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## Trip to the field brings back memories for Kansas governor

By Bill Spiegel

Years ago, Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson was a frequent visitor to his grandparent's wheat farm in Scott County. Pictures of him riding a combine as a youth, he says, are notable in part because those machines had no cab, let alone air conditioning. After emerging from a combine operated by Tanner Brown southwest of Colby July 6, Governor Parkinson remarked that today's combines are vastly improved.

Governor Parkinson's visit to the Thomas County farm of Tanner Brown and his father, Mike, symbolizes the importance agriculture plays in the state's economy.

"It's important to highlight how important agriculture is to the state, and particularly, how important wheat is to our agricultural sector. We have an awful lot of parts of the state that are hurting because of the recession," Parkinson says. "The recession has hurt everybody but it has probably affected agriculture less. Kansas needs some good news and we wanted to highlight that



Gov. Mark Parkinson, third from the left, paused for a photo with the Brown family of Colby during wheat harvest last week. Also pictured, far right, is Adrian Polansky, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture.

there are good things happening in the state. Farmers in many parts of the state are having good crops and yields and can help us come out of the recession."

The Kansas wheat crop was projected to average about 40 bushels per acre, based on National Agricultural Statistics estimates in May. Mike Brown expects his wheat crop to follow suit.

"The harvest so far has been fairly decent, with yields in the 40 to 60-bushel-per acre range. Proteins are running from 9 to 12.5, so they're pretty variable. Test weights have been running 60 to 64 pounds, so those are good," he says. "We've lost 450 acres to hail. We still haven't cut a whole field yet, be-

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## Winning line-up



The Boley family — Holly, Jennifer and Clay — prepared their lambs for the sheep show at the Cloud County Fair in Concordia last week. Clay, 13, worked on taking off the covers on the lambs just prior to the show.

## Rodeo is all in the family for this 10-year-old

By Cindy Baldwin

County fairs are all about kids. Whether they are exhibiting a 4-H project, attending the carnival or hanging out with their friends, fairs across the state are a big draw for the younger set. But, for one 10-year-old at this week's McPherson County Fair, held in Canton, it's more than fun — it's business.

Zayne Goode, 10, of Stuart, Okla., will be the headline specialty act at the McPherson County Fair rodeo July 17-18. The rodeo

has been a fixture at the McPherson County Fair since 1949, the year after it moved to Canton.

Goode, who rides a pair of horses Roman style, will be entertaining the crowd. This will be Goode's first performance outside of the state of Oklahoma.

"We are very excited that Zayne has chosen to make his first Kansas appearance at our fair," Mary Jane Lauer, McPherson County Fair Association president said. "It's not very often our fair gets this caliber of talent for our feature performers. We think the public will really enjoy what he does."

Even though it will be his first performance in Kansas, Goode is a veteran on the Oklahoma rodeo circuit, performing at over 30 events the past four summers. He began training to ride Roman style — standing astraddle two horses — when he was six and has been publicly performing since he was seven. While most six-year-olds might think it would be fun to ride Roman style, most parents might hesitate giving permission. For Goode's family, it was a natural fit.

His grandparents, Leon and Vicki Adams, are well known in rodeo circles for

their specialty acts. Leon Adams' signature act was riding a team of six Brahma bulls Roman style. He also had a clown act and competed in bull dogging events. Now retired, he has been inducted into the National Rodeo Hall of Fame and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Hall of Fame. Vicki Adams has performed stunt riding, and her signature act is what she refers to as "dancing" horses, in which her horses execute choreographed movements to music. A Native American, she has been inducted into the National Cowboys of Color Hall of Fame. Goode's mother, Kerri Adams Hall, also was a professional trick rider, performing handstands, vaults and pommel work on her horse. The family has performed together and individually at major rodeos in the United States and internationally. Their acts have garnered specialty act of the year awards several times.

"We're a rodeo family, and he's doing well for a kid," Leon Adams said, noting that there are very few children Goode's age performing at this level. "He's ready to go out and be a performer. He wants to be bigger than he is, and he wants to do it now."

Goode is quick to point out, however, that he is doing this because he "really, really loves riding," not because that's what his family does, and that he wants to continue riding professionally. It was actually watching the audience while his grandparents performed that interested him in learning stunt riding.

"(My grandparents) always entertain so many people. When they would perform the people just smiled and enjoyed it so, and I wanted to do it, too, to make people smile," Goode explained. "I asked papa (his grandfather) if he would teach me and he said OK. It was kind of both of us that decided I would try."

Even though he is only 10 — he'll be 11 next month — Goode's act is not a downsized version of what would be expected of a showcased performer at a professional rodeo. He has always trained on and ridden full-sized horses and has increased the difficulty of tricks to meet expectations of his audience and his skill level. His grandfather has been his primary trainer, showing him the technique needed to be a professional stunt rider. His grandmother, who is still performing, sometimes at the same rodeos where he

performs, provides additional pointers.

According to Goode, the audience at the McPherson County Fair rodeo performances will see him take his horses, Rudy and Trudy, around the arena, do a figure eight, jump a bar, and go in and out through a row of torches — all at a run and, for part of the time, he will be facing backwards. He will end the performance by spreading the horses on either side of the torch row as he straddles the flames, one foot on each horse's shoulder.

"I get the biggest rush (during the act) when I go over the fire. I get to spread the horses out and it really gets the crowd going," Goode said. He added that even though the flames are touching him as he rides over the torches, he's confident he won't be burned because of the horse's speed.

Even though rodeo performing runs in his blood, Goode still spends many hours training in the practice arena, averaging one to two hours per day. His grandfather started him on two horses tied together, which he led while Goode learned how to balance between the pair. One of the hardest things, he said, was learning how to step from one horse to the other at a

full run. But, he accomplished it with a few weeks of practice.

"I was fearless," he said matter of factly.

Within a short time, Goode was handling the reins himself while his grandfather gave instructions. Rudy and Trudy are not tied together during practice or performance, but the two sets of reins are taped together so he can handle both horses which, he said, are very well trained. Even though Rudy is bigger than Trudy, they move together so their backs go up and down at the same time, making it possible for Goode to keep his balance.

While balance is important in the act, Leon Adams said Goode also is "sized right" for rodeo. Even though the horses are well trained, it does take some strength to handle them. Goode said his "weight lifting program" consists of lifting the hay bales he feeds his horses, which, he said, were like part of their family.

Goode has never been injured either in practice or a performance, but he has fallen a number of times. In one instance he was stepping from one horse to the

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# Guest Editorial

## Begin With the End In Mind

By Andy Vance

Ten years ago a dear friend introduced me to Dr. Stephen Covey. Not personally, mind you, but through his seminal work *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. As a young State FFA Officer, I wanted nothing more than to be effective. Working with students across the state to help them unlock the potential they each held deep inside

would require every ounce of effectiveness I could muster. Dr. Covey's writing, and his namesake organizational system, became a vitally important part of my service to that organization.

From time to time, I pull out that original book, and have just recently brought my original "Franklin" planner back out of retirement. As a tech junkie, I'd abandoned pen and paper

methods to the tools available through my laptop and iPhone. In reacquainting myself with the 7 Habits, I stopped to reflect on one that resonates with me perhaps more than any other: *Begin With the End in Mind*.

When Dr. Covey advises leaders to begin with the end in mind, he's talking about having a destination, a goal, a North Star by which to chart our course.

We surely can't arrive where we're going if we don't know where there is... The many feel-good axioms about the journey being as important as the destination belittle the fact that too often, parroting the importance of the journey is merely an excuse for not arriving anywhere of substance.

With this critical principle in mind, then, I've spent a few days contemplating what "end" various groups have in mind with current issues and agendas related to agriculture and rural America. Top of mind, certainly, is the ongoing escalation between Ohio farmers and the radical vegan activists at the Humane Society of the United States (not to be confused with your local humane society or animal shelter). HSUS successfully passed Proposition 2 in California, so one would certainly categorize them as effective. With CEO Wayne Pacelle's self-characterization of HSUS as a "sophisticated political organization," we understand that this group is effective at lobbying legislators and running ballot initiatives at the state level.

But with what end in mind did the organization begin? Again, looking to the CEO's own words, and to the clear guiding principles on the HSUS website, we can clearly divine that HSUS is looking to the eventual eradication of animal agriculture in this country, and the gradual removal, by force (both political and economic), of meat, milk, and eggs from your diet.

While animal rights activism is very high on farmers' radar today, another major issue facing food producers is the Waxman-Markey Climate Change bill. While a healthy debate over the validity of global warming alarmism continues, this bill already passed the House of Representatives, if by the thinnest of margins. Mainstream agriculture is rightfully concerned about the ramifications of this bill due in no small part to the generally accepted notion of this bill as a national energy tax. Costs of all energy products, from household electricity to the diesel and propane farmers use in raising and producing our food, will double or triple over the life of the bill, driving up the cost of food, in addition to almost any other consumer good you might purchase.

So if we put ourselves in the shoes of environmentally minded legislators and "begin with the end in mind," what long-range goal might we discern? I would suggest that in a roundabout way this bill is about social control. Environmentalists want us to drive smaller cars, but you and I like comfortable American SUVs. By passing a national energy tax that ensures the cost of driving that SUV will be untenable, legislators and regulators attempt to force you into a hybrid that you neither want, nor would buy of your own volition.

Automobiles aren't the only consumer products for

which this scenario is true, by the way. In short, the Waxman-Markey bill is about pushing more Americans out of the "luxuries" of the middle class and into economic strata requiring more government reliance. Ultimately, government is in the business of being in business. Government neither creates nor builds anything; private enterprise alone can do those critical tasks. Government cannot provide anything it has not already taken from the people; government largesse is simply a redistribution of taxpayer dollars from their original owners to the masses.

For a range of reasonable government expenditures such as defense, food safety, and infrastructure that redistribution is part of the deal. We live in an interdependent society. Man many have been created independent of all other beings, but as dependence forms a more closely knit society based on mutual protection and security, mankind are most happily engaged in social and active life. It's when that same gov-

ernment extends itself beyond those basic necessities that we see legislation like Waxman-Markey. The powers Congress would like to exercise in passing this bill are neither explicitly granted in the Constitution nor necessary to the exercise of those expressly granted.

And so we arrive back at the original question: what is the end goal? In the case of the federal government, it is to maintain (and I would suggest actually to increase) the power, size, and scope of the federal government. By either increasing the number of roles that government plays in our lives or increasing our individual reliance on the federal government, Washingtonians can rest easy at night knowing their jobs are firmly ensconced in our own inability to say "no."

I challenge you, when you read the paper, listen to the radio, or watch the evening news, ask yourself with what end in mind the day's various newsmakers began. I think you'll find it an eye-opening exercise.

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### The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
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### Rumblings At The Grass Roots

The pasture grasses are looking good — green with excellent growth. This we can see and evaluate. What we cannot see are the roots of these grasses. They grow down deep in the soil to take up plant foods and moisture. The growth of grass is dependent upon its root system. Without the unseen roots, the grass would wilt and die.

The grass roots of our beloved America are the people that are not seen so much in the public eye but that bring about great production. They are law-abiding citizens who prepare themselves for beneficial vocations, marry, rear children, and through hard work and sweat get much accomplished. They pay their taxes, defend their country, help their neighbors, and are loyal to the country they love.

I just heard a news report that there were 37,000 of these grass roots people who rallied at a tea party in Dallas on July 4. The governor of Texas desired to attend, but he was not invited. This was strictly a grass roots rally. The feeling throughout America is that too many of those who are at the helm of our government — legislators and high officials — are ignoring the wishes of the citizens who put them in office by their vote and who pay for their salaries and perks. With their lack of statesmanship and with greed and concern for their own continued positions, they are passing bills that are not read nor fully debated. They spend our money like a drunken sailor would spend it for things we do not need or just have to have. It makes us appreciate those politicians who stand tall for what they deem is right and just in spite of the fact they are in the minority and can be outvoted and ignored by the "in group" in Washington.

It seems that much of the money gained by taxing our hard working grass roots people is given to special interest groups and non-producers in our populace through handout programs. Only 60 percent pay taxes that help support the other 40 percent, and the ratio appears to be changing to come closer to 50-50.

If you put your ear to the ground, you can hear the rumblings of the grass roots people. They are coming to the surface to say "Enough is enough." We are no longer going to sit back and let elite politicians impose upon us the bondage of unbalanced budgets and a debt load that will enslave us for years to come. As the national government assumes more control and power, our freedoms are fast eroding away. We are no longer the silent

majority; you will hear our rumbles and will have to confront us. Our freedoms were bought at a very high price, and we do not want them taken away by those who are offering empty promises — all blow and no show."

We observed the 4th of July by attending a patriotic celebration in Osborne. On the afternoon and evening programs were gifted musicians — a real treat. The speaker, Dr. Bob Basso, did a re-enactment of Thomas Paine (1737-1809), who played a prominent role in helping this country gain its independence. Through his writings in his "Common Sense" papers, he excited and encouraged the colonists to take a stand against the oppressions of England. It is thought that he wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence.

For a fledgling nation without yet a tax structure to fund, equip, and field an army to fight a mighty power such as England was seemingly an unrealistic endeavor, almost suicidal. It was men like Thomas Paine and George Washington who convinced the colonists — mostly the farmers and shopkeepers — that together they could do it. Most of their army equipment such as guns, boots, and clothing was brought from home. They were truly a ragtag army, but they had a lot of heart and determination. Ten thousand men from this army wintered at Valley Forge in mud huts. It was bitterly cold for this ill-equipped army. By spring, only 1,400 were there to answer the call to arms to take the fight to the British. Many had gone home and the death toll had been high. Paine, along with other statesmen, inspired and encouraged the men of the Continental Army to remain loyal.

The current Thomas Paine (Dr. Basso) spoke with great conviction and force. While he could have addressed thousands in special meetings held on this 4th of July in some of our major cities, he chose to bring his message to some grass roots people in rural Kansas, the heart of America. Great things can come from the heart. Just as Thomas Paine inspired the colonists to action, he is calling the grass roots troops of 2009 to come alive and not let die what the ragtag Continental Army of 1776 did in earning this nation's independence and freedom.

Note: In next week's column I will talk more about Dr. Basso's message and his recommendations on how to keep the star-spangled banner still waving. "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."



## Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

It comes too quickly each summer. The projects are hurriedly finished. The last coat of paint carefully applied to rockets. One last "test" bake of a winning recipe. Livestock brushed and trimmed and readied for the showing. Yes, for many families across the region, the county fair is coming, and fast.

Where are the lamb blankets? Did you put the water hose in the trailer? That's the last photo mat, do we have any more two-gallon bags? Have you finished your letters for the buyers? Are the water guns ready? This dress is going to be hot at the style revue!

Yes, these snippets of conversations could be played out in homes and barns in the past couple of weeks as families got ready to participate in an annual rite of summer — the county fair.

The county fair, though — when you look past the water fights and ribbons awarded — is really so much more. It is time for families to come together for a little fun after months of hard work tending, teaching and learning. It is about supporting communities that understand the underlying need to promote agriculture and life skills that make these places better to live and raise families. It's about helping youth groups and churches raise funds and meet goals.

It's about coming together on warm summer evenings to enjoy snow cones and watermelon, to cheer on local cowboys competing at rodeo performances or picking out a favorite demolition derby driver to watch during the bang-up action.

It's about young love, and sweet memories of young loves long ago. It's watching a young person fight back tears as a prized animal goes through the auction ring — knowing that the next fall or spring a new animal will take its place and the process will be repeated again.

It's learning how to be a modest winner and a gracious loser — and accepting the judge's decision (parents, too) as the right one and not muttering on in disagreement from the ringside.

This is our annual County Fair preview edition. It is a joy and privilege to put together and I always look forward to the next few weeks to travel around and marvel at the young people's abilities, creativity — not to mention the countless hours and hard work contributed by volunteers to make the county fair a success. I hope to see you down the road.

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



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# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## Another Squeeze Chute Story

Another squeeze chute story. In my world it is the equivalent of a shark attack or a middle of the night calving call ... a story that sends shivers down my spine!

Monty said he was just along for the ride, helping his neighbor Whitey gather his cows and calves for spring branding. The roundup went smooth; eight a-horseback in four sections of pretty good country, although they had to backtrack some and rope a couple small calves that had gotten on the other side of the fence.

It was absentee owner land. The corrals were twenty years old and made of heavy pipe, sheets of steel and sucker rod. Unfortunately, this high dollar set of pens was apparently designed by a swing set manufacturer, an orthodontist, or that same guy who invented the Rubik's Cube!

Fences high and tight but so far off the ground you could roll a pack mule under the bottom wire! A crowding gate so heavy it was like closing a vault. The crowding alley was six feet high, solid iron with rolling back-stops that clanged like railroad cars when they closed! He showed me his black thumbnail.

Whitey decided to run the cows through for a little Pour-On treatment, to number brand the first-calf heifers and mouth the elders. "Shouldn't take long," he said. He asked Monty to run the squeeze chute. As squeeze chutes age they tend to look more and more alike; Priefert, WW, Powder River, Teco ... etc. Monty saw the letters P-R-E, but when he scraped it off it read ... HISTORIC!

The moving parts were uniformly rusty and crusty. The tailgate, squeeze and head gate all opened and closed, but only about halfway. There always seemed to be a cow's head poking in through the tailgate, or one on her side, or on her knees, or with a foot

stickin' out, or hiplocked and swingin' back and forth like the masthead on a clipper ship in a hurricane! Monty said working the headgate was like trying to fight an octopus crawling through the sun-roof of your car! It would either lock partly open or partly closed but never fully opened or fully closed. Half the time he was swinging from the headgate handle, all 160 lbs of him, as Whitey clung to the thrashing cow's head like a bulldogger, trying to check her teeth!

They worked 106 cows in two hours, missed catching 12 head in the chute, set three on fire and had to guess the age of the last five because the headgate froze open! Covered with motor oil, cow manure, burnt hair, Pour-On and dust, they called it just another romantic cowboy day.

Epilogue: Six days later the squeeze chute was euthanized and is now a cattle guard on a dirt road somewhere to nowhere in the great southwest. May it Rest In Pieces.



Faye Smith of Walton led out the grand champion Shorthorn Plus cow-calf pair at the recent National Junior Shorthorn Show.

## Leaders take in harvest

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cause we've run into some green wheat we've had to cut around."

Brown asserts that a positive wheat crop means good news in rural Kansas communities. "When we have good yields and the prices are good, it makes a big difference to Main Street in these small towns. Implement dealers, car dealers and hardware store merchants. It's a big factor for all of us out here in the western part of the state," he says. More than 20% of the Kansas population is involved in farming or other sectors of agriculture, Parkinson says. But that doesn't mean rural Kansas is recession-proof.

"Agriculture has changed dramatically over the years. We've gotten very good at farming and very efficient at it. And as a result of becoming more efficient, it takes fewer people and that's had a dramatic impact on cities around farms. We've sort of been a victim of our own efficiency and that's been a problem. The number of people directly involved in farming has declined but it's still a very important part of our economy," he says.

Adrian Polansky, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture and USDA's appointee to run the Kansas Farm Service Agency, joined Parkinson on the harvest trip to Colby. Polansky, who farms near Belleville, says wheat harvest is a nostalgic time for many Kansans. "There is something special about wheat. I don't know exactly what it is, whether it is the golden fields, the time of the year, or the tradition of wheat harvest going back to binding machines and threshers. But there is something magical about wheat harvest that at least in me, gets the emotion going like no other crop. It's an opportunity to focus on agriculture in a larger sense. It's an important time in Kansas now, and will be in the future," he says.

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# Abundant Gardens May Mean Canning, Freezing Is In Store

LINCOLN, Neb. — More Nebraskans are gardening this year to save money on their grocery bills. If harvest is bountiful this summer, freezing and canning excess produce is an option, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln food safety specialist said.



However, certain guidelines need to be followed to assure that produce remains safe and of high quality, said Julie Albrecht, UNL food safety specialist in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Albrecht expects more people will be preserving food this summer. When it comes to preserving food, Albrecht said the easiest thing to try is freezing.

"If you have never canned before, I really recommend freezing if you have a stand-alone freezer," Albrecht said. "It is safer."

The stand-alone freezer is key. A freezer that is part of a refrigerator really isn't meant for long-term storage, she said.

"You really need to have a freezer that reaches zero degrees or less. A freezer with a refrigerator isn't going to get that cold," she said. "These freezers really can only keep food fresh for about three months or less. And if the freezer is inside the fridge up to 10 days."

Freezing also is less expensive because you don't have to purchase a pressure cooker. When canning vegetables, the only safe way to preserve them is with a pressure canner. This is the only way to destroy the deadly spores of the bacterium Clostridium botulinum. This is done by processing for the correct time at 10 pounds of pressure which

forces water to boil at 240 degrees at sea level.

More detailed information about canning, including altitude adjustments and processing times, is available by consulting UNL Extension Circular 434, "Let's Preserve: Canning Basics," available at local UNL Extension offices or online at <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/send/It/ec434.pdf>.

"Using a hot water bath, the oven or anything else for canning vegetables is not safe," she said.

It is safe to can fruit, jams, jellies and pickles using a hot water bath because of the higher acid content of fruit and the pickled product.

Tomatoes can be canned in a hot water bath because of their acid content. However, more and more newer tomato varieties have lower acid content, so it is now recommended to add some lemon juice or citric acid to the jars. It only requires a small amount, about 1 tablespoon per pint, she said.

"Acid inhibits the spores from Clostridium botulinum growing out," she said.

Caution also should be given when canning salsas.

"Be sure to follow the recipe," Albrecht said. "Don't throw in more peppers because it will reduce the acid content. The safety of canning in a hot water bath really depends on the

acid content. Use tested recipes as they are safe to process in a boiling water bath. If you don't follow the recipe, be sure to refrigerate the product."

When freezing vegetables, they first need to be blanched, Albrecht said.

This is because enzymes in the vegetables continue to break down even when frozen. If the vegetables are not blanched, corn will begin to taste like the cob and broccoli will smell awful, for example.

"Blanching inactivates those enzymes and also allows you to get more vegetables in a container," she said. When freezing vegetables, be sure to use freezer storage bags or containers that are freezer safe.

When blanching, bring water to a boil and then drop the vegetables in. Cook times for some vegetables include: green beans, 3 minutes; broccoli, 3 minutes; corn on the cob, 11 minutes; corn cut off the cob, 3 minutes; peas, 1.5 minutes and beets, cook until done. After cooking, plunge into ice cold water, drain, package and place containers one layer deep in the freezer to quickly freeze.

Albrecht said freezing also gives vegetables a "less cooked" taste and they are not as mushy.

Additional publications about food preservation are available at the UNL Extension publications website at <http://extension.unl.edu/publications>. Click on "Food & Nutrition," under "Browse Publications" then scroll down to "Preservation".

## Free Online Recipe

Included as part of Grass & Grain's website is a "Free Weekly Recipe." You need not be a subscriber to view this recipe. Go to: [www.grassandgrain.com](http://www.grassandgrain.com) and at the bottom left click on Our Daily Bread Free Weekly Recipe.

Some recipes will be selected from submissions received from area cooks while others may be suggested favorites. You may also share the recipe with friends and family by clicking on the "email page" button.

**This week's recipe is Mushroom Salad from Sandy Hill, Eskridge**

## Quick Ways To Slim Down

(NAPSA) — You don't have to buy expensive foods or try miracle diets to shape up for summer. Use these easy, healthy tips to burn fat so you can look and feel better.

- Eat more frequently (every two to three hours). Going longer without food can send your blood sugar and energy levels plummeting, which can make you crave high-sugar, high-fat foods. To eat smarter during a busy day, consume nutritious low-fat and low-sugar snacks between meals. Try fruits or nuts. For a quick, healthy meal or a lunch in the office, try Minute Ready to Serve Brown Rice. This nutty-tasting rice is ready after 60 seconds in the microwave and can be mixed with a variety of ingredients, from honey to vegetables.

- Don't skip breakfast. Starting your day with a healthy meal is the best way to boost your metabolism and burn off extra calories. Try to eat within the first hour of your day because energy has been depleted the night before. If you skip breakfast, your body will shift into starvation mode and begin to conserve energy, thus burning fewer calories.

- Eat more fiber. Fiber fills you up fast, allowing you to eat less and see pounds disappear. To fight

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# New guide explores succession planning for woodland owners

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"The reality is that the vast majority of these privately owned family forests will change hands over the next several decades as the current generation of owners ages," said Larry Godsey, economist with the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry and co-author of a new publication designed to help landowners prepare for the successful transfer of forestland from one generation to the next.

"Family forestland often evokes strong emotional ties to the land," Godsey said. "Providing stewardship of the land frequently becomes part of the owner's life ethic." Heirs, however, may have differing interests, priorities, needs or obligations; live too far away to take an active management role; or not get along with one another.

"Families that own forestland today are often faced with a vast array of financial and personal

challenges as they contemplate how to preserve this asset for future generations," he said.

The 12-page guide, "Succession Planning for Woodland Owners," written by Godsey with financial adviser and tree farmer David Watson, examines the legal, financial and interpersonal issues woodland owners will likely confront in succession planning. Topics explored in the guide include:

How to assemble a competent team of experts, including an estate-planning attorney, accountant, financial planner and consulting forester.

Issues such as incapacity of the owner while alive; minimizing estate tax; special family distribution needs; and protecting the woodland from creditors.

Legal instruments such as wills, trusts, power of attorney, advance medical directives and conservation easements.

Creating a vision statement to serve as a compass for targeting specific goals, such as producing sustain-

able long-term revenues, providing recreational opportunities and developing habitats for native wildlife.

Assessing heirs objectively to determine which are best to manage the forestland and which are possibly better suited for other family assets.

"There is a lot to consider in planning a transfer from the current to the future generation of forestland owners, and each per-

son's situation is unique," Godsey said. "This guide makes sure forestland owners have all of the facts in front of them before they begin their plan."

The new guide is available for purchase or free download at extension.missouri.edu/publications/DisplayPub.aspx?P=AF1013.

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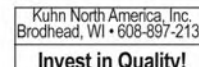

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# Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

## Afternoon, long shadows

In late afternoon, when shadows grow long and thin, the rabbits come out.

Their entrance is something of a mystery, a magician's sleight of hand: one minute the yard is empty, the next dotted with the stubby gray forms of eastern cottontails recumbent in the clover.

Sometimes I count them: two, three, five. They watch me watching them and appear indifferent so long as I keep to myself. Their long ears flick this way and that and hear things I can only imagine, a breeze plucking the golden petals of sunflowers, the faint stirring of crickets, the metallic clatter of beetles' wings, the dull roar of a planet in endless motion through the empty wastes of a cosmic sea.

I imagine the clover soft and cool after the heat of the day. And watching them, their obvious contentment and they way they inhabit our little patch of prairie, how they seem to fill it with their presence, to embody it, parts of a whole so integral that were they to disappear the world would slow to a halt and the tides become unleashed, I imagine them the true possessors of the land. Certainly not me, whose only claim is a legal title and nine short years of stewardship. Mere caretaker. Watcher.

If anything, ours is a contested and shared domain. Mole carves meandering hillocks through the grass, voles scatter before the whirling blades of the lawn mower, deer nibble on the pines and, lately, we share the porch with a hispid cotton rat that loves mulberries dropped from the tree above. Skinks in the garden, a fat Woodhouse's toad hiding in the tomatoes, milk snake in the basement, jumping spider in the entranceway, recluses upstairs. To claim ownership of this place is a laughable and dubious conceit.

I'm reminded of the Chiricahuas in southeastern Arizona, how when the canyon filled with shadows the javalena would erupt from the creek bed and filter through camp like a bristly-backed horde, their faint snuffles and grunts, their ridiculously-tiny cloven hooves, their pinkish snouts. And how after they slipped away into the underbrush a single striped skunk would appear at the end of the road where it bent to span the wooden bridge, and the skunk would march through each campsite as if inspecting for permits or compliance to a protocol only it could know. Sitting at the picnic table or in our lawn chairs, we would become motionless to its tuxedoed motion, ignored as inconsequential as it went about its evening rounds. Not long after its departure, when the upper crags burned with an unseen sunset, the air filled with the falling notes of a canyon wren, a twilight nocturne, and mulies descended the rocky bajadas to drink their fill in Cave Creek.

We were transients, nothing more. And perhaps for the first time I sensed how at-home mammals are in their surroundings, not just inheritors of the land but integrated into every fold and crease, every gully and cliff and cave, as the free-tailed bats boiling from the cliffs in early dusk proved. Their movements were always assured where ours seemed unstable, our rattletrap van and flimsy canvas-sided camper no match for their sure footing and effortless gait, our maps no substitute for their intimate familiarity of terrain. They were at home more than we will ever understand the concept of home, though at times I sense it. The raven flying above the canyon rim, the rabbits lounging in the shade of early evening, know their place as we never will.

# Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame to induct five new members

The late Wayne Dunafon who ranched near Westmoreland is one of five legendary cowboys to be honored for their contributions to the western life as they are inducted into the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame in Dodge City.

The Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame will honor these five men at a ceremony to be held on September 12, 2009, at 2 p.m., at Boot Hill Museum.

Each inductee represents a different area of the life of the cowboy: Working Cowboy, Cowboy Historian, Cowboy Entertainer/Artist, Rodeo Cowboy and Rancher/Cattlemen.

The Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame committee is happy to announce the 2009

inductees and their respective categories:

Bill Barnes, Elkhart, Working Cowboy; Harold Dawley, Dodge City Cowboy Historian; H. Russell Moss, Coffeyville, Cowboy Entertainer/Artist; Wayne Dunafon, Westmoreland, Rodeo Cowboy; Duane Walker, Canton, Cattlemen/Rancher.

Dunafon rode in both rough stock and timed events in the Cowboy Turtle Association, Rodeo Cowboy Association and the Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association. His work in the rodeo arena led him to modeling and movie work. Back home in Kansas, he helped

charter the Kaw Valley PRCA Rodeo in Manhattan.

The seventh annual Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at the Boot Hill Museum complex in Dodge City. The Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame is a project of Boot Hill Museum, Inc. and was developed to preserve and honor the life of the Kansas Cowboy. For more information on the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame please visit [www.boothill.org](http://www.boothill.org) or contact Boot Hill Museum at (620) 227-8188 or [info@boothill.org](mailto:info@boothill.org).



Jessica Taliaferro, Effingham, won reserve grand champion steer at the 2009 Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Show, June 13 in Effingham. Troy Marple, Westmoreland, evaluated the 31 entries.

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# What to know when deciding where to feed cattle

A good feedlot manager knows his business inside and out. If you're considering a partnership or retaining ownership, it's your business to know it equally well.

"There's no need to be shy in asking questions," says beef cattle specialist Paul Dykstra, with Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). "Be upfront and know what you're getting in to." CAB offers questions to consider in the marketing section of its Best Practices Manual, available at [www.cabpartners.com/bestpractices/index.php](http://www.cabpartners.com/bestpractices/index.php) or by calling 800-225-2333. Here are a few major topics for your first sit-down with a potential partner.

### Feedlot history

Get the basics on the feedyard's background. How long have they been in business? What are the manager's goals and philosophy of feeding? What kind of cattle do they typically feed? Do they feed cattle from your area?

Feedlot manager Shelby Jones says potential customers of Ranger Feeders II LLC, Dighton, ask such questions. "They're trying to get a big picture of what goes on at this feedyard, what we do and why," he says. From issues of cattle comfort to the finer points of attention to detail, "accurate two-way communication is essential."

### Feeding process

This is the reason you're entrusting the manager with your cattle, so it better make sense. What do they feed, why, and where does it come from? Do they have emergency feeding plans for when bad weather or other disasters strike? How con-

sistent is their feeding schedule?

"Understanding how feed is accounted for eases the mind of newcomers," Jones says. "So we usually talk about how the feed is weighed to a pen for each feeding, and how it's recorded and posted to the pen."

Rations are customized and change through the year and as your cattle progress toward finished weight, their intake constantly monitored for quantity adjustments. "Starter rations" may vary with calf type and age, and how much intake they are accustomed to, Jones says. Sharing that information can reduce digestive upsets and stress that may lead to other diseases.

### Closeouts or performance records

Managers should be happy to show you a sample closeout record, but if you don't understand what those figures mean, it's not going to do any good. Iowa State University professor Dan Loy says producers should question anything and everything on a closeout.

"Some of these questions are going to seem simple, but they're important," he says. "What were the weighing conditions? Were they full weights, were they adjusted to a standard dressing percentage at the end? Do you calculate deads as part of the cost of production or is the death loss ignored?" Ask about how the numbers on the closeout were calculated — how do they determine the number of days on feed? What's the markup on feed costs, if any? Be sure to clarify any acronyms or abbreviations you're not familiar with.

### Financial options

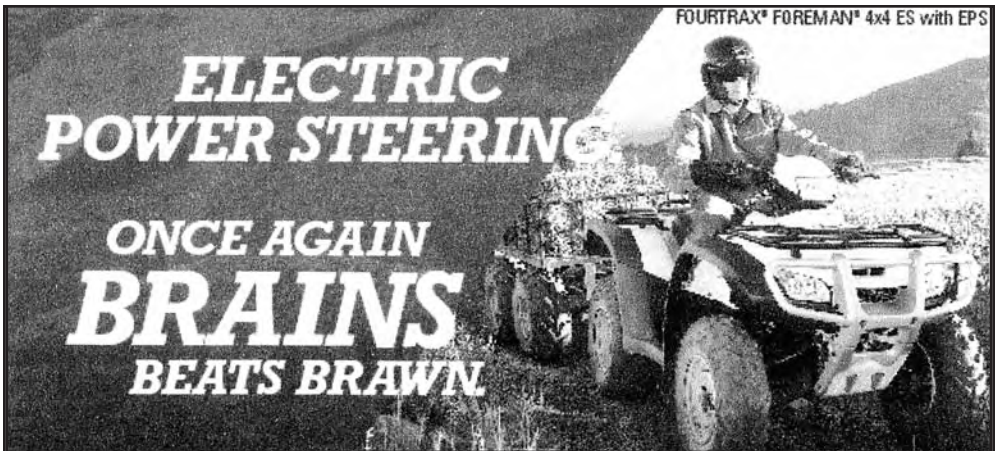
This is where numbers better start making sense if you're going to make this partnership work. CAB's Gary Fike, beef cattle specialist, says it's critical to know and understand all your financial options when going into business with a feedyard.

"Ask about their financing options, what interest rates are and how much equity you need to leave in," Fike says. "Given the beginning value on cattle, ask what opportunities exist to hedge them or enter into a basis contract. Asking about such risk management techniques doesn't take the risk out of the market, but it does take the unknown out of what you stand to earn or lose."

### Don't stop

Keep asking until you feel well informed in choosing the feedlot. If a manager doesn't take the time to answer all your questions thoroughly, he's probably not someone you want to do business with.

"The big deal in finding a feedlot that works for you is making sure you're going to a yard, you're talking, and you're asking questions," says Mark Sebranek, manager of Irsik and Doll Feedyard near Garden City. "I give potential customers all the time in the world — if they want to talk for three hours, we're going to talk for three hours. They're going to ask what they might feel are stupid questions, but they're not. They've got to ask all those questions to make sure they're comfortable with what we're doing."



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The theme is "Economics: Macro, Micro, Madding," and the date is Aug. 20-21 for Kansas State University's 2009 Risk & Profit Conference and Trade Show. The conference will be at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan.

One of the event's three keynote speakers will be K-State's new president, Kirk Schulz. Prior to taking on his presidential role this summer, Schulz served on the faculty of Mississippi State University, most recently as vice president for research and economic development. He will discuss "The Future of Kansas State University in Addressing the Land Grant Mission" at the Risk & Profit Conference's final Aug. 21 luncheon.

Lon Frahm, a sixth gen-

eration farmer from Thomas County, will give the keynote address at the evening banquet Aug. 20. Frahm, who manages Frahm Farmland, also serves as chairman of the board for Midwest Energy and was recently named Farm Journal's 2009 Top Producer of the Year.

At the opening luncheon Aug. 20, Allen Featherstone, director of the Masters of Agribusiness program and a professor in K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics, will address the "Impacts of the Financial Market Crisis on the Agriculture Sector."

The Risk & Profit Conference begins with registration Aug. 20 from 10:00-11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and the beginning of the program at 12:30 p.m.

An early registration fee of \$205 for the first person from an organization is due by Aug. 11. Subsequent attendees from the same organization can attend for \$185 if payment is made by check. The fee for each participant registering after Aug. 11 is \$230. The fee includes participation in all sessions; two lunches, one dinner and one breakfast; conference proceedings on CD; and parking. Conference notebooks will be available for an additional fee, and numerous vendors will have displays at the Alumni Center. More information, including a full lineup of conference breakout sessions and registration is available on the website: [http://www.agmanager.info/events/risk\\_profit/2009](http://www.agmanager.info/events/risk_profit/2009).

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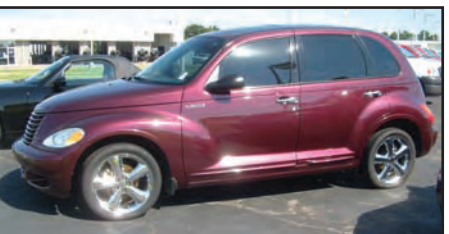
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# Kansas Profile

By Ron Wilson

Director of the  
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## We Kan! Bank — Whiting



Let's stop by the bank today. Unlike your local financial institution, there's no teller windows or ATM at this bank, but there is a tremendous resource. This is what Marci Penner calls the We Kan! Bank, a new initiative of the Kansas Sampler Foundation. The We Kan! Bank is not a financial institution, but rather a virtual, social capital bank where people can match needs with resources. The bank's first project was recently implemented in Whiting. Marci Penner is the Director of the Kansas Sampler Foundation. One of Marci's transformational ideas for rural Kansas is the We Kan! Bank, designed to match rural com-

munity needs with those who can help. Marci says, "This is a social capital bank, where volunteer-led communities can open accounts of need and other people can open accounts of support." The "banker" helps match them together.

Another transformational idea is I Kan Help, which is a means of empowering individuals to donate time and/or money to rural communities that need them. Marci says, "Let's say there was a family that wanted to make a difference. If there was a website which they could click on to find needed volunteer projects in their area, they could see where they could help."

Marci was thinking about

this when she received a call from Rosa Thomas, owner of the Whiting Café. Rosa invited Marci to her café's 25th anniversary celebration in August. Marci says, "I had something else going on that day, but it hit me that her café would be the perfect opportunity to try this idea. We could give Rosa an early anniversary present." Marci says, "I know Rosa is a person who gives to the community." So Marci convinced Rosa to let volunteers give her café a makeover.

Marci says, "Rosa didn't ask for this help, we convinced her we wanted to do it. Anyone who can keep a café open for 25 years in a town this size deserves recognition and support." Whiting is a truly rural community, with a population of 206 people. Now, that's rural. The Kansas Sampler Foundation called for volunteers and organized this effort.

On the last weekend of June 2009, more than 100 people donated time and effort to make repairs, clean, replace equipment, paint, and generally fix up the Whiting Café. Rosa prepared meals at the community cen-

ter to serve to the workers and paid the cost of the major repairs. Donors contributed more than \$5,000 to underwrite other costs. Volunteers received t-shirts saying I Kan Help!

Local folks helped serve meals. One artist designed and painted a mural saying, "Food so great you'll scrape your plate." The preacher came over after church on Sunday to fix the pilot light in the grill. A country music band played for the group on Saturday night. Marci says, "People worked late each night. Finally we had to get out of there on Sunday so Rosa and crew could prepare the café for 6 a.m. opening on Monday."

In the end, the rural community of Whiting had a beautiful new look to their locally owned café, and volunteers had donated more than 1,300 hours to the cause. Marci says, "This was a pilot project. We can only do one of these major statewide projects a year, but maybe we could organize lots of smaller local projects which people could get involved in."

For more information, go to [www.kansasampler.org](http://www.kansasampler.org).

## Kansas corn faring well so far

WICHITA (AP) — The Kansas corn crop has fared well so far this season despite an unusually late planting, but its late start has made the crop especially vulnerable to damage, industry experts say.

Ideally, Kansas farmers plant their corn by the first week in April, said Jere White, executive director of the Kansas Corn Growers Association. But rain kept farmers out of fields at planting time, so much of the state's corn was planted in late May and early June.

That means the crop will be pollinating during the hot, dry Kansas summer. An early freeze before the corn is ready for harvest could be devastating.

"Corn was planted later than what we have seen in a long, long time," White said Tuesday. "But the condition of the crop seems to be catching up."

This week's crop condition report showed 68 percent of the corn in good to excellent condition, with 25 percent rated as fair. Only 7 percent of the crop got a poor to very poor rating.

"We don't always farm under the most ideal conditions and the crops are relatively forgiving," White said. "We have planting spread out more than usual. We will have crops susceptible to damage over a longer period."

Kansas farmers put 3.8 million acres into corn this season, compared to 3.85 million acres a year earlier, the Agriculture Department reported last week.

Nationwide, the corn acreage of 87 million acres was up 1 percent from 2008. It was the second largest planted corn acreage since 1946, behind the record setting year of 2007.

But some analysts remain nervous at the crop's late planting dates in major growing regions.

When the Agriculture Department came out with its acreage report last week the numbers of corn acres were higher than expected, said Mike Wolverton, grain marketing economist at Kansas State University. The market had anticipated a reduction in acreage from a year ago.

"The acres are there," he said. "But — and here's the kicker — and that is that the corn was planted late. Very late, some of it, and it may not develop to full maturity before frost. So we may end up with a short corn crop this year."

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# Research ‘N’ Review

By Joel DeRouchey

The ethanol industry in Kansas relies on sorghum as a major starch source for fermentation. While most ethanol plants in the United States utilize corn as the starch contributor, it is logical that milo is substituted as economics allow in Kansas. At the same time, the feed co-product remaining after drying is a reflection of the original cereal grain in terms of composition. While much research has been done with corn DDGS in swine diets, less has been known about milo DDGS. Thus, a series of experiments have been conducted by Kansas State University researchers to determine the effect of milo DDGS in swine diets. Here are just two examples of recent published research conducted with milo DDGS.

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Jones et al. (2008) conducted a nursery trial with 350 pigs with a starting weight of 24.3 lb to determine the effects of corn and milo DDGS on growth performance. They evaluated

diets that contained (1) corn-soybean meal based control, (2) 15% corn DDGS from Nebraska source, (3) 30% corn DDGS from Nebraska source, (4) 15% milo DDGS from Kansas source 1, (5) 30% milo DDGS from Kansas source 1, (6) 15% milo DDGS from Kansas source 2, and (7) 30% milo DDGS from Kansas source 2. Overall (d 0 to 21), pigs fed diets with 15 or 30% corn DDGS had equal daily gain, feed intake and feed efficiency compared to those of pigs fed the control diet. However, pigs fed diets with 15 and 30% milo DDGS had poorer feed efficiency compared to pigs fed the control diet and pigs fed corn DDGS. Finally, pigs fed different sources of Kansas milo DDGS had similar growth performance.

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Feoli et al. (2008) also conducted a nursery experiment using 180 pigs with a starting weight of approximately 22 lb to determine the effects of corn and milo DDGS on growth performance. They evaluated diets

that contained (1) corn-soybean meal-based control, (2) 30% corn-based DDGS (South Dakota source), and (3) 30% sorghum-based DDGS (Kansas source). Overall (d 0 to 27) in this study, pigs fed the control diet had greater daily gain, feed intake and feed efficiency compared to those of pigs fed either DDGS source. However, pigs fed milo DDGS had worse feed efficiency than pigs fed corn DDGS.

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This data shows a clear loss of feed efficiency when pigs are fed milo DDGS compared to corn DDGS. This is logical since corn has a higher initial energy value compared to milo in swine, thus, DDGS from these cereal grains should follow this trend. Thus, producers need to place a different economic value that can be paid for DDGS based on grain source. Not only is this true in nursery pigs, but for any production phase utilizing milo DDGS rather than corn DDGS.

## Colorado farmers say crisis hitting home

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Colorado farmers and bankers last week told a congressional oversight panel that oversees the bank bailout that the banking crisis is threatening their livelihoods and they need banking standards that are better tailored to their businesses.

The panel met in Colorado's agricultural heartland to hear from farmers and others who are struggling to get credit amid the economic downturn, and comes three months after Greeley's New Frontier Bank collapsed, leaving many farmers unable to find lenders willing to give them vital operating loans.

"Our farmers don't want a bailout, they want the ability to succeed," said Les Hardesty, chairman of the Dairy Farmers of America Mountain Area Council.

Witnesses included Mike Flesher, executive vice president for Farm Credit Services of the Mountain Plains, Lonnie Ochsner, senior vice president for New West Bank, Marc Arnusch, owner of Mark Arnusch Farms, Michael Scuse of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Congress created the panel to hold hearings and issue a report on commercial farm credit markets and

the use of loan restructuring as an alternative to foreclosure under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, the \$700 billion bank bailout. The report is due July 21.

Damon Silvers, a panel member and attorney for the AFL-CIO, said the real stress test for banks is not the value of their assets, but their success providing credit to borrowers.

"If credit is not around to farmers, then we have not fixed our system," he said.

Hardesty said the dairy industry is suffering and TARP funds should be used to buy up excess milk and cheese to provide to families in need.

Ochsner said federal stimulus funds are not the answer. He said bankers need to get to know their borrowers and their needs, like they do in the agricultural banking industry, and bankers should help them while maintaining proper banking standards.

"Strong operations survive, and unfortunately, some weak operations fail. Sometimes very honest, hardworking people fail, which is very disheartening. The biggest injustice of all is for a bank to lend people into insolvency, when good

counsel may have helped them exit while they still had equity that could be salvaged," he told the panel.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a report in February saying Weld County is No. 8 in the country in the value of its farm and ranch products, with an annual market value of \$1.54 billion.

U.S. Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo., told the panel in a written statement that farmers across the state are suffering, but farmers and ranchers in northeast Colorado were dealt a double whammy when the New Frontier Bank failed, leaving many of them scrambling for new loans at other banks.

"This closure has had strong implications on access to credit locally and has had a rippling effect throughout this community," Udall said.

New Frontier was closed on April 10, about four months after the FDIC issued a cease-and-desist order against the bank for "unsafe" and "unsound" practices. Defaults on the bank's mostly agricultural loans left it with shrinking capital to cover potential losses.

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By Miranda Reiman

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Hey Neighbor

# For The Love Of Horses

By Frank J. Buchman

## Renowned Western Author, G&G Columnist Was A Horseman Too

Don't forget he was also a horseman.

The recent passing of Dr. Don Coldsmith of Emporia brought many highlights of his diverse life into the public eye.

Most remembrances seem to omit how important horses were to this talented individual. Our ties to him were foremostly related to his love of his horse, and in a somewhat close second, his writings, most related directly or indirectly to horses as well.

It was by that indirect tie to Coldsmith that we first became aware of him as his "Horsin' Around" column appeared weekly in the Emporia Gazette. We followed it regularly, never missing an installment, which in those days generally related to horses in one way or another. When tangents in his writings veered from horses, we scowled but forgave.

Our heart skipped a beat when the home phone rang late one night, and the caller was Don Coldsmith. "Rose Clymer told me you ride horses, and I have a couple I wondered if you'd like to train for us," he requested.

Without hesitation, our response was: "Sure, we'd love to ride your horses." Further explanation from the caller revealed that the horses were Appaloosas that he and his family had raised. They had successful show records as young horses and were at the age to further

their education for future careers as riders.

When Coldsmith, his wife, Edna, and their youngest daughter, Connie, arrived with the first of several Appaloosa horses we'd ride for them, there was no problem finding something to talk about. Coldsmith knew something about everything, but, of course, our conversation related to horses.

He recalled some of his equine experiences and related his close work with pack mules during his years as a medic in the military.

While horses had always been close to his heart, Coldsmith selected the Appaloosa breed to raise, evidently because of their tie to early Plains Indians, as he'd always had a heartfelt interest in their lives and ancestry.

The Coldsmith Appaloosas by that time had an enviable show ring reputation, collecting not only local honors but regional and national as well, both in conformation and performance divisions. Unlike some in the breed, especially in later years, his horses were distinctly marked with Appaloosa color and characteristics.

As Coldsmith expected, the horses we rode followed family tradition and were athletes as well. They were soon in arena competition, too, and we even had the opportunity to judge them in several local competitions,

where they typically stood high in the placings.

We'll never forget that we criticized Connie Coldsmith for not putting polish on her horse's hooves in a showmanship class. We were quickly informed by Don Coldsmith that the stripped hooves were "not supposed to be blackened, because that would cover the breed characteristics." We have never forgotten that lesson.

Coldsmith owned quality Appaloosa stallions which he mated to a number of public mares as well as his own small band of excellent Appaloosa mares.

Always interested in seeing how a different bloodline would cross on his Appaloosas, Coldsmith decided to breed one of his best mares to our black Quarter Horse stallion, Dennis Good. The result had sufficient quality, but it didn't have those distinctive markings of the Appaloosa breed which were important to Coldsmith.

Because of his outgoing

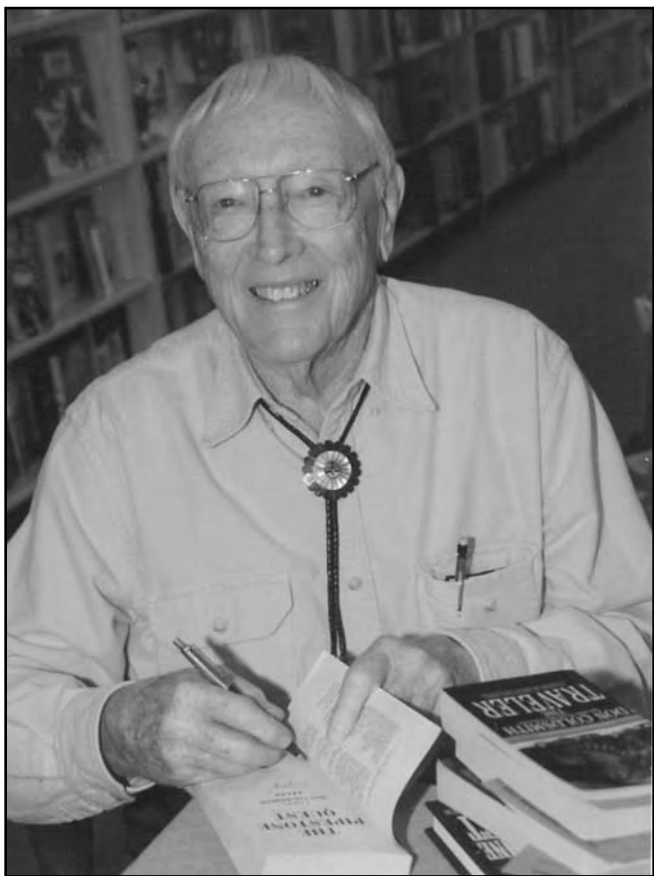
personality and knowledge of horses, Coldsmith was frequently called upon to serve as a steward at horse shows, did much of the behind-the-scene work at shows and assisted in announcing on occasion. He worked as a ring man collecting bids at several horse auctions.

Also in the cattle business on a limited basis, we can remember that Coldsmith even did some successful artificial inseminating in his cow herd.

It wasn't long after our acquaintance with Coldsmith that his writing came into our conversation, and we asked him to contribute the "Horsin' Around" column to Grass & Grain. He seemed excited about the offer, and his writing quickly became quite popular with readers.

The column originated in the Emporia newspaper when Coldsmith was asked to write about horse activities in the area. Before long, information had broad interest and was sought by media over a wider area. Soon, even national publications found the writing appealing and were printing Coldsmith's works as well.

Although horses became less and less a part of the column as the years progressed, it continued to be well-liked for more than three decades, as every piece had a special message. Even the column title somehow remained a slang fitting for the down-to-earth, first-person writing. An artwork variation of a Dala horse



Dr. Don Coldsmith was most widely recognized around the world as an author of historical Western fiction books, but Grass & Grain readers knew him best for his "Horsin' Around" column that appeared every Tuesday for more than three decades. As diverse as were his talents and interests, Coldsmith was always a horseman at heart and raised many Appaloosa horses that gained recognition throughout the country.

with Appaloosa characteristics often identified the piece.

Interestingly, Coldsmith was a medical doctor and writing his weekly column fit well into his profession, especially the part of delivering babies. That's kind of a hurry up and wait predicament, and Coldsmith often used the waiting time to work on his columns. They were sometimes even written on the backs of medical sheets.

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Because of his complete concern for accuracy and genuineness in his writings, Coldsmith was greatly respected among the native people. They claimed him as a member of a Native American organization where he is the only non-native member.

Twenty-nine books are in the Spanish Bit Saga published by Bantam and Doubleday, plus Coldsmith

has written at least 12 other historical novels and non-fiction books. There are more than six million copies in print, as well as editions in German, French and Swedish. This is in addition to greater than 150 articles and 1,600 newspaper columns.

Long before Coldsmith started writing stories, he was telling them, and his five daughters were his favorite listeners. Their favorite stories were the ones he called "The Kids in the Covered Wagon," based on his grandfather's travels west, according to the eulogy at his memorial services.

His family loved those stories and would beg for them every night. Coldsmith would close out a story by resolving the conflict and saying: "Next time I'll tell you. . . ." In fact Coldsmith's first book, still unpublished, was based on his grandfather's stories, and is called "Land of the Southwind."

Of special significance to us as a writer, all of Cold-

smith's works were written in longhand and then typed by his secretary Ann Bowman.

Retiring in 1988 from his 30-year family medical practice at Emporia, Coldsmith also found time during his life to own a mail-order gunsmith business, be a taxidermist, be a vocalist in a men's quartet, sell bait at a fishing store, spend one year as a clergyman, and teach a Sunday School class many years. He had numerous other unique experiences and talents as well.

Instructor of several university writing classes, Coldsmith served as president of the Western Writers of America and also received that group's Golden Spur Award for his writing achievements. Among a number of honors bestowed upon Coldsmith was being named a Distinguished Kansan by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

His knowledge of and fondness for the Flint Hills where he lived, coupled with his worldly knowledge

on any subject, made Coldsmith popular with everyone from the local feed store salesman to renowned authors and leaders around the world.

Often called to be a speaker at meetings and banquets throughout the country, Coldsmith was the featured entertainer at a Cowboy's Reunion we hosted at our ranch on October 14, 1995.

Born February 28, 1926, at Iola, Dr. Donald Charles "Don" Coldsmith passed away June 25, 2009. A service of celebration for his life was June 30, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Emporia with Rev. Jayne Duncan and Rev. Nancy Gammill presenting the ceremony.

Always concluding his "Horsin' Around" with the promise: "See you down the road," Coldsmith's final column in Grass & Grain was in subscriber's mailboxes on the day of his services. His works, directly and indirectly tied to horses, will forever inspire generations of readers.

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"Senator Brownback has proven himself a real champion for this industry through his dedication to making sure this research project was funded," said Ken Georg of Sabetha, a member of the NSP Board of Directors. "This is a huge victory for sorghum producers, not just in Brownback's home state of Kansas, but nationwide. This funding will provide new breakthroughs in sorghum research that will deliver better supply and demand modeling, new uses and agronomic solutions to producers' fields."

In cooperation with one another, the three universities will use the funding to work on plant breeding and genetic improvement, new uses, economics, education, plant stress, and agronomic issues including water use and weed control.

Senator Brownback, Ranking Member of the Senate Ag Appropriations Subcommittee, championed the funding in the appropriations legislation that passed out of committee today. The federally appropriated funds available to the Initiative will almost double over last year's funding, bringing the project from \$552,000 up to \$1 million.

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## FSA provides details on farm storage facility loans

The 2008 Farm Bill reauthorized the USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL). The program provides low-interest financing for producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. To expedite the FSFL approval process, producers planning to submit an FSFL application to FSA, may request an environmental evaluation of their proposed project at their county FSA office.

To comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), FSA must evaluate the potential impacts the proposed structure could have on the environment for FSFL applications. An FSA-850 form must be completed for each FSFL application before the application can be approved.

Producers requesting an environmental compliance determination are advised that the FSFL application must be submitted and approved before site preparation and construction can begin on the facility.

Applicants will be required to identify the: type of structure they wish to construct, proposed site by marking the location on an aerial photo.

County Offices will not accept requests to complete FSA-850 via telephone. If a producer is unable to visit the office, the request must be submitted in writing and include the necessary information to complete FSA-850.

Additional information about initiating a Farm Storage Facility Loan is available at the FSA county office at the local USDA Service Center.

## New livestock indemnity program details given

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that eligible ranchers and livestock producers can begin applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Indemnity Program in the 2008 Farm Bill on July 13.

"This program will provide livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters," said Vilsack.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. Using funds from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund established under section 902 of the Trade Act of 1974, the program is administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Good fences can make good neighbors, agent provides a basic primer on what works

The old adage "fences make good neighbors" may be true, but they can also spark disputes among neighbors, according to Rick Snell.

In his work as the K-State Research and Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Barton County, Snell said he sees the upside as well as the ugly side of fence issues.

"Fences are one of those things that can cause disagreements and unfortunately, even lawsuits," Snell said. He provided information citing, in part, an Extension publication written by former K-State Research and Extension agricultural law expert Roger McEowen. McEowen is currently on the faculty of Iowa State University.

What is a legal fence?

The definition has changed over time but was clarified in 1986 by the Kansas Legislature. A legal fence can be made of a number of different kinds of materials from post and rails to stone or even a hedge, but for this purpose we will review the more common fences in our state, which are barbed wire and electrical.

The minimum legal barbed wire fence is: not less than three wires; the third wire from the ground not less than 44 inches nor more than 48 inches from the ground; the bottom wire not more than 24 nor less than 18 inches from the ground; the center wire equal-distance, or nearly so, between upper and lower wires; the wires to be well stretched and barbed; the barbed wire shall be composed of two wires not smaller than #13 or one wire not smaller than #9 or wires having not less than 950 pounds breaking strength; all wires to be securely fastened to post; posts are not more than two rods apart; posts are not less than 20 inches in the ground and set in a workmanlike manner; and the posts may be not more than 48 feet apart, with slats placed perpendicularly,

not more than 12 feet apart between the posts and fastened to the wires.

For an electric fence to be a legal fence, the fence must meet the following qualifications:

An electrically charged wire; at least one 14 gauge wire or its equivalent; and the wire not more than 48 inches from the ground.

"In general, the owners of adjoining lands are required to build and maintain in good repair all partition fences in equal shares, unless the parties agree otherwise," Snell said. "In practice, however, many adjoining landowners adopt the right-hand or left-hand rule as they face each other at the mid-point of their fence and agree to build and/or maintain the portion of the fence to either their respective right or left."

In Kansas, however, the law states that building and maintenance is to be in equal shares rather than in halves, he added.

"Fence laws vary greatly from state to state," the Extension agent said. "Kansas is a fence-in jurisdiction. That means that livestock owners are required to fence their animals in. But, as stated above, state law requires that the owners of adjoining lands build and maintain in good repair all partition fences in equal shares. That sometimes creates problems when a livestock owner shares a partition fence with a crop farmer or other landowner who does not graze livestock and, hence, has no need for a fence."

"In addition, if the adjacent non-livestock owners do not participate in the maintenance of their share of the partition fence, and injury results to them because of the defective fence that they were required to maintain, they cannot recover for damages caused by the adjacent landowner's stock."

Also, a non-livestock owner will be

held liable to others who are damaged by the neighbor's livestock escaping through the defective partition fence, Snell added.

Kansas law provides that if non-livestock owners do not want their land enclosed, they cannot be forced to build or pay for an equal share of any partition fence.

"The statute states: 'No person not wishing his land enclosed, and not occupying or using it otherwise than in common, shall be compelled to contribute to erect or maintain any fence dividing between his land and that of an adjacent owner; but when he encloses or uses his land otherwise than in common, he shall contribute to the partition fence,'" Snell said.

By its language, two conditions must be satisfied before the statute applies, he added. One party must not want their land enclosed, and the adjoining tracts must be used in common. Unfenced tracts are not used in common when they are used for different purposes (i.e., crop raising and cattle grazing). Thus, when a crop farmer (or other non-livestock owner) adjoins a livestock owner, both adjoining landowners must contribute an equal share to the building or maintaining of a partition fence because the tracts are not used in common.

"While K.S.A. 29-309 has never been interpreted by an appellate court in Kansas, the Kansas attorney has twice opined that the statute applies only to relieve a landowner from responsibility for sharing equally the cost of building and maintaining partition fences when the land is used in common and the complaining party does not want the fence," Snell said.

"My best advice is to keep good fences and work hard to get along with your neighbors," he added. "Do more than your share and feel good about it."

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July 15 — Ag equipment internet auction Online. Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

July 16 — Antique furniture, collectible glassware, collectibles & household at Manhattan for Elsie Bammes. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 18 — Farm machinery, tools, misc. NE of Abilene for Duane Reilly. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

July 18 — Household, antiques & collectibles, coins, stamps & misc. at Blue Rapids for Juanita Bolejack Estate & Lloyd & Pat Russell Trust. Auctioneers: Prell Realty & Auction.

July 18 — Collectibles, antique furniture & household at Salina for Wesely Hutton Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 18 — Appliances, furniture, collectibles, costume jewelry & misc. at Lyndon for Nellie Martin. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

July 18 — Antiques & collectibles, car & furniture at Council Grove for Marjory Brown. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

July 18 — Machinery, tractors, farm & livestock equip., semi tractors & trailers, pickups & access., tools, guns & misc. at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

July 18 — Vehicles, riding lawn mower, antiques & collectibles, household & tools at Manhattan for Gisela Beynons. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 19 — Real Estate, antiques & collectibles, household & misc. items, car at Onaga for Lucille M. McGuire. Auctioneers: Greg Boos Auction & Realty.

July 19 — Guns, furniture, collectibles & glass, ATV at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 20 — Restaurant equipment at Wichita. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auctions.

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July 23 — Construction Equipment Internet Auction Online. Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

July 23 — Farm machinery & misc., shop & household at Sedgwick for Randy & Lorna Hakes. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

July 25 — Consignment Auction at Wichita for AgriCon Consignment Auction.

July 25 — Annual Sale E. of Atchison. Auctioneers: Scotty Hall Auctions.

July 25 — Farmland at Hanover for Schwartz Family Partnership. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

July 25 — Marshall & Wash-

ington Co. land, house in Blue Rapids at Waterville for Juanita Bolejack Estate. Auctioneers: Prell Realty & Auction.

July 25 — Tractors, loader, combines, trucks, 4-wheeler, machinery, misc. & shop, guns & household at Tampa for Henry Redger. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

July 25 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture & household at Manhattan for Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Price. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 26 — Household, antiques & shop equipment at Washington for Rose Payne & Debra Hill. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

July 27 — Real Estate & personal property at Rossville for Gerald Larson. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 30 — Lyon Co. Real Estate, grass & timber, Tate Branch Creek at Olpe for George & Rita Nuessen Trust & Leonarda Henderson Rev. Trust. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

July 30 — Bobcat Internet Auction Online. Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

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Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

August 1 — Tractors, trucks, balers & implements at Maple Hill for Melvin Deiter. Auctioneer: Raine Auction Service.

August 1 — Wilson Co. land at Benedict for Tom & Brenda Schoenecker. Auctioneers: Swenson Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

August 1 — Real Estate, household & collectibles at Waterville for Jean B. Adams. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

August 1 — Tractors, combine, trucks, machinery, livestock & misc. at Gorham for Steve & Bill Jacobs. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

August 5 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auctions.

August 8 — Tools, shop related items, household goods, antiques & misc. at Clay Center for George Urban Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

August 8 — Building materials, surplus items & supplies W. edge of Seneca for Stallbaumer Lumber & Construction. Auctioneers: Dan Deters Auction Company.

August 10 — Farm machin-

ery & antiques N. of Clay Center for Marvis (Mrs. Keith) Hardesty. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

August 13 — Farmland at Clifton for Marjorie Allen Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

August 15 — Farm machinery auction at Delia for Bob & Ann Macha. Auctioneers: Harris Auctions.

August 15 — Trucks, truck equipment & tools at Washington for Earthmovers, Inc. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

August 16 — Real Estate, household & antiques at Clifton for Lorenzo (Butch) Morgison. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

August 22 — Tools, household goods, antiques, misc. at Clay Center for Carl Swenson. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

August 26 — Machinery consignment auction at Cornlea, Neb. Auctioneers: Michael Wegener Implement, Inc.

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ry; approx. 20 rods and reels; antique stand table; 2 old quilts; fancy Chenille bedspread; 5 oak straight back chairs; National toy safe; glass kerosene lamp; chrome dinette set, red top; stone cookie jar; old wash stand; 8 older wooden folding chairs; 2 wash tubs; assortment of pie and cake pans; glassware; pots and pans; kitchen items; cookbooks; enamel pieces, etc.; some hand tools; much more.

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# Youngster has rodeo roots

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other, one of the horses tripped and he fell off. He said the best advice his grandfather has given him is "never give up." When accidents like that happen, he just gets up and tries harder the next time. He's taken that advice to heart as the trick difficulty level has increased. The most difficult thing he does now is riding backwards, he said, as it involves stepping onto one horse, turning while holding the reins in one hand behind his back, and then turning back around while keeping the horses from splitting up. The next trick he wants to learn is a handstand with a hand on each horse's shoulder and his head between them at shoulder level.

"Papa says I can do a handstand when I'm 13," Goode said.

Even though the Adams family has made rodeo their life, Goode said his friends at Stuart Elementary, where he will be a fifth-grade student in the fall, don't think about rodeo too much.

"They didn't really believe me when I told them what I could do. Then they came (to a rodeo) and they said 'You can really do that.' They told me I had done a good job. Now, some of the boys would like to try it, but the girls are too scared," Goode said. In addition to his rodeo act, Goode also participates in Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association events, where he competes against others his own age in bareback bronc riding (on ponies), poles, roping, barrels and goat tying. As of last week, he was leading the all-around. He also does things most fifth grade boys would do, including playing baseball, football, basketball and soccer. He enjoys school where math is his best subject.

Even at his young age, Goode has set some lofty goals for himself. He wants to get his PRCA card when he turns 18 and then would like to perform at the Dodge City rodeo and the National Finals Rodeo with his specialty act and in bareback bronc riding. Before that

happens, his grandmother has told him he needs to "prove a little more," he said. Performing at events like the McPherson County Fair will give him that experience. The family selected the event as Goode's first out-of-state rodeo because of their long friendship with Canton resident and quarter horse breeder Duane Walker, who is on the fair rodeo committee.

Goode's ultimate goal is to be inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame and the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, following his grandparents. In the short term, he intends to continue improving his skills, attend Oklahoma State University and compete on its rodeo team, and become a veterinarian. With his determination and poise, all bets are on that he will accomplish those goals.

But, for now, he's looking forward to his two performances in Canton at the McPherson County Fair.

"It's exciting to go out of state and will be fun to go somewhere new," he said.

# Beat the heat, but make sure that air conditioner is working properly

Recent heat waves prompt praise for air conditioning, yet, given some recent brisk mornings and cooler than normal temperatures during late spring, homeowners may have overlooked — or put off — arranging for a seasonal service call on their air conditioner. "It's not too late," said Bruce Snead, a Kansas State University Research and Extension residential energy specialist. "When not serviced annually, air conditioning units can lose up to 5 percent of their efficiency," said Snead, who noted that seasonal check-ups also can catch trouble-spots before they become problems.

Arranging a service call with a certified heating and cooling technician carries basic charges (\$50-\$75), but helps to ensure trouble-free service during the cooling season, he said. "Catching and repairing a potential problem or trouble spot in its first stages usually is less expensive than repairing a breakdown, especially when the failure occurs during a weekend or holiday," said Snead, who offered tips to help ensure trouble-free operation of a cooling system: Shut down a unit and

check the filter every 90 days. If dirty, dusty or clogged, remove, wash and allow time for drying a reusable filter or replace it with a new one. When a filter is clogged, a cooling unit will have to work harder to do its job, and that translates into a higher utility bills.

Check the condensate drain, which can become clogged by rust or other debris while removing the condensation (water) from the air during the cooling process, regularly. If clogged, overflow damage to the unit, floors or a ceiling can result.

Keep area around the outdoor fan unit free to facilitate air flow; planting flowers or shrubs close to the unit or to hide it is not recommended.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for removing airborne debris (leaves and such) from fan unit (or ask a professional to do it). When clogged, a fan and/or coil unit will be less efficient — or stop running.

If an air conditioning unit is 10 or more years older, a homeowner may want to consider replacing it. Choosing a newer, more efficient operating system

should reduce utility bills and provide trouble-free service. Currently, homeowners also may be eligible for a federal tax credit of as much as 30 percent of the replacement cost (up to \$1500) for an energy efficient air conditioning unit. More information on the tax credit is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

If replacing an air-conditioning unit, locating the fan unit on the north or east side of the house (or out of the sun during the warmest part of the day) is recommended. Kansans also may want to explore their qualifications for the Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program. As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the program will expand funds available to low-income families to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and reduce utility bills.

More information on the funding program is available at [www.kshousingcorp.org](http://www.kshousingcorp.org).

Click on "Weatherization." In addition, ARRA funds will be used to create a revolving loan fund for energy efficiency, with a proposed starting date in July 2009.

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