — Truck, tractors, combines, machinery, tools & other E. of Randall for Travis McElroy. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 9 — Machinery, trucks, car, trailer, mower, farm misc., guns, collectible, misc. household at Marion for John Hayen Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auctions.

May 9 — Antiques, collectibles, dolls, toys, furniture & misc. at Abilene

for Mrs. Ethis Leach. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers & Allyn Thompson.

May 9 — Vehicles, shop tools, household, lawn & garden, camping, coins & misc. at Mayetta for Paul & Ida Kropp. Auctioneers: Steve Murray Auctions.

May 9 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, household & misc. at Wilson for Jack & Sharon Holloway-Ollie's Treasures & Antiques. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auctions-Frank Princ.

May 9 — Furniture, appliances, collectibles, hand & yard tools at Manhattan for Bob & Charlene Redman-Virginia Kinzey. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 9 — Liquidation auction at Baldwin City for Tom Nelson/Baldwin City Millwork/TNC Construction. Auctioneers: Mark Elston Auctions.

May 9 — Antique furniture, glassware, china, antiques, primitives, collectibles & household items at Lucas for Stone Cottage Farm. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

May 9 — Real Estate, furniture, appliances, collectibles, tools & misc. at Council Grove for Wilma Bennett. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

May 9 — Katherine's Collection dolls, fabric, shelving, display, furniture at McPherson for The Button Hole. Auc-

tioners: Triple K Auctions.

May 9 — Coins, currency, lawn & garden, tools, lawn tractors, collectibles, glassware, antique & modern furniture, appliances & misc. at Lawrence. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

May 9 — Primitives, antiques, collectibles, vehicle, sporting goods, yard tools, books, appliances, furniture, glassware, pottery & misc. at Hoisington for Verla Jilg Estate & et al. Auctioneers: Schremmer Auctions.

May 9 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, lamps, china, glassware, pottery, childrens items, household, vehicle at Topeka for Doris M. Hunter Estate. Auctioneers: Prudential Auctions-Wayne Hunter.

May 9 — Tractors, machinery, pickup, trailer, stock trailers, livestock equip., ATV, saddles, tack, hay, guns, boat, camp equip., collectibles, furniture & appliances at Sedan for Dan Kill Estate. Auctioneers: Walters Auctions.

May 11 — Skid loader, trailer, pickups, mower, boat, tools, household & collectibles at Beloit for Ralph Kazda. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 13 — Online Internet only for Big Iron. Auctioneers: Stock Auctions.

May 14 — Real Estate-House at Wamego for Brendon & Kachina Gerber. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 16 — Antiques, collectibles, tools & household & real estate at Ellsworth for Torrey Fox Trust. Auctioneers: Victor Bros. Auction & Real-

ty 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 16 — Tools, portable storage shed, misc. at Solomon for Mrs. Dwight (Mary) Flora. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers & Allyn Thompson.

May 16 — Real Estate at Mayetta for Melvin Bailey. Auctioneers: Pagel Auctions-United Country Ks Realty.

May 16 — Real Estate & household at Wamego for Henry & Lena Kelley. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions.

May 16 — Antique Case tractors, parts, collectibles & primitives, combines, implements at Wellington for Don Humbert. Auctioneers: Cochran Real Estate & Auctions.

May 16 — Signs, furniture, collectibles, art, glass, guns, coins & diamonds at Salina for Harold M. Anderson Trust. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 16 — Trucks, tractors, combine, farm machinery, shop, misc. & old items at Marion for Richard & Loretta Noone. Auctioneers: Leppke Auctions.

May 17 — Glass, collectibles, mobility scooter, household & misc. at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 20 — Cloud Co. real estate at Concordia for Zelda 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 21 — Marion Co. land at Florence for Herschman Family. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Real Estate & Auctions.

May 22 — Carpentry house at Beloit for North Cen-

tral Kansas Technical College. Auctioneers: Gerald Zimmer.

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

May 23 — House & acreage, machinery, household & antiques S. of Formoso for Taylor Clark Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 23 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, farm related & household items at Elbing for Silas & Edna Stucky. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt 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 & Zelda 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 Kickhafer.

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.

June 13 — Dolls, antiques, collectibles, toys, tools & misc. at Abilene for Mrs. Ethis Leach. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers & Allyn Thompson.

August 1 — Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

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

September 27 — 29th annual Cooper Quarter Horse sale at Emporia for Cooper Quarter Horses. Auctioneers: Carey Macy.

November 7 — Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

January 1, 2010 — 25th Annual New Years Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.



Kyleigh Santee led out the champion steer at the Western National Angus Futurity Show in Reno.



Josh Laffin led out the champion bred and owned bull entry shown at the Western National Angus Futurity Show held recently in Reno.

AUCTION

MONDAY, MAY 11 — 5:30 PM

Auction will be held at the house 4 miles North of BELOIT, KS on Hwy 14 1 mile West (2902 C Road).

SKID LOADER, TRAILER, PICKUPS

2005 Bobcat 5250 Gold package skid loader diesel, 2 speed, full cab w/heater & air, 6' bucket, 1100 hrs; gravel fork; 8' Kwik Way snow blade w/hyd both ways; Bell Tec commercial post hole digger for skid loader; bits inc: 1 1/4", 12" & 18' rock, 6", 12", 18" & 24" regular bits; hyd tamper; 2' bit extension; 1988 Ford F350 dually pickup w/8' Winkler flat bed, automatic, 460 engine, 70,311 miles; 1992 Ford F250 4 wheel drive pickup, automatic, 7.3 diesel engine; 2001 PJ 24' gooseneck trailer w/beaver tail 3 ramps.

MOWER, BOAT & TOOLS
1994 Grasshopper 616 lawn mower; PTO snow blower for Grasshopper lawn mower; John Deere TRS 21 snow

blower; 1977 Lake Scout 12' boat w/15 hp Evinrude motor on Trail Craft trailer, trolling motor; new Jiffy ice auger; fishing poles; Dewalt 10" radial arm saw; Stihl Ms290 & 250 chain saws; Sterling 70/60 battery charger; Durcraft 1/2" drill press; Dewalt cordless drill; roto hammer drill; router w/bits; belt sander; acc tank; air bubble; pipe vice; assortment end wrenches; bar clamps; come a longs; shovels; wheel barrow; car ramps; new electric wire; several tires; assortment of other items.

HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLES

2006 Crosley washer & dryer; Crosley 15 cu upright freezer; RCA console TV; Baldwin Fun Machine theater electric organ; 4 pc blonde bedroom

set w/full box springs & mattress; floral divan & love seat; oval dining table w/chairs; walnut office desk; round dinette table w/chairs; king size water bed; wood microwave stand; oak end tables; assortment of pictures; Collectables inc.: oak pattern back bed cut down w/matching dresser; 20's cedar chest; Columbia no 2 portable phonograph; 2 oak child's rockers; oak pattern back arm chair; walnut marble top lamp table; Seth Thomas 8" shelf clock; walnut deer wall shelf; Lions head butter spooner, covered sugar, open & covered compotes; salt & pepper shakers; assortment of other glass; hand painted fount lamp; hand painted pitcher; 2 quilts; assortment of other items.

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AUCTION

SUNDAY, MAY 17 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo Center in SALINA, KANSAS

GLASS & COLLECTIBLES

Lionel 260E electric train w/6 cars in original boxes; 10" & 20" carved ivory piece's; pr. small ivory elephants; Art glass Jack in Puplit; Czech glass; Czech crystal; Czech pottery; Vaseline glass; crystal pieces; Fostoria glass; several signed Fenton pieces; crackle glass decanter; Prussia pitcher; Swedish vase; pitcher & bowl; Russian collector plates; Lalique pin tray & bird; Cambridge candle holders; Limoges basket; Candlewick dish; Doulton toby; pickle caster; birdes basket; Staffordshire dog; Royal Rudestat dresser set; paper weight perfume; Burmese rose bowl, basket & fairy lamp; Oriental picture, Foo Dogs, figurines; Greek pieces; Egyptian pieces; statues; figurines; Buddha's; Florence ceramics; 106 pc set

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Towle sterling Chippendale pattern; silver creamer; Indian basket, pottery, Van Briggie Indian Maiden; stamps; coins; military medals, pillow cover; granite coffee pot; Santa Coke sign; sports collectables some signed Raider, Chiefs, Royals, Jay Hawks, 89 World Series, 49er, other; sports books; Nascar collectables (calendars, valentines, plaques, puzzles, cars, Hallmark ornaments, bobble heads, tins); assortment pictures; Beatles signed photo; Bee Gee items; Charles Rogers book & cards signed; photo album; oil paintings; Yard of Roses, Lone Wolf, 3 Forsberg pictures; Camel ashtray; collector books inc.: Czeck Glass; kitchen primitives; assortment jewelry inc.: 14K gold earrings, sterling bracelets, sterling crown pin,

sterling cameo, bracelet, earrings, ring w/blue topaz; 10K gold necklace; Weiss earrings; Christmas items; bedspreads; fancy work; quilts; smoking collectables; Montgomery Ward items; playing cards; Coke items; photo's form 1900 to 1930's; Beanie Bears; brass dolphin; assortment of other collectables.

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HOUSEHOLD

Panasonic 26" TV; CD player; dinette table & 2 chairs; ladies drop front desk; over stuffed chair; French hutch; men's & women's golf clubs; 2 caddy carts; 10 speed bikes like new; bedding; towels; kitchen items; children's toys; children's books; movies; baby items; logo shirts & caps; assortment of other items.

Flinns honored for grass stewardship

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heard the speculation that fall-calving cows are harder on rangeland than those who go to grass with a younger calf at side.

"It looks like a double stock, except that we pull the calves out the first of July and let the dry cows stay out till mid-August," Steve explained. "We then rotate the cows to a fresh pasture where

we calve mid-September." His belief is that the pasture gets a good rest with this format, unlike those who might leave cows with spring calves in place until the first of October, essentially giving

the grass no rest before going dormant.

"You can't be greedy," Steve said. "If you'll take care of the grass, it will take care of you."

But Steve sees change

coming to the region as more houses, developments and ranchettes are built throughout the Flint Hills. They pose some serious considerations — both in terms of the availability of grass to lease and the opportunity to manage it appropriately with fire.

"It is very concerning to me about what is happening throughout the Flint Hills. This is the best grass in the world to raise cattle in. Most of the people making it go away don't even realize what Mother Nature intended it to do."

Kansas Bluestem Pasture Rates

BLUESTEM PASTURE RENTAL ACREAGE GUARANTEES, CONDITION & CATTLE PRICES, 2004-2009 1/

| Year | Average Acres of Grass Guaranteed per Head for Full Summer Season | | | | | | | Prices Received by Farmers during February per 100 pounds | |
|------|---|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|--------|
| | Steers and Heifers | | | | Cow/Calf Pairs | | | Beef Cattle | Calves |
| | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | With Fall Calves | With Spring Calves | Average for Pairs | | |
| | ----- Acres ----- | | | | | | | Dollars | |
| 2009 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 82.30 | 114.00 |
| 2008 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 92.40 | 126.00 |
| 2007 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 90.40 | 122.00 |
| 2006 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 92.80 | 147.00 |
| 2004 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 7.9 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 79.30 | 116.00 |

1/ Funding was not available for the 2005 survey.

BLUESTEM PASTURE LEASE RATES & ACREAGE GUARANTEES, PARTIAL SUMMER SEASON, 2004-2009 1/

| Year | Average Lease Price per Head for Partial Season (Dollars) | | | | Average Acres of Grass Guaranteed per Head | | | |
|------|---|----------------|------------------|--------------------|--|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Steers and Heifers | | | | Steers and Heifers | | | |
| | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or more |
| 2009 | 56.60 | 62.40 | 60.60 | 67.00 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.6 |
| 2008 | 61.40 | 61.60 | 61.60 | 72.10 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.5 |
| 2007 | 56.60 | 59.70 | 58.90 | 70.20 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| 2006 | 51.00 | 55.70 | 54.40 | 69.50 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.5 |
| 2004 | 52.60 | 54.10 | 53.60 | 62.40 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.1 |

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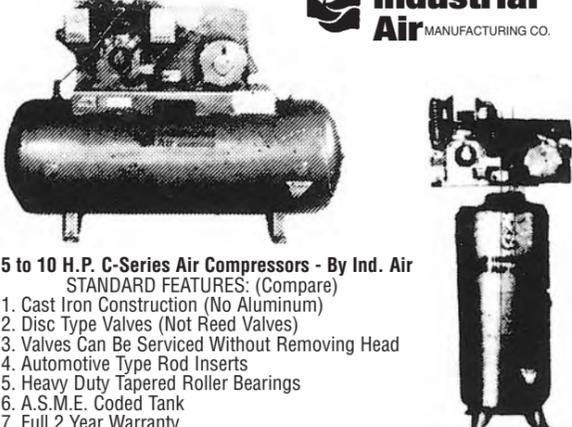
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