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Cattlemen struggle to find methods to address genetic defects

By Kindra Gordon

A proactive approach — rather than a reactive one — needs to be taken by the beef industry as it responds to emerging genetic defects that are being identified. That was the message University of Illinois animal scientist Jonathan Beever shared as he addressed attendees at the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) symposium in Sacramento, Calif.

Beever has been the lead researcher in assisting the beef industry in identifying recent genetic defects, including arthrogryposis multiplex (AM), neuropathic hydrocephalus (NH), fawn calf syndrome (FCS) and others.

Because most genetic defects are recessive, both parents have to be carriers in order for the defect to be expressed. But to prevent the spread of the defect through the beef population, some form of management is needed. Beever emphasized that with today's technology, specifically DNA-testing tools, these genetic nonconformers can be identified and managed among sires and



Keeping America's cowherd viable by having a source of genetically sound seedstock is an ongoing challenge. With a number of defects recently uncovered, purebred producers now have additional considerations in developing breeding programs.

cow herds. And, Beever said, by taking a proactive approach toward genetic defects, beef producers can reduce losses and increase their potential profit margins.

Beever told beef producers in the audience that when dealing with a potential genetic defect carrier in cow herd populations they have options:

Ignore it. Of this, Beever

said producers then run the risk of seeing the defect come back in populations years later.

Completely eliminate the genetic source. Beever cautioned that there are also problems with this choice, including the fact that pedigrees can be wrong, you may miss an individual with that pedigree, and removing this gene pool from the population may be contradictory to breed improvement.

Find outcross genetics or, in other words, breed away from the gene pool with the defect. Beever said this choice isn't practical for seedstock breeders, but could be a potential option for commercial operations, particularly if they produce a terminal cross.

Accurately identify the carriers through genetic testing and then utilize breeding management. Beever called this the most responsible choice. "Genetic testing is a tool that allows beef producers to manage these problems. They are highly accurate and are becoming more cost-effective," he said.

Beever added that how producers develop their response to genetic defects within the beef industry will also be influenced by their place in the production system. He said seedstock breeders should be especially proactive.

"Most of the responsibility falls on you to manage your herd as best you can so these genetic defects don't trickle out into commercial populations," he told seedstock breeders in attendance.

For commercial cattlemen producing replacement females, Beever encouraged testing those females for the identified genetic defects in order to minimize calf losses.

On the other hand, commercial breeders producing calves for terminal programs have little or no risk with passing the genetic defect to other cow populations. Thus, Beever suggests that those commercial producers just make sure they are using a sire that is negative for the defects. He suggests it may be worth paying a premium for sires that have been test-

ed and proven to be "free" of genetic defects.

Beever acknowledged there is a cost to cattle producers for genetic testing, but he said he believes that investment can be made up by the reduction in calves lost to genetic defects had you not tested. Beever suggested that one cost-effective strategy for some producers is to test those animals with the most influence on your herd — sires and herd matriarchs — and then test replacement females annually.

Beever concluded by saying, "If we are going to be serious about this (dealing with genetic defects), it is going to require investment. Genetic defect research should be viewed as a preventative investment."

He encouraged producers to get educated about the existing defects and the DNA-testing tools available. As well, Beever called for a change in the psychology of reporting defects, saying that rather than hide or ignore the issues, breeders must be willing to report these cases for the future good of their

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U.S. winter wheat forecast down by about 20 percent in first USDA report

WICHITA (AP) — The nation's farmers are expected to harvest about 20 percent less winter wheat this season, in part because of fewer planted acres and exacerbated by floods and other weather conditions, the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service said.

Nationwide, winter wheat production was forecast at 1.5 billion bushels, down 20 percent from last year. The nation's production is expected to come from 34 million acres with aver-

age yields of 44 bushels per acre. Winter wheat acreage this season is down 14 percent.

"The drought really got Texas and it was the freeze that finished up the better Oklahoma wheat-producing areas. And southern Kansas was touched by the freeze as well," said Mike Wolverton, grain marketing economist at Kansas State University.

Tuesday's forecast comes at a time when wet conditions are keeping farmers from planting their spring wheat. The window for spring-planted wheat typically ends by mid-May; after that yield potential plummets because of hot weather during pollination, Wolverton said.

Wheat planting is far behind schedule in Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota, he said. Some farmers are now considering putting those acres instead into soybeans, which can be planted later in the season when their fields dry out.

But in Kansas, the nation's largest wheat-producing state, the winter wheat crop was expected to be down only 4 percent from a year ago. The state was spared much of the freeze damage because its wheat was less mature and there-



In a matter of weeks the lush fields of wheat will be transformed to the golden grain pictured above. But because of current weather patterns and other factors the crop will be of lesser quality and fewer acres will be cut according to USDA.

fore less vulnerable when temperatures dipped below freezing in April. Cool, wet weather since then also helped the Kansas wheat crop recover.

"I am bullish on wheat, although we just came off an all-time record large wheat production," Wolverton said. "There is still some of that wheat left, but it is not very good quality, a lot of

what is left. The world is short of good, quality wheat and I think they are going to come to the Great Plains to get it." Among the nation's top 10 winter wheat producing states, only Colorado and Washington were forecast to have bigger crops this season than a year ago. The Colorado crop was expected

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Program to reduce U.S. dairy herd by more than 100,000 head

The dairy industry's self-help program, Cooperatives Working Together (CWT), announced that it has tentatively accepted 388 bids representing 102,898 cows and 2 billion pounds of milk production capacity. CWT officials will now begin the task of culling or "retiring" that many cows from the nation's dairy herd.

It is the first in a series of herd-retirements planned over the next 12 months. The number of cows and pounds of milk represent the largest single herd-retirement carried out in the six-year history of CWT.

Dairy farmers in 41 states submitted a total of 538 herd-retirement bids by the May 1 deadline. The 388 bids tentatively accepted represent 72 percent of the total bids received by CWT. The number of cows now scheduled to be removed account for 64 percent of the total number of cows offered and the 2 billion pounds of milk account for 67 percent of the milk production offered.

"The high percentage of bids CWT selected this time around is an indication that producers understood that CWT would only be able to accept reasonable bids per hundred pounds of milk in order to adjust the nation's dairy herd and better align supply and demand," said Jerry Kozak, president and CEO of the National Milk Producers Federation, which administers CWT.

Starting next week, CWT field auditors will begin visiting the 388 farms whose bids were accepted, checking their milk-production records, inspecting their herds, and tagging each cow for processing. All farms should be audited by early July and cows should begin moving off dairies by late May. All bidders will be notified no later than June 12 as to whether their bid was among those accepted.

"The bids selected ranged from farms with fewer than 50 cows to dairies with over 5,000, demonstrating that farms of all sizes in all areas are facing a very difficult year in 2009," Kozak said. "Those that took advantage of CWT's offer to retire their herds will aid others still wanting to farm by reducing the amount of milk coming to market and strengthening prices going forward."

"CWT, thanks to the commitment of 36 cooperative members and over 500 individual dairy farmer members, has the resources to carry out additional herd-retirements in

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The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

A Snake Encounter

When relating an experience, there is often a temptation to embellish the story to make it more interesting so that people will listen. I do not need to enlarge on this one, it is big enough as is.

The door we use most often is the one where we enter the mud room, and right outside the door is where we keep Buck's food pan. Being an Australian Blue Heeler, Buck used to bristle up to about anything that was intruding, but as he is approaching eleven years in age, he does more barking and avoids much contact. He used to hop right into the pickup, but lately I have had to assist him in getting his rear end in. Let me assure you he is still a fine dog and a great friend. We are growing old together.

One day last week was a really sunny one; it must have been close to eighty degrees by noon. When I walked out the mud room door and onto the concrete walkway, I noticed a rope-like object right up against the house. After my eyes focused, I could hardly believe what I saw. It was a snake that must have been twenty feet long. May has insisted I change that figure to about six feet. Anyway, it was one of the biggest snakes I have ever seen on this ranch, and here it was within three feet of our back door. I don't really care for snakes and at a younger age I would usually kill them. It is amazing how maturity can change a person. Now I have lost almost all my desire to kill anything. Life is precious, let the creatures live.

But here was a big snake ready to gain access to our castle. He remained motionless as the reality of him sunk into my mind. What should I do? May detests snakes and would want it killed. He was a fine specimen, lying there in the sun, and appeared to be very healthy. I looked for lumps in his body, but he was slick and smooth. I could tell he was a friendly bull snake that knew he had been detected and was waiting for my

reaction. Would I be friendly, too?

By this time, both May and Buck had gotten in on the action. May was alarmed and wanted him dead. Buck was a bystander and my trying to sic him on the snake brought out a few barks and nothing more. I could tell they must have been in cahoots and were probably friends. I believe that snake had mesmerized Buck and had convinced him that it was okay for him to eat out of his dog pan. In fact, the snake's head was about two feet from the pan of dog food. No wonder he looked so fine. We had suspected something had been helping itself to Buck's food because it had been disappearing a little too quickly. If food was left overnight, the pan was empty in the morning with no sign of a coon or possum having been around.

I had been trimming the yard, so the weed eater was there handy. Instead of killing the friendly snake, I decided to use it to let him know he was not welcome and had better leave. Even as I fired up the weed eater and moved the whirling strings near his head, he remained hopeful; but when the strings hit his head, he came to life, coiled and raised his head high and tried to strike and spit at us. He sounded real mean. With a five-foot advantage from the little whirring machine, I backed him off the concrete and around the corner into a flower bed. I began to realize he was not going to be run off easily. We decided to leave and give him a chance to retreat on his own. When we checked just three minutes later, he was nowhere to be seen.

I once heard a story about a small girl who was found sharing her bread and milk with a bull snake. She would pop him on the head with a spoon so he would back out and let her have her turn. I wonder, did we mess up? I bet we could have had a beautiful bull snake for a friend, but I'm not sure May would have stayed around. Now, he will have to hunt for rats, mice, bird eggs, and whatever else he can find.

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Guest Editorial

Greater regulation

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

A recent court ruling will have a disruptive effect on production agriculture. This ruling could also have an effect on existing policy in regards to what constitutes point source and non-point source pollution as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA).

Here's what happened. On Jan. 7, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee) issued a ruling in a case involving pesticide application and the Clean Water Act. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had earlier concluded that pesticides applied in accordance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act are exempt from the Clean Water Act's permitting requirements.

The court held the rule was in conflict with provisions of the CWA. Specifically, the court found that under the plain language of the statute all biological pesticides are "biological material" and therefore pollutants. It also ruled that excess or residual chemical is discharged "from a point source" (the application equipment, sprayers, etc.) even though it becomes "excess" or "residue" at some time after being released from the application equipment.

This issue is not limited to agriculture. It will also impact other applications including vegetation management along highway rights of way, electric transmission corridors, mosquito control and chemical de-icing by state, county and municipal employees.

"As it stands, this decision is a clear threat to agricultural production," says Terry Holdren, Kansas Farm Bureau's governmental relations national director.

EPA estimates this ruling could affect approximately 365,000 pesticide applicators who perform 5.6 million applications annually.

What remains for farmers is a slippery slope toward more regulation. In the days before the April 9 petition deadline, EPA elected not to pursue an effort for rehearing in front of the entire Sixth Circuit. Instead the agency requested a two-year stay to allow the development of new rules and a permitting process for pesticide applications. American Farm Bureau Federation has filed a petition with the court seeking that review.

Because of the potential impacts it is disheartening the EPA did not seek a rehearing on this matter.

"Farmers should not need a permit under another law when they already are following an existing law," Holdren says.

This lack of initiative will complicate farmers' ability to farm and raise their expenses without improving the environment.

So, what is the next step for producers?

The Sixth Circuit will rule soon on the AFBF petition for rehearing. Hopefully wisdom will prevail and 30 years of interpretation and practice by EPA will receive greater consideration when the full court considers the extent of the Clean Water Act. Otherwise an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court may be the only avenue left for production agriculture.

While this case makes its way through the courts, EPA may begin the process of developing the necessary permits. The looming question may be whether the agency allows the use of a general permit which would have minimal impact on pesticide applications or whether a permit will be required for each and every application of a pesticide. The latter will have obvious and enormous impacts on applicators.

This struggle is just beginning and will require carefully thought out consideration in determining a solution that is reasonably workable for American agriculture.

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By Ace Reid



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Dairy cuts

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the coming months. That is why CWT will not announce the average level of the bids accepted until all the herd-retirements are completed," Kozak noted. "We will continue to monitor key economic indicators in order to determine the right time to implement the next herd-retirement."

Since 2003, CWT has been responsible for culling 285,717 cows through its herd-retirement program. It has also provided export assistance.

Its efforts have been made more imperative in recent months, due to the low milk prices received by dairy producers. Officials hope that removing thousands of cows will help bring supply and demand into better balance.

Decisions on defects

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breed and the beef industry as a whole.

Beever clarified that he and his colleagues only work on genetic defect issues that are brought to them. Looking to the future, he said, "We must have a proactive and positive attitude toward defect surveillance and standardized reporting."

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Corn planting far off pace

Cool and wet spring weather across much of the eastern Corn Belt has delayed planting in many states which could mean a drop of as much as 2 million acres in corn acreage this year, according to American Farm Bureau Federation economist Terry Francl.

"Farmers in many of the top corn-producing states are all telling the same story," Francl said. "This year's wet and cold spring has significantly delayed planting, and they need warm and dry weather so they can get into the fields and plant their crops. In some parts of the country, soil temperatures are still too low to germinate seed."

As of May 10, corn planting was only 48 percent complete, compared to the five-year average of 71 percent.

"Analysts are currently thinking corn-planted acreage may be reduced up to 1 million acres, and if the rain delays and cool weather continue for another week or two, acreage could drop by as much as 1.5 million to 2 million acres," Francl said. "Most of those acres will be shifted to soybeans."

Francl said the Agriculture Department's May World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) released today showed no adjustment in corn-planted acreage, despite the planting delays. The May WASDE pegs corn planting at 85 million acres.

Francl said the May WASDE report suggests tighter supplies for all major crops for the current crop year (2008/2009) and the next crop year (2009/2010) than previously anticipated.

"This is an important report because the World Agricultural Outlook Board made its first projection for the 2009/2010 crops that takes into account current conditions," Francl said.

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Wheat outlook down considerably

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to be 29 percent larger, while Washington was looking at a 6 percent bigger harvest.

A breakdown by states also shows Oklahoma was expected to harvest 80.5 million bushels, down 52 percent from a year ago when growers brought in 166.5 million bushels. Nebraska was forecast to be

down 9 percent at 67.2 million bushels.

Texas growers are facing a second-straight year of crop losses. Its 2009 crop forecast of 64.8 million bushels is down from both the 99 million bushels harvested in 2008 and the 140.6 million bushels in 2007.

In Kansas, a regional breakdown forecast smaller winter wheat crops in the

three central districts and the southeast part of the state, but slightly bigger harvests than a year ago in the rest of the state.

"I don't think we are going to see a dramatic increase in wheat prices, but I think the stage is set for an increase in wheat prices — particularly as the global economy recovers and demand comes back," Woolverton said.

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- 1/4 cup peanut butter
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- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 4 cups ice cream, softened

In a saucepan combine 1/4 cup corn syrup, butter and brown sugar. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 1 minute. Remove from the heat and stir in cereal until blended. Press into the bottom of a greased 9-by-9-inch pan. In a small bowl combine the peanut butter, hot fudge topping and remaining corn syrup. Set aside 1/3 cup for topping. Spread remaining mixture over crust and sprinkle with pecans. Top with softened ice cream. Cover and freeze for 6 hours or until firm. Warm reserved peanut butter mixture and drizzle over ice cream. Let stand at room temperature for at least 15 minutes before cutting.

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- 4 ounces shredded & chopped Swiss cheese

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NOTE: Can use frozen roll balls instead of the loaves of bread or even biscuits.

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- 3/4 cup softened butter

- 3/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- Strawberry jam
- 4 cups halved strawberries

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-by-13-by-2-inch pan with foil, extending foil beyond edges. In a large mixing bowl beat butter and peanut butter for 30 seconds. Beat in sugars, baking powder and salt. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat in flour. Spread dough in prepared pan. Bake 25 minutes until top is light-

ly browned. Cool completely. Remove from pan by lifting foil. Spread 1/2 cup strawberry jam on top. Top with halved strawberries. Cut into bars and serve. Makes 24 bars.

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- 1 small red pepper, finely chopped
- 1 small yellow pepper, finely chopped
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 4 fat-free flour tortillas (10-inch)
- 1/2 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
- 1 cooked Southwest Flank Steak, chopped
- 1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons chopped seeded jalapeno pepper
- Salsa, guacamole & reduced fat sour cream (optional)

In a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray, cook and stir the peppers and onion over medium-high heat until tender. Transfer to a small bowl. Coat the same skillet with cooking spray; add one tortilla. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons cheese on half of tortilla. Top with a fourth of the steak, 1/3 cup pepper mixture, 1 tablespoon cilantro and 1 1/2 teaspoons jalapeno. Fold over and cook over low heat for 1 to 2 minutes on each side or until cheese is melted; remove. Repeat for remaining quesadillas, spraying pan as needed. Cut

into wedges and serve with salsa, guacamole and sour cream, if desired.

Southwest Steak:

- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 teaspoons chili powder
- 4 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 2 beef flank steaks (1 pound each)

In a large resealable plastic bag combine all ingredients except steak; add the beef. Seal bag and turn to coat. Refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight. Drain and discard marinade. Coat grill rack with cooking spray before starting the grill. Grill beef, covered, over medium heat for 5 to 7 minutes on each side or until meat reaches desired doneness. Let stand for 5 minutes, thinly slice across the grain. Yield: 8 servings.

Karen Allen, Dunlap: "This cake is best served when it has cooled."

PUMPKIN PIE CAKE

- 30-ounce can pumpkin pie mix (or 2 cans of solid pack pumpkin + 1 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice)
- 4 eggs

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- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 12-ounce can evaporated milk
- 1 yellow or white cake mix
- 1 cup melted butter or margarine
- Cinnamon & chopped nuts, optional
- Mix pumpkin, eggs, sugar, evaporated milk and pour into ungreased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Pour dry cake mix over all and spread evenly, slightly patting in. Pour melted butter over top and sprinkle with cinnamon and/or chopped nuts, if using. Bake at 350 degrees for no more than 1 hour.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:

CHICKEN BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

- 2 cups cooked rice
- 3 cups chopped cooked broccoli

- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 10-ounce can cream of chicken soup
- 10 ounces cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups chopped & shredded chicken breasts

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13-inch dish with spray. Spread the rice in an even layer in the baking dish. Make the second layer with the broccoli. In a bowl mix the sour cream, mayonnaise, lemon juice, soup, half of the grated cheese, salt, pepper and chicken. Pour this mixture over the broccoli and top with the remaining grated cheese. Bake for 40 minutes.

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ley, Case, Sharples, Wallis, Kelloggs, Blish Mize & Sullman, Aetna Mills, Keystone Watch, IH, Illinois Watch, Chevrolet, other); **Tins & Jars** inc.: Sweet Mist tobacco, Art-style choc, Bayle's Herring, Towles Log Cabin, oatmeal boxes, spice tins); **Coffee Jars** (Moon Rose #1, Summer Girl, Pecan Valley); 25 advertising oilers; ice cream trays; large eyeglasses for display; Big Five glass cigar box covers; Zippo 70 lighters, pocket knives & tape measures; trade cards (Wise grease, Mica grease, ElDorado oil, Keystone implement); advertising needle cases.

Currier & Ives lithograph American National Game of Baseball large folio.

1920's Van Briggles vase Poppy Pod Mulberry.

41.6 pound possible stone meteorite found in Blue Hills in Mitchell Co. in 1930's.

Aristocra Olympic 10 cent slot machine, needs repair.

COLLECTIBLES

Crocks inc.: blue & white but-

ter & refrigerator jar, salt crock w/flowers, Parker Co Central City Neb pitcher, sponge ware pitcher; set 3 yellowware w/girl watering flowers bowls; 7 Red Wing McDonalds crocks; Elsie the Cow (cookie jar, creamer, sugar, salt & pepper, paper weight, creamer, stuffed animal, other); German AM 370 & 341 dolls; 15 small bisque dolls; 10 spice sets; Fred Krug Brewery 1859-1909 plate; celluloid dresser set, collar box & sewing box; **Jewelry** (costume, sterling, Victorian beads, tie clasps); bakelite handle massager; **Children's Books** inc.: 1914 Favorite, 2 German mechanical books; board games (Sambo, Polyanna, 1908 baseball, other); Big Little books; 5 gal marbles; 10 gal buttons; KaBar sheath knife in holder; 30 feed sacks; 5 quilts; 3 quilt tops; quilt blocks; pot holders; lace collars; table cloths; Victorian calling cards; character needle & thread holder; Santas other Christmas; Cracker Jack items; Sterling spoons; Log Cabin spoons; 15 banks; Kansas milk bottles; pop bottles; 1950's baseball magazines.

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Note: This is an individual collection. They have collected for many years, there are many unique items. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. We will be open for viewing on Sat evening after we finish setting up after the Sat auction.

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The next two recipes are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

APPLE PIE BARS

Caramel Sauce:
28 caramels, unwrapped
1/2 cup evaporated milk

Crust:
2 1/2 cups flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup oil
1/4 cup water
1 egg

Filling:
6 cups sliced peeled apples
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup flour
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Topping:
8-ounce package cream cheese
1/3 cup sugar
1 egg
1/3 cup chopped nuts

Heat oven to 375 degrees. In a saucepan cook caramels and milk over low heat, stirring occasionally, until caramels are melted. Keep warm. In a bowl mix 2 1/2 cups flour, 1/4 cup sugar and the salt. With pastry blender cut in butter until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Stir in oil, water and egg. Press mixture evenly in bottom and up sides of ungreased 15-by-10-by-1-inch pan. In a bowl lightly mix filling ingredients. Spoon into crust lined pan. Drizzle warm caramel sauce over filling. In a bowl beat all topping ingredients except nuts with mixer on medium speed until smooth. Spoon over filling, spreading slightly. Sprinkle with nuts. Bake 35 to 45 minutes or until lightly golden brown. Cool completely, about 1 hour. Cut into squares. Cover and refrigerate any remaining bars.

"Good served warm with vanilla ice cream."
RHUBARB CRUMBLE
6 cups rhubarb, cut in 1-inch pieces

1 1/4 cups sugar
1 1/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup brown sugar
1 stick unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
1/2 teaspoon salt

Set oven to 375 degrees. Put rhubarb and granulated sugar, 1/4 cup flour and vanilla into 9-by-13-inch baking dish and toss well to combine and set aside. Put remaining 1 cup flour, brown sugar, butter and salt into a bowl and toss well. Mix butter into dry ingredients until mixture resembles coarse meal. Working with one small handful at a time, squeeze dough together to make a ball then gently break it into chunks and scatter them on rhubarb filling in pan. Bake until rhubarb is very tender and bubbly and crumble topping is golden brown, about 30 minutes.

Another fun recipes from Karen Allen, Dunlap:

PLAY DOUGH FOR KIDS
Mix together in a saucepan:
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 cup salt
1 cup water
1 teaspoon oil

Cook until blended and you can't stir anymore. Dump out and knead. A few drops of food color can be added. Keep in an air-tight container.

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Get Rid Of Poison Ivy Fast

(NAPSA) — Poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac — they're the kinds of weed you don't want anywhere around your kids or pets. The weeds contain an oil called urushiol that can cause an itchy red rash with bumps or blisters. The symptoms can develop within hours after exposure and last up to three weeks.

You can get the oil on your skin by:

- Touching the poison ivy plant or any clothing or shoes that have come in contact with the plant;
- Touching any pets or gardening tools that might have urushiol on them;
- Burning poison ivy. The oil from the plant is carried in the smoke and can cause lung irritation.

Identification is the key to avoiding exposure. The old saying "Leaves of three, let it be!" is a helpful reminder for identifying poison ivy and oak, but not poison sumac, which usually has clusters of seven to 13 leaves.

The Food and Drug Administration says poison ivy, oak and sumac are most dangerous in the spring and summer, when there is plenty of sap, the urushiol content is high and the plants are easily bruised.

"But the danger doesn't disappear over the winter," says Bayer Advanced garden expert Lance Walheim, author of "Lawn Care for Dummies." "Dormant plants can still cause reactions."



Bayer Advanced™ Brush Killer Plus (bayeradvanced.com) kills poison ivy, oak, sumac and even kudzu — more than 75 tough weeds in all. The systemic herbicide enters weeds through their leaves or roots and then moves through the plant. You'll see wilting and yellowing in one to six weeks. Always read and follow label directions.

The American Academy of Dermatology suggests you wear long pants and long sleeves, gloves and boots whenever you're going to be around poison ivy. The American Academy of Family Physicians says if a rash starts to develop, there are several over-the-counter medications you can use to relieve the itching, including hydrocortisone creams, calamine lotion, antihistamine tablets and even oatmeal baths.

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TOYS

Arcade (Red Baby dump, Fordson tractor, plow, planter, mower, spreader); Smith Miller Mobilgas tanker, Intermountain Express, orange dump trucks; Doepeke LaFrance aerial ladder, Heiliner scraper, **Keystone** dump truck; **Metal Craft** 1934 Goodrich wrecker, trucks; **Buddy L** (dump truck, Texaco tanker, milk delivery truck, Kennels, truck, Coke truck w/bottles, ladder truck); **Marx** (Lumer army truck, other army trucks, ice truck, hayrake, trailer); Adams grader; Winchester wagon; Reuhl D7 crawler; **Nylint** U Haul, Toumarocker, payload, cannon truck, shovel, grader, other toys; **Structo** (grain truck, Toyland garage truck, 1920's steam shovel, elevating scraper, wrecker, 66 Toyland oil truck, towing, dump truck); **Tonka** (fire truck, cement mixer, pickup, camper, Allied Van truck, pickup & horse trailer, stock rack trucks; Boycraft 1920's Mack dump truck; **Auburn** tractor; **Wyandotte** (Coast to Coast, medical truck, auto transport, sedans, cars & trucks); **Midge**; Audi; Dick Tracy car; electric cable train; street sweeper; 1957 Chev 50th anniversary for Enterprise co.; 21 tin windup toys; All American Toy heavy hauler; Dick Tracy windup car; Ideal

rocket cycle; Texaco fire truck; **Lumar** crane; **Hubley** (telephone truck w/tools, Caterpillar, tractors, implements, other); plastic Hubley toys; Greyhound bus; Army trucks; fire trucks; Midge toys; Match Box toys; Audi toys; pull back toys; 10 Dinky toys; Steam Craft Congo boat; Fisher Price; Tootsie; GI Joe pieces; 1933 erector sets; Lemor's Knock-A-Bout soldiers; dolls; tin doll house & furniture; electric cable train; IH toys; JD bikes, **Tractors toys**: large collection of 1/16 tractors & implements 1960's & 70's many very quality pieces (JD, Ford, IH, Coop, Cockshutt, Allis, Case, Massey, Oliver, Tru Scale, White, Farm Hand, Hartparr); IH trucks; **Combines inc.**: JD, Case IH, Deutz, IH, Massey, MM, NH, Oliver, Tru Scale; Precision tractors; Fox Fire figures; collector cars & pickups; Big A pedal car; Hot Wheels; 3 Lionel 50's train sets; JD no 2 & 3 train sets; 25 BB guns (Daisy model 24, 102, 36, 25, 40, 95B, 177, 75, 105B, 141, 1938) Crosman 130 & 140; cap guns; marble games; 37 jars marbles; JD, Coke, Pepsi marbles; 250 Cracker Jack toys; Radio Flyer toys; Norm Cash & Mickey Mantle bats; several hundred toys.

COLLECTABLES

Political buttons; Coke bottles, golf club; milk bottles; poker chips & cards; 13 shaving mugs; 11 mustache cups; barber bottles; spittoon; advertising screw drivers; beer cans; patches (Kaiser & Frazer, Caterpillar, Texaco); wood fork; corn shovel; Dazey 4 qt churn; sheep bell; milk bottle caps; Popeye cookie jar w/pipe; antique glass; 25 brass water nozzles; amo boxes; 20 advertising thermometers; marbles; 1929 Lincoln Co fair ribbons; Indian Motorcycle; WWII pictures, pins & uniform; 3 fire hats; fire ax, extinguishers & brass nozzles; ice skates; roller skates; lunch boxes; boxing gloves; JD dominoes; **Tins inc.**: blue Folgers, Lucky Strike, Edgeworth, Tuxedo, other; 8 & 30 gal Red Wing crocks; jugs; 600 post cards; **Children's books inc** (Sambo, Flash Gordon, Rin Tin Tin, 3 Little Pigs, others); Flying Red Horse book; 1937 KU, KS football program; Military books; manuals; wood working tools; parking meter; 53 lots **Coins inc.** (proof sets, mint sets, state quarters, wheat pennies, nickels, silver certificates, dimes, dollars, halves, tokens); stamp collection.

ANTIQUA AUCTION MONDAY, MAY 25 — 10:00 AM

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

ADVERTISING

White Eagle 3' cast iron eagle; American Oil & tank 10 gal visible gas pump; Butler BM113 10 gal visible gas pump; Eco air auto tire machine; **Gas Globes inc.**: Mobilgas, Barnsdall Ethyl, Derby, Shell, plastic Champlin; Red Crown & Bay globe inserts; **Signs inc.**: porcelain 60" Mobil flying red horse, Goodyear, Coop 20" square, Gillette tire, 10" Mobilub Socony-Vacuum, Sinclair HC Gasoline, Phillips 66, Sinclair, Derby Flexgas, GTX, Washing & Lubrication, AC Fire Ring Sparkplug, 36" Coke button, Hamms beer; **Thermometer inc.**: Prestone, OK; Standard Oil can w/crate; Alemite oil ad; Corvair sign; National Rejectors cigarette machine; Conoco cast iron sign base; brass gas nozzles; **5 Gal Oil Cans inc.**: Mobil, Enarco, Skelly, Nourse, Standard, Unique; **Radiator Ornament's inc.**: motometer, horse & wings; 70's & 80's car dealer posters; 1931 JD catalogue; JD seat; JD & Allis fans; 1926 Sargent hardware catalogue; Case tractor picture; Millers lighted bottle; Solder Seal display; Stanley hardware shipping crate.

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Oak ornate high back bed; mahogany curved front 2 door china cabinet w/claw feet; oak 2 door square china cabinet; fancy cast iron bed; oak S roll top desk; fancy burled walnut marble top parlor table; oak quarter sawn highboy; oak li-

brary table; oak gentlemen's dresser; walnut commode; oak 2 drawer blanket chest; 42" round oak table; oak Queen Anne table w/6 chairs; oak drop leaf table; child's oak roll top desk; PD Beckwith no 16 Round Oak stove; oak office chairs; oak folding game table; flat top trunks; oak hall trees; walnut wall mirror; walnut organ shelf; Bentwood high chair; primitive benches; furniture crowns & towel bars.

COLLECTABLES

Brass National cash register 547 from McCarthy Hardware Burr Oak, Ks.; **Cast Iron Banks** (Mutt Jeff, Buster Brown & Tige, Billiken, Aunt Jemima, turkey, Beauty horse, rocking & small camel, bull dog, early auto); metal Plymouth Rock in original case; **Cast Iron Toys inc.** (Chestor Grump horse & cart, Arcade Monuco 9" airplane, Zeppelin, 10" bus, Luke Eerie train, cast iron fire engine w/horse, steam fire truck); **Tin Toys** (Jazzbo Jim, 18" Air Express airplane, 12" boat w/motor, cart w/horse; Redwing 3 gal churn, 20 gal crock, 2 gal birch leaf ski oval, birch leaf 12 & 15 gal crocks; 6 gal McComb churn; 15 gal Western crock; **Large Assortment of Pictures inc.**: Gall Motor Norton, Winchester New Rival & Winchester Cartridges, Assaria Bank chain, several silhouette; picture frames; oak wall telephone; Washington drape & bee hive Aladdin lamps; Aladdin electric lamp; GWTW lamp; several

kerosene lamps; surveying instrument; Rock Island railroad lantern; brass post office railroad candle lamp; Stanley planes & rules; 1945 Life magazines; fancy Victorian table mirror; assortment fancy work; advertising calendars; 1933 Worlds Fair spoons; CW Parker carousel label; Merkhum air rifle; apple butter stirrer; 1905-10 Sears catalogue; advertising mailers; 1941 Washburn banner; 45 records; 1941 basketball game; Boy Scout items; match book collection; button collection; cook books; Christmas ornaments; fancy work; barb wire collection; jewelry; English & Mexican saddles; fishing tackle; Wonder rocking horse; wooden ladders; wooden kegs; 32 Chev steering column & cowls; Kan dealer tags 70's, 80's & 90's; Favorite Piqua ware cast iron coffee pot; Army gunners quadrant; large assortment of collectables.

GLASS

Roseville snowberry vase & planter; rose cut vase; Jadite bowl & plates; Fenton epergne; German chocolate set; Toby mug; Fiesta plates; assortment Fostoria (goblets, cups, saucers, serving pcs); 12 place Meadow Rose Fostoria stems; 30 pcs Desert Rose; ironstone pitcher & bowl; Hoosier jars; drug store bottles; Lenox birds; Occupied boy & dog; Avon Albee Award dolls; Precious Moments; Cherished Teddies.

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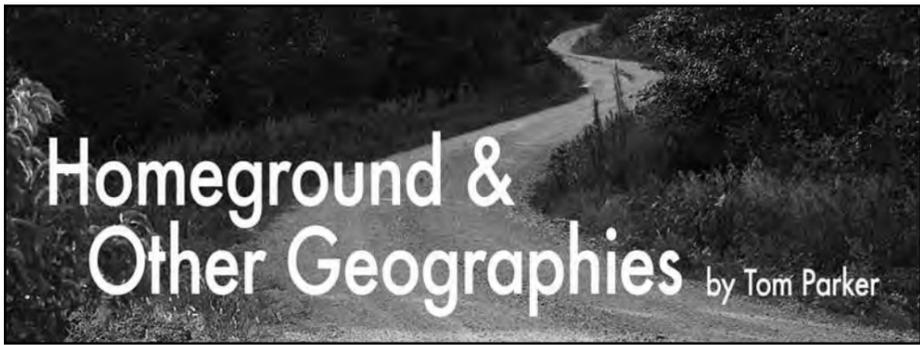
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Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

Sometimes the only answer

All day at the computer and I'm still here. Cool and wet outside with more rain on the way, and Lori gone since seven this morning, not due back till after nine tomorrow. The silence and loneliness are staggering. Outside in the gathering darkness a rabbit watches the house from the safety of the Austrian pine, and I am drawn to the dining room window to study it. Can it see me, or does the window mirror the gray sky, the low green hills, the field of oats stretching away beyond the pine? I pour another cup of coffee and glance out the window on my way back to the computer. No change. A gray immobile form, ears alert, eyes boring into mine.

More and more, I told Lori, I feel Sheba is out there. The way the rabbit studies the house, or moves closer when I'm outside. Once a rabbit chased the car all the way to the street and then stood on its haunches watching me drive away. Yesterday when we were planting cherry trees a rabbit emerged from the thicket and approached very close to us, and seemed so tame I finally retrieved the camera and trained a new telephoto lens on my apparently willing subject. Upped the ISO to 400 to elevate the shutter speed, held my breath, exhaled and tripped the shutter. Most of the two dozen images were tack sharp though some weren't.

Maybe it's time to blame technique rather than the lens.

It's easy to fall into a technical mumbo-jumbo and ruminate on lens quality, professional-versus-consumer glass, low-light photography and other matters when what I'm really trying to say is that there are things in heaven and earth that are beyond our understanding. Since the death of our bunny there have been strange happenings around this place, inexplicable and

moving, and while part of me wants to believe that reincarnation exists for animals, the other, more logical part, finds the idea both preposterous and dangerous. How far do we go to express our grief? How narrow is that mystical line between faith and fantasy? More importantly, what happens if we cross it?

My old Baptist pastor would have gnashed his teeth and rent his clothing to hear me suggest it, but I'm no longer certain things are so black and white. The world as I've known it consists of shades of gray and unanswerable questions, and I've learned to cope with the inevitable ups and downs through a childlike wonder and a baseless suspicion that the best is yet to come. Being thankful also helps get through the rough spots.

In the interim between what has gone before and what will be, I busy myself with the mundane acts of a



who tug at seed heads and flutter away on a light south wind. Clouds rake the western horizon and jell into a dark mass. Dusk falls early. I step onto the porch to stretch my legs and feel eyes upon me, and see the rabbit beneath the pine. For a long

man grounded to place. Six new cherry trees form a ragged line near the thicket, more hope than promise. Two small peach trees wait their turn and a change in weather. The yard fills with white-crowned sparrows

moment we hold a communion of sorts, and then it turns away and slips into the shadows. I can't help but feel it was waiting for me.

Thank you, I say. See you tomorrow.

AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 23 — 9:00 AM

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FARM LOCATION: West edge of Agenda, Kansas take Agenda Lane 1 1/2 miles North.

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Foundation to conduct pilot project

Whiting Cafe will get a boost on June 26-27 as the pilot project for the Kansas Sampler Foundation's "We Kan" Bank initiative.

Designed to match rural community needs with those who can help is the essence of the "We Kan" Bank. Foundation director Marci Penner said, "The plan is to create accounts of community need and match them with accounts opened by individuals who want to offer services, materials, labor, or funding."

Rosa Thomas will celebrate the 25th year of her cafe in August. Penner said, "Anyone that can

keep a cafe open for 25 years in a town of 200 with space for 25 people deserves recognition and support. Rosa didn't ask for this kind of help. We came to her and have convinced her that it's OK to be on the receiving end this time."

Kansas Sampler Foundation board member Gene Merry, Burlington, is in charge of the project. He has been to Whiting several times to assess the needs of the cafe and to plan materials and type of help needed. "We'll replace windows, apply paint inside and out, fix some floor and ceiling tiles, scrub

walls, and take care of some other odds and ends. Jim Stuke of Burlington has designed a mural that will be painted on an outside wall that will say "Food so great you'll scrape your plate."

The public is invited to participate by coming to help or by making a tax-deductible donation. They should contact the Kansas Sampler Foundation at 620.585.2374 or marci@

kansassampler.org. Forty workers and donations of \$5,000 are being sought.

With help from several community members, Ms. Thomas plans to feed the workers out of the community center. The cafe will be closed those two days.

The new Northeast Kansas Tourism Connections group will take a lead role in the project and president Bob Topping will be in charge of the work inside the building.

The Jackson County De-

velopment Corporation has granted \$1,000 towards the goal. More than \$1,800 has already been raised.

Penner said, "The model we are trying to establish is that if lots of people make a small donation or offer several hours of work then no-

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

You will probably see this letter again prior to the 2010 elections. Because education and advertisement are both all about repetition, I'm going with "early and often." Although many politicians seem to have forgotten it, "We the People" are their employers - and we should fire them. "We the People" seem to have sometimes forgotten it too. The current economy slump, the concurrent far left economic and "nanny state" policy-making and the attack on our personal and economic freedoms and liberties all have happened mostly because consumers were allowed to use

their houses as giant ATM's with little or no regard for repayment potential or true value. Yes, along with Wall Street, Fannie, Freddie and the banks, we consumers share blame for what has happened. But we should place much of the blame squarely where it really belongs. Not with any of the above, who are not responsible for maintaining economic stability, but on the government officials who had that responsibility and failed to discharge it - the politicians and regulators who were supposed to protect us and keep us safe instead of bowing to the lobbies in exchange for campaign contri-

butions. I could go into at least a couple of decades worth of enactment or repeal of numerous policies and regulations, preceded by intensive lobbying activities, that ultimately led to the current situation but that would dilute my real message here. The blame then comes right back to haunt us - the electorate.

A lot of people now are saying that due to greed, in a capitalistic society there is no way to prevent what has happened and that we need a different economic system. In reality, capitalism (albeit somewhat fascist or socialistic as we are) has been proven the best economic

system on the planet. Just look around over the past 200 plus years. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that no other system in the world has provided a better standard of living for the masses, or more innovation and efficiency in the allocation of resources. Granted, some folks remain "have-nots" under capitalism but at

least there are more than two social classes, with little oppression. There is a way to overcome the obstacle of greed in politics and capitalism and that is to fire the people who allowed this to happen. We should fire them, Republican and Democrat alike. Fire them at every future election to send a strong message. Please join

me in this. Even if we don't succeed, we will still feel better casting votes to throw the corrupt rascals out.

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Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith



The Postal "Service"

With the recent postal stamp increase, I was reminded of a few years ago when an editor at the Emporia Gazette made a snide remark about the Postal Service in one of his editorials. Almost instantly, there was a rebuttal from an official of that worthy organization. An official, I might add, not from this area.

He rose up in righteous indignation that anyone should complain about the system. After all, postal employees work hard, are faithful, efficient, kind to their mothers, putting in extra effort just out of the goodness

of their hearts, even though underpaid, etc. (This is paraphrased, of course, but that was the general tone).

I thought about it, and it was tempting, but I decided to sit that one out. However, later events prompted me to comment.

I once served on a committee which administrates the Western Writers' Hall of Fame. The annual inductions take place each June at the national convention of Western Writers of America, Inc., a separate entity. That year, the chairman of the Hall of Fame was unable to attend, and asked a couple of the

committee to preside over the ceremony. He would send me the materials, programs describing the Hall of Fame with that year's inductees, and listing previous honorees. The package would be at the convention hotel, the Holiday Inn in Springdale, Ark., before we even arrived.

It wasn't. I checked with the appropriate staff people at the hotel, and they had seen nothing of any package. They were kind enough to call other Holiday Inns in the area, to see if one of them had received it by mistake. Nothing. Finally, in despera-

tion, I phoned the Hall of Fame chairman in Colorado to see when he had shipped the brochures, and how. UPS? Federal Express? Maybe we could start a trace.

This was the morning of Tuesday, June 22, and the ceremony was to be at noon. The brochures had been mailed via U.S. Postal Service on the previous Thursday morning, June 15, at Boulder, Colo., First Class Mail.

We did the best we could on the ceremony, without programs. We told a lot of impromptu information about the Hall of Fame, and read from the works of the honorees. Of course, it wasn't very satisfactory.

The real slap in the face came when the hotel notified me that they had just received my package in the afternoon mail, a couple of hours after the ceremony. It was a package a little larger

than a cigar box. The address was precisely correct, it was First Class, and the postage on it was \$4.90.

How could such a thing occur? More than five days, from Boulder, Colo., to Springdale, Ark., First Class? It could almost be done on horseback. And what did the \$4.90 buy? Very little, obviously.

It sort of reminded me of a few years ago, when I had a very important manuscript to send to New York. At the suggestion of the postal people, I shipped it book rate, with an attached letter with extra first class postage. The whole thing carried a green tag, also at extra cost, which was to be mailed back to me by the post office to indicate delivery.

The days passed, and no green card. I tried to trace the shipment, but was told that they couldn't do so until after two weeks. I'd just

have to come back Wednesday. I did, to find that there were forms to fill out, and no one could find them. The person who usually handled that was on his day off. Come back tomorrow. Frantic, I phoned my editor in New York. Yes, the manuscript was there, on his desk, and had been for several days.

That book is in the eleventh printing now, besides a British edition and a German translation, and I'm still waiting for the green tag that certified that the manuscript was actually delivered, (for which I paid extra). Meanwhile, I use UPS or Federal Express, as most writers do for something they wanted delivered.

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Agriculture secretary discusses rural America

PORTAGEVILLE, Mo. (AP) — The government needs to work with rural America to create not only more jobs, but better-paying jobs, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said last Tuesday.

Vilsack spoke at a forum at the University of Missouri Delta Center, an agricultural research facility near the Missouri Bootheel town of Portageville, about 170 miles south of St. Louis. Many of the 150 or so people in attendance were farmers or worked in ag-related jobs in surrounding small towns.

"Sometimes we think any job is something we should focus on," said Vilsack, the former governor of Iowa before joining the Obama Administration. "We sometimes undermarket and undersell rural communities as a place to live and raise families."

The nation's economic

downturn has affected communities big and small, but the rural economy has been particularly hard-hit.

A recent study by the University of Missouri Rural Policy Research Institute indicated that rural areas are losing jobs at a faster rate than the rest of the nation. Non-metropolitan counties lost 3.4 percent of their jobs for the 12 months ending in January, compared to a 2.8 percent drop in metro counties, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It's even worse in Missouri — the institute said Missouri's 79 non-metro counties lost jobs at an annual rate of nearly 4 percent.

And no place in Missouri has felt the sting more than the Bootheel region of the far southeastern part of the state. While Missouri's poverty rate overall is 11.8 percent, the rate in the

Bootheel is 20.4 percent.

Scott Matthews of Sikeston told Vilsack that the estate tax is detrimental to farmers, who are faced with a big tax payment when a farm is passed down after an older member of the family dies. He suggested an estate tax exemption for agricultural land.

"One of the biggest problems we have in small towns is you can't afford to own the farm anymore," Matthews said.

Vilsack, who grew up in Pittsburgh, said he quickly developed an understanding of the kinds of issues farmers face after moving to Iowa, his wife's home state.

"I started doing tax returns for farmers and I realized how difficult it was," he said.

Vilsack said a priority is enticing more young people to stay on the farm, or to get started in farming. He cited

statistics indicating that the average farmer is now 57, and the percentage of young people staying in farming is dropping drastically.

He supports a program aimed at helping young farmers get started and stay in business, but acknowledged it can be a tough sell considering the capital investment for land, livestock, supplies and equipment.

"Where does a kid 25 years old get those kind of resources?" he asked.

Responding to a question from an ethanol producer, Vilsack said the president hopes to contin-

ue building the biofuels industry.

"We need to look at ways we can encourage the expansion of the biofuels market," he said.

That was welcome news to Gerald Bryan, 66, an agronomy specialist from Jackson. He is hopeful that President Obama's push for renewable sources of energy will aid small towns and rural areas.

"Wind, timber — there are a lot of ways timber can be used for energy," Bryan said. "That's going to revitalize these communities.

Twenty to 25 jobs at an ethanol plant will make a big impact in a town of

500 or 1,000."

Vilsack said he has spent part of his first 100-plus days on the job "re-branding" USDA. He said most people think the department works strictly with farmers and ranchers. In fact, he said the department is involved in food safety, expanding technology to underserved areas, in promoting American products abroad, even in helping to fight the war on terror by pushing for development of legitimate crops instead of poppy in places around the world.

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YMCA Camp Carter saddles up several thousand children each year for horse riding lessons, equine education and trail riders. And, their need for boots is great. For more than 50 years, the camp has been a popular retreat for children of all ages.

Once the American Paint Horse Foundation collects enough boots for

the local YMCA, it plans to donate boots to other YMCA and related equestrian centers as well.

Both children's and adult size cowboy boots, with heels, are needed. Donors can drop their boots off to help this worthy cause either at APHA's Headquarters, 2800 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, or during the Summer World Championship Paint Horse Show at Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Fort Worth.

Or cowboy boots can be mailed to:

Leg Up on Life, 2800 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76137.

For more information on the boot drive, please contact the American Paint Horse Foundation at (817) 834-2742.

For details on how you can become involved in this noble effort to improve lives through the "Power of Paint Horses," call the American Paint Horse Foundation at (817) 834-2742.

Wheat plot tours planned for Saline County May 22

K-State Research & Extension - Central Kansas District will host tours of three wheat variety plots in Saline County on Friday, May 22nd.

The first tour will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the plots on the Tom and Pat Ryan farm located 3 miles west of Solomon on Old 40 Hwy then 2 miles south on Gypsum Valley Rd. or from Country Club Rd. go 2 miles north on Gypsum Valley Rd. Donuts and juice will be served before the tour courtesy of MKC. The second tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the plot on the Vaughn Isaacson and Sons farm located 1/4 mile east of the I-135/Mentor Rd. exit #86 or 1/2 mile west of

Mentor. A complimentary meal will be served following the tour courtesy of Phillips Seed Farms, Inc.

The third tour will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the plot on the Mark and Brent Laas farm located 2 miles east of Brookville on Old 40 Hwy at Reese Rd.

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K-State Extension agronomists Stu Duncan and Jim Shroyer will discuss the agronomic strengths and weaknesses of the varieties in the plots. Extension plant pathologist Erick DeWolf will discuss wheat diseases in the 2009

wheat crop, disease ratings for varieties in the plot and use of foliar fungicides.

For more information, contact District Extension agent Tom Maxwell at the CKD3 - Salina office at 785-309-5850. All wheat growers and other interested persons are encouraged to attend the public tours.



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By Frank J. Buchman

Former National Rodeo Queen Plans Career Serving Horse Industry

The future of the horse industry is in good hands.

That's for certain with the likes of Emily Aldredge, former National High School Rodeo Queen, who plans a career as a legal representative for equine owners.

"Most attorneys don't have even basic understanding of horse ownership, and when legal situations come up involving the equine business, they can not properly represent their clients," clarified Aldredge, of Louisburg.

Recently graduated from Kansas State University with a dual degree in electronic journalism and pre-law, Aldredge added, "Horse owners generally don't consider that they'll ever need to contact an attorney, but if the time arises, they want to be represented by a person who has a feeling for what it's like handling horses."

Horses have always been close to Aldredge's heart, and that's the reason for an interest in furthering her education as an attorney.

"When I finally got my first horse, I came to realize how much is really involved in ownership," Aldredge continued. "Then by living in the suburbs and traveling across this country and to

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Her parents, Fletcher and Dreama, thought it was just a passing urge when Aldredge begged for a horse when she was four years old. Persistence continued for another six years, and finally when she was 10, Aldredge's wish came true.

"Renegade was a 17-year-old black and white Paint, and a really cool guy. He just passed away this year," stated Aldredge, who credited the gelding for helping

improve her riding skills and aiding her in better understanding the demands of caring for a horse.

Her first horse served Aldredge "fantastically," in barrel racing and pole bending, and was even used in the first queen competition she entered at age 12.

Participation in the Johnson County Fair Rodeo Queen Contest was the beginning of an impressive career in pageantry for Al-

dredge. "I placed second runner-up there, but I was determined to try again for other titles," she noted.

Coronation as the Odessa (Missouri) Rodeo Queen followed, and before long she entered the Miss Rodeo Kansas Princess event sponsored by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association at Dodge City. "I was really excited to receive that title, because I was the youngest competitor," she admitted.

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Always a cowgirl at heart, Emily Aldredge, former National High School Rodeo Queen from Louisburg, recently graduated from Kansas State University and will further expand her education in law school. She plans a career as a legal representative for horse owners.

Kansas High School Rodeo competition was filling many of her weekends by that time as she successfully entered barrel racing and pole bending on other horses she had acquired.

"I competed in the queen contest at the high school finals in Topeka, and was crowned as the Kansas High School Rodeo Queen," Aldredge recalled.

Three weeks after the state pageant, Aldredge went to Gillette, Wyo., to the National High School Rodeo Finals. "There were 44 queen contestants from throughout the country, and even Canada and Australia," Aldredge said. "The sheer numbers were staggering."

After ten days of intense competition, Aldredge was crowned the National High School Rodeo Queen. That's when her work really began.

"I'm not so sure I knew

what to expect in the upcoming year, but it turned out to be the experience of a lifetime," Aldredge assured.

Not only did Aldredge claim the queen's title along with a scholarship, saddle, crown and other awards, but en route she also claimed six of eight division titles. She won the two-minute speech, impromptu speaking, modeling, appearance, personality and interview categories.

"I was fourth in the horsemanship segment, and I was really proud of that," Aldredge explained. "I borrowed a horse from Brent Wright of Ottawa, and his son, Todd, helped me work with him. They were so, so helpful. It was just a blast."

All divisions were important to the coronation. "If I had to credit one thing above the others, it would have to be my background in debate and forensics, and

being able to think quickly in responding to questions," evaluated Aldredge, who also credited her 4-H club work for helping in that ability.

Aldredge emphasized, "It was the whole package, not just being able to speak. A person can't be in those contests without having knowledge about rodeo and horses and being able to ride."

In her dual role as both the Kansas and National High School Rodeo Queens, Aldredge traveled over 30,000 miles going into 14 states, including two weeks at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. "I even went to Canada and conducted a rodeo queen clinic," expressed Aldredge,

who decided there was a real need for that service.

"Although many girls want to participate in rodeo queen contests, they don't really understand what all is involved in it," Aldredge analyzed. "So, I decided then that I wanted to pursue helping them learn how to compete more successfully."

However, she first had to complete her own duties and set the direction for her future.

"The best thing about all of my activities was the many people I met, and the strong support I always received from my Kansas teammates," Aldredge acknowledged. "I have made lifetime friends and acquaintances. I still keep in touch with many of them."

Upon graduation from high school, Aldredge enrolled at Kansas State University. "It was an exciting time, and a sad one too, because I stopped participating in rodeos. I even sold my top barrel horse, so I wouldn't be tempted to compete," she commented. "It was hard, but I knew that I wouldn't be able to rodeo and also do my education justice."

Certainly, Aldredge remained active during her college days. A resume is packed with broad leadership and accomplishments. Aldredge was named the Most Valuable Team Member assisting with cleanup after the hurricane in New

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- 1981 Case 2390 tractor, 6935 hours, clamp on duels, 1000 PTO three-point, 12-speed powershift, front weights
- International Harvester 1086 tractor with loader, 7050 hours on meter, Bush Hog 3450 Quick Tach loader with 7' bucket
- Big A 2500 three wheel sprayer, 1,636 hours on meter, actual engine hours unknown due to engine change, Cat 3208 diesel engine, Allison four speed transmission, 64' wet boom with hydraulic cushions, 1,200 gallon stainless steel tank, Raven SCS 440 NVM spray control and more
- 1988 Freightliner Conventional FLD 120 Semi tractor, 163,565 miles on odometer, 3406B Caterpillar engine
- 1951 International W-9 tractor with bucket and hay fork
- 1934 Allis-Chalmers WC and two bottom plow
- 1946 Ford 8N tractor
- 1949 Ford 8N tractor
- 1994 Ford F150 4WD
- Hyster forklift
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Orleans. She also studied abroad last summer in Paris, France.

With journalism experiences including the Kansas State Collegian and the Manhattan Matters TV show, Aldredge culminated her sorority, scholastic and honorary recognitions by receiving the 2009 Pat Bosco Outstanding Student Leader Award.

She's ready for her next steps. In 2007, Aldredge interned with a Kansas City-based image consultant. "I found rodeo queens can benefit from the knowledge of a professional image specialist," she insisted. "My passion is to share knowledge with girls who want to enter queen pageants, whether locally or a national pageant."

Assistance has already been provided for a number of young women throughout the continent. "I would still like to help rodeo queen contestants on an individual basis, as I further my education," Aldredge asserted.

Although life's career direction is set, Aldredge has not yet enrolled for studies toward a law degree, which is a three-year curriculum.

Acceptance has been re-

ceived for some universities, but not all of the applications she submitted have been reviewed. Among possibilities for her studies are the University of Missouri, University of Colorado and the University of Richmond, Virginia.

Among the many situations in which an attorney might be called upon to serve horsemen, according to Aldredge, are accidents with horses and/or humans, breeding rights, contracts, embryo transfer negotiations and cloning, to name a few.

"It is a huge advantage to horse owners to be able to go to an attorney with basic horse knowledge," Aldredge declared.

Recent stories of polo horse deaths from consumption of a contaminated substance are an example of what can arise when an attorney specializing in equine law would be highly beneficial, Aldredge pointed out.

Presently, the horse industry is being hurt by surplus inventory and depressed economy, Aldredge related. "As a true horse lover, it breaks my heart to hear reports that horses are being starved and mistreated," she qualified.

However, those with horses are tightening their belts. "I see owners planning their travel more carefully, by pooling trailers and going to competitions at closer distances," Aldredge recognized.

Today, horses are not essential for energy and power, or not even used for ranch work, like they once were. "Horses are now a luxury and a privilege, and we should treat them with love," Aldredge advised.

It'll be a few years before Aldredge gets settled. "I'll again have horses of my own and be active with horse activities," she promised. "I am excited about serving horses and their owners throughout my life."

Seldom does anybody, especially a horse owner, want to require the services of an attorney, but should the need ever arise; Emily Aldredge will be one who is ready and anxious to put her skills to use.



Queen runs take more riding ability than rodeo spectators think, according to Emily Aldredge, Louisburg, who has made those impressive rides throughout the continent during her rodeo queen reigns. She now offers assistance to young women who desire to compete in pageants.

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- 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 Central 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 23 — Winchester guns, ammo, memorabilia, military & hand guns at Sabetha for Dale "Skip" Russell. Auctioneers: Roger Hartter Auctions.
- May 23 — Toys & collectibles at Salina for Stan Morin. Auctioneers:

- Bob Thummel Auctions.
- May 23 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for David E. Newman Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auctions LLC.
- May 23 — Furniture, appliances, jewelry, art books, toys, 4 wheeler, lawn, tools at Lebo for Mrs. (Lewis) Elva Humphreys Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- My 23 — Household, collectibles, vehicle & coins at Newton for Betty Moberly, Theta M. Giffin & R. Yelenich Estates. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.
- May 23 — Farm machinery, specialized grain grinding unit, truck, trailers, 4 wheelers, riding mower at Lincoln for John Eckhart. Auctioneers: Boesker Auctions.
- May 24 — Advertising collectibles & music at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.
- May 25 — 16th Annual Memorial Day Consignment auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.
- May 25 — Advertising, furniture, collectibles & glass at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.
- May 25 — Guns, coins, Hallmark Kiddie Car Classic, antiques & collectibles at Ottawa for An Area Estate. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

- May 26 — Real Estate, vehicle, furniture, household & jewelry at Topeka for Harley Elkin. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- May 28 — Land auction at Inman. Auctioneers: Ediger Real Estate & Auctions.
- May 30 — Fink Beef Genetics Charolais Female Sale at Randolph.
- May 30 — Machinery, antiques, furniture & misc. W. & S. of Jamestown for Heirs of Howard & Zeldia Rhodes Trust. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
- May 30 — Farm machinery, ranch, construction equip., trucks, trailers & misc. at Sedan for William "Bill" Dexter Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auctions.
- May 30 — Republic Co. land at Agenda for Glennifer Mosher. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.
- May 30 — Consignment auction at McPherson. Auctioneers: T&A Auction Service.
- May 30 — JD tractor, pickup, stock trailer, Gator, guns, furniture, mower, saddles, livestock & shop equipment at South Haven for Gilbert & Idotha Cattle. Auctioneers: Cochran Real Estate & Auctions.
- May 30 — Collectible tractors, lawn tractors, equipment, coins, guns & misc. at Lecompton for Zella Boydston. Auctioneers:

- Mark Elston Auctions.
- May 30 — Antiques, collectibles, jewelry, household & etc. at Burlingame for Phyllis Satterfield. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.
- May 30 — Household items, antiques, collectibles, glassware, shop, wood-working equip., hand tools & misc. at Bennington for Avis Baugh Estate. Auctioneers: Bacon Auctions.
- May 30 — Tractors, vehicles, machinery, tools & misc. at Barnard for Frank Srna Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.
- May 30 — Tractors, vehicles, implements, guns, woodworking equip., household items at Heston for James (Jim) & Ruby Unruh. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.
- May 30 — Vehicle, Hummels & misc. at Wamego for Blanche Kaine Estate. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.
- May 30 — Real Estate, personal property at Howard for Kevin G. Nordquist & Tracy L. Nordquist. Auctioneers: Walters Auctions.
- May 31 — Tractors, mowers, grain drill, trailers, pickups, trucks, snow equipment, lots of building supplies & misc. at Stillwell for Accent Landscape Inc. Auctioneers: Dave Webb & Associates.
- May 31 — Tractors, farm machinery, antiques, household, collectibles, tools & etc. W. of Lyndon for Mrs. Roy (Helen) Wilsey. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.
- May 31 — Indian artifacts, guns, collectibles, West-

- ern items, implement advert. items at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.
- June 6 — Collection of bikes, cars, trucks, postal baggage truck at Herington for Dale Christner. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhafer.
- June 6 — Home, tractor, mower, tools, guns, household & etc. at Vassar for Jimmie Eichinger. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.
- June 6 — Real Estate, truck, tractors, machinery, boat, lawn tractors, engines, furniture & household at Harveyville for Mrs. Charles (Joyce) Rodgers. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.
- June 6 & 7 — Antique furniture, collectibles, glassware at Emporia for Lucky U Antiques. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions LLC.
- June 7 — Home, antiques, cloth items, household, mower, collectibles & etc. at Vassar for Edna Sowell. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.
- 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.
- June 13 — Antiques & household at Eskridge for Hazel Kemp. Auctioneers: Carey Macy & Steve Patterson.
- June 13 — Household & antiques at Clay Center for Lois Sylvester. Auction-

- eers: Mugler Auction Service.
- June 20 — Household & large antique auction at Clay Center for Marion McCollum Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.
- June 20 — Home w/land, household, antiques & collectibles S. of Waverly for Nadine Huggard. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.
- July 18 — Farm machinery, tools, misc. NE of Abilene for Duane Reilly. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.
- July 18 — After Harvest Machinery Auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.
- August 1 — Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.
- August 8 — Tools, shop related items, household goods, antiques & misc. at Clay Center for George Urban Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.
- 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.
- November 8 — Shades of Red & White Show Calf Sale at Clay Center for Kanza Cattle & Guest Consignors.
- January 1, 2010 — 25th Annual New Years Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 23 — 9:30 AM

4TH & Grandview (Armory) — NEWTON, KANSAS

SELL AT 12:00 PM

2001 Buick La Sabre, 3800 Series II, V6, Gray, One Owner, 66,200 miles; 1993 Mercury Topaz GS, V6, 4 Door, Red/Gray Int. 27,050 miles.

HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLE

Monticello Maple Double Dresser/Mirror; Monticello Maple Chest of Drawers; 2 Blue Cradle Rockers/1 Foot Stool; Red/White Enamel Table/2 Chair; Brown/Tan Enamel Table; White Enamel Metal Cabinet; Antique Green Telephone Table; 2 Queen Head Board/Frames; 3 Piece Bedroom Set; 2 Single Beds; Zenith Console TV; Large Dining Table/6 leaves; 12 Place Setting Style House China (Embassy); Large Rocker, Oak Painted Rocker;

Drop Leaf Kitchen Table/2 Chairs; 2 Piece China Cabinet/Drop Front

Secretary; Drop Leaf Server/Stand/Burled Trim; 9' Danish Walnut Trim Double Sofa; Danish Walnut Dining Table/2 Leaves/6 Chairs; Danish Love Seat; Cedar Chest; Upright Oak RCA Floor Radiola; Kenmore HD 13.4 Cu. Ft. Upright Freezer; Whirlpool 18.2 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator; Pine Chest of Drawers; Samsonite Table/Chairs; Sm. Pedestal Side Table; Step End Table; Round Wood/Sand Picture; Small Dunes Picture by Parker; B&D Toast-R-Oven; Depression Glass, Milk Glass; Blue Fenton Vase, Custard Glass; Limoge Plates;

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 30 — 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Beatrice, NE then North on Hwy. 77 to Pickrell corner then continue North 2 1/4 miles North on Hwy. 77.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Whirlpool 15.2 cu ft chest freezer; Kenmore 12.2 cu ft chest freezer; Culligan Mark 5 automatic water softener; Maytag elec dryer; RCA 21.7 cu ft side-by-side refrig. w/water dispenser; Hot Point 30" elec stove; Thomasville oak server & dining table w/2 leaves; oval 44" dining table w/3 leaves & 6 padded chairs; computer desk w/printer cabinet; dining chairs; wire mesh 3-pc. patio set; bookshelf; throw rugs; picnic table & other small items.

COLLECTIBLES: Birds Eye maple chest; cherry wood buffet; (Spilker Hardware, Pickrell, NE) wooden triple glass door stacked hardware case w/40 drawers; Tokheim mod. 39 type LRA-R gas pump; kitchen cupboard base, rough; rinse tub w/stand; wooden wall medicine cabinet; 18x18" butcher block; cushioned rocker; oak fern stand; 5 gal. Blue Band crock; R W 3 gal. crock; R W chicken water, top only; 5 metal toys; sprinkle can; coal bucket; 3 - 44" steel wagon wheels; 2 - 28" steel wagon wheels; chicken nest, feeders & wooden crate; wooden pulleys; iron wheel bath & hog oiler; child's wagon; metal stroller; Riverside pot belly stove; tin bath tub; well pumps; machinery seats; many other small items.

HIGH WHEEL SULKY: Wooden spoke wheel single seat sully.

STOCK TRAILER: Shop Built 14' bumper hitch tandem axle stock trailer, 5 1/2' wide.

SPRAYER & TANKS: Pull type 2-wheel 500 gal. poly tank boom sprayer w/45' hyd.

Log on: www.beatrice77.net (Click: The Auctioneers)

TERMS: Cash or check with proper ID. No property removed until settled for. All bids off at Buyers risk. Not responsible for accidents or theft. Lunch on the grounds. Restrooms.

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GIGANTIC INVENTORY REDUCTION AUCTION

SUNDAY, MAY 31 — 1:00 PM

199th & Metcalf (NW corner) — STILWELL, KANSAS

Tractors, Mowers, Grain Drill, Trailers, Pickups & Trucks, Snow Equipment, Lots of Building Supplies, and Much More

TRACTORS: Kubota M9000 MFWD ID# 51981, Kubota M9000 MFWD # 51970, Kubota M 9000 MFWD & cab ID # 52096, Kubota M 9000 MFWD & cab ID # 52095, Kubota M 105 / 1000 MFWD ID # 50072; Tractors have all been used as mowing tractors.

MOWERS & GRAIN DRILL: John Deere 2018 batwing rotary mower, 2 John Deere CX 15 batwing rotary mowers, 3 John Deere 1518 batwing rotary mowers Super Z zero turn 60" mower, Skag zero turn 60" mower, Vanguard walk behind 54" mower, and others, Tye 5' pasture pleasers no till drill (needs some work).

PICKUPS & TRUCKS: 2005 Dodge Ram 2500 HD 4x4 Laramie 121,000 miles, 2001 Ford E-350 van 110,000 miles, 2005 Ford Escape XCT 90,000 miles (needs some work), 2 Ford F-150 pickups 125,000 and 150,000 miles, 2002 Ford F-350 4x4 120,000 miles, 2002 Ford F 350 4x4 XL Super Duty crew cab 125,000 miles, 2002 Ford F 350 4x4 145,000 miles, 2001 GMC TC 15 126,000 miles, 1999 Ford F 350 V8

TRAILERS: 2004 L 7 L 20' with dovetail, 2005 20' with duals, 2004 L&L 20' dovetail, 2004 PJ 12' 2003 PJ 20' Rail trailer, 10' & 14' utility trailers, 2004 Texas 20' trailer, lighted road arrow board battery powered.

SNOW EQUIPMENT: 3 Honda HS 1132 snow blowers like new, 3 snow plow blades 8' Meyer and Boss, 1997 Buyers salt / sand spreader, 1999 Hi Salt / sand spreader.

MISCELLANEOUS: Numerous step and extension ladders, scaffolding, 30' & 24' aluminum walk planks, buckets of nails bolts screws & fasteners, joist hangers all types and sizes, window tape, drills, hammers, lots of carpentry tools, safety harness, portable fuel tanks for pickups, pickup tool boxes, plus many more items to numerous to mention.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Accent Landscape is downsizing their business, they do not have a need for this equipment. This is a great selection of late model equipment ready to go to work at your farm or business. Parking is limited please ride with a friend, Refreshments available. Thank you for attending, we appreciate you being there

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The World Going To Pot

Here's a tough question: If you are hitting yourself on the head with a spatula and are complaining because it hurts, what should you do? Answer: Stop it!

If the citizenry wants to save General Motors, what should we do? Answer: Buy a Chevy!

And the million-dollar question today: If over 6,300 people were killed last year on the Mexican border trying to smuggle drugs into the United States, how can we stop it? Answer: duh ... Nobody seems to know.

80% of the drugs brought

into the U.S. through Mexico is marijuana. I am watching the President, the Congress, the columnists and the TV pundits babble ... maybe we should legalize it? Maybe we should send the Army to the border? Maybe we should build a higher wall?

Am I wrong or is it illegal to grow and sell and smoke marijuana in the United States? Where is the outrage among the politicians, the movie industry, the rock stars and the general public that they readily lash out at cigarette smokers, polluters,

and developers? Where is the public shame, the protest marches? The dots are easy to connect.

The naked answer to stopping the rampant killing along the border is ... quit smoking marijuana.

In an effort to defend its use in spite of the death and destruction it wreaks trying to supply us, supporters fill the air with an obfuscating shrapnel of responses including, "It's less harmful than alcohol, it's not addictive, it's good for you, it doesn't lead to meth, cocaine or heroine use, I don't inhale," etc., ad infinitum.

Let us say that all these reasons given by those who would call themselves potheads are valid, one big truth remains; if you want to stop the killing and bloodshed, stop buying marijuana. And if the humanitarian answer is not enough, remember

it is illegal.

The laws against drunk driving, robbing convenience stores, smoking cigarettes in public, and cheating on your income tax are enforced. It is possible some of these crimes are never committed by the majority of people BECAUSE it is against the law?

The decision is in the hands of the user. It is obvious that our leaders don't want to offend users, pushers, dealers and/or growers, so it is up to you, up to us. If you want to make it legal, work on that but resist breaking the law until then. Read the news stories about the continuing border slaughter, the deaths, the ruined lives created just so you can have a toke and get mellow.

If it is not addictive ... just say No! Cheech and Chong don't look as cool as they used to, do they?

Tractor safety course May 28-29 in Wamego

A Hazardous Occupations Training course (tractor safety) will be conducted on Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 at KanEquip, Inc. in Wamego. The class will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the first day, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on day two.

The course is taught by KSU Extension Agents from Pottawatomie, Riley and Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties and is recommended for youths age 12 and older. Any youth 14 or 15 years old who will operate a tractor for someone other than their parent is required to pass the course to be legally employed. Youths age 12 and 13 are welcome to participate in the class, but can't be certified until age 14.

Two hours of practical tractor experience are also required for certification. A parent or employer will supervise the two hours of practical experience at a later date. Actual tractor driving will not be included in the safety course.

The registration deadline to enroll in the Hazardous Occupations Training course is Friday, May 22. A \$30 fee will be collected to cover class materials and lunch both days. Contact the Riley County Extension Office at (785) 537-6350 to enroll.



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