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The once and future barn – Barn Fest focuses on restoration, repurposing

**Photos and story
by Tom Parker**

It wasn't what Rick Collins said as much as the way he said it. Flashing on the projector screen was a photograph of an abandoned barn, its siding peeled away like layers of an onion, roof sagging, doors collapsed. A collective moan rose from the crowd. In a tone both wistful and mourning, Collins said, "There are a lot of sad barns out there."

What to do about them was the subject of the two-day Barn Fest '09, sponsored in part by the Kansas Barn Alliance and Trillium Dell Timberworks, Knoxville, Ill., and held at the firehouse in—where else?—Barnes, Kan. About 50 people attended.

The first day's activities centered on educational workshops on such topics as federal tax credits for rehabilitating historic buildings, protecting agricultural acreage through the Kansas Land Trust, the State Historic Preservation Office's "Kansas Historic Resources Inventory," and included guest speakers whose own efforts to not only restore old barns but to find new uses for them have met with surprising success.

Collins, owner of Trillium Dell, spoke about his company's efforts in barn restoration and preservation. The company specializes in timberframe construction, with one segment dealing specifically with historic structures. Barns, no matter how far gone, can be retrofitted, reframed, relocated, remodeled and rebuilt, depending on how much the landowner is willing to pay. Through extensive examples, he showed that as far as barns are concerned, it's never too late to bring them back from the dead.

But, as KBA vice president Susie Haver said, "If a farmer's going to sink all that money into a barn, it just can't sit there looking gorgeous."

Darrell Zimmerman, owner of Zimmerman's Kill Creek Farm outside of DeSoto, had to deal with that problem twice. With the help of an army of volunteers, he rescued the Waitsman barn from demolition and moved it to his farm, where he lovingly restored it. But rather than using it solely for agricultural purposes, he branched out into agritourism and found new life in renting the barn out for weddings and receptions, company dinners and engagements, farmers markets, harvest festivities and even a nativity scene at Christmas. One clothing boutique owner held her seasonal fashion show there and told Zimmerman that it drew more people than similar events in Overland Park. And then



About 45 people attended the Barn Fest '09 tour through Marshall County. Of the four barns toured, this was the Don and Linda Kotapish 1922 barn located south of Blue Rapids. It's owned by Lee Borck on property homesteaded by Borck's great-great-grandparents, the True family.

straight-line winds tore into the building.

The building inspector condemned the structure and demanded it be torn down. Instead, Zimmerman went to

work, inventing a method of running metal bars through the framework to pull the structure together. "It was," he said, "like putting a girdle on a fat lady."

Topping off the barn was a massive cupola. Zimmerman admitted it was probably much more elaborate than the original, but added, "Even Henry Ford put a fancy radiator cap on his cars."

Agritourism is just one untapped market for old farm buildings, said Twilya L'Ecuyer, Washington County Farm Bureau. Barns, and

even outbuildings, can be repurposed through creative thinking and marketing.

Niche products such as mushrooms are an untapped Kansas market, she said. Because mushrooms require minimal space to grow, even a small outbuilding has a huge potential for a large-scale business. Other specialty crops or even heritage animals are all potential markets for bringing urban residents to your farm.

"If you're going to use your barn for tourism," she said, "don't be afraid of color. People want bright, even unique, colors."

They also want connectivity to the past, she said. People want stories, they want heritage, they want rustic. All are part of the allure that can be used to capture that market, she said. And the centerpiece of the draw is the barn.

"These barns are waiting for a job," L'Ecuyer said.

Participants toured four historic barns in Marshall County the next day. The first was a large livestock barn just south of Blue Rapids built in 1922 and owned by Lee Borck on property homesteaded by

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Participants get a spectacular view of the "bones" from the inside of the Stump barn which is still very much in use on the family's cattle ranch.



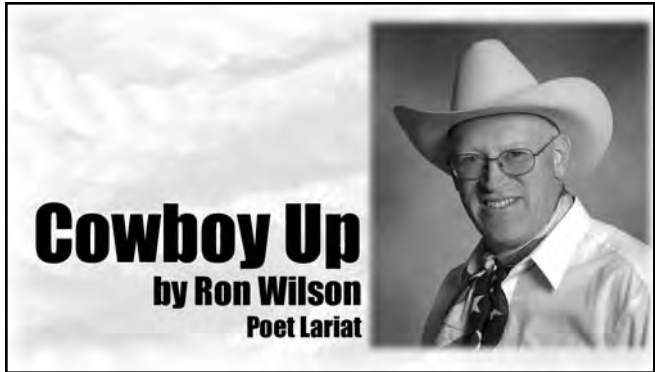
Rounding out the barn tour was a visit to the only-known Sears kit-barn in the state of Kansas. Built in 1914, this circular 42-foot diameter, 17-foot-tall round barn is owned by Rick and Carol Wright, and is located north of Waterville.



Built in 1913 by Benton Steele, one of the foremost round barn designers and architects, the Dave and DeLores Stump barn just east of Blue Rapids was the highlight of the barn tour. Spanning 92 feet in diameter and approximately 60 feet tall, it swallowed the visitors like so many ants.



Floral Hall, located at the Marshall County Fairgrounds in Blue Rapids, is an octagonal structure built in 1916. Floral Hall is one of the oldest buildings in Kansas fair sites, and one of the few remaining octagonal buildings from that era. Tour participants visited other buildings on the fairgrounds, and ate lunch at the park.



Cowboy “Smarts”?

I think I have invented a new term: Cowboy Smarts.

It all started in a conversation with my wife. I was extolling the value and importance of the Great American Cowboy, which is one of my favorite topics.

I said, “You know, it was the courage, bravery, common sense, and ingenuity of the cowboy which made America great. Our ancestors had the Yankee ingenuity and practical problem solving ability which enabled them to settle the American West. It shaped the American culture, and it still is practiced on our farms and ranches today. It’s not book learning, it’s more practical than that. It makes it possible for an independent cowboy out on the range

to improvise and solve problems when needed. In short,” I said, “you might call it Cowboy Smarts.”

“Wait a minute,” she said, with the voice of a long-suffering partner with many years of experience. “You call it Cowboy ‘smarts’? Cowboy smarts is an oxymoron.”

“Hey, that’s not nice,” I protested. “Don’t be calling us cowboys morons, and this has nothing to do with a set of oxen.”

“No, no,” she replied. “An oxymoron is a contradiction in terms. It’s a set of words which contradict each other, like ‘jumbo shrimp’ or ‘government intelligence.’” And then she started citing examples of certain cowboy behaviors,

and I was forced to concede that she had a point.

Think about it. It’s the nature of the beast, so to speak. We work with animals, which – by their nature – are unpredictable. Then we add the conditions in which cowboys work, where we are oftentimes by ourselves or out in a pasture or range, far distant from tools and equipment. Toss in a little fun-loving cowboy spirit, and our cowboy smarts tend to get us in trouble.

Cowboy Smarts may be at play when a rodeo contestant voluntarily chooses to climb onto the back of a 2,000 pound Brahman bull bent on murder and mayhem. But at least in that case, there is the thrill of the ride and a chance at prize money. To me, the worst cases of cowboy smarts are found in the ill-considered whims of the cowboy’s everyday life.

For example, what would cause a cowboy to say something like, “See that electric fence over there? Let’s race to it!” Or, “If you put me in the front end loader, I’ll bet I could rope that runaway cow!” Or, “I think we can get this pickup truck across this gully if we gun it real fast!”

What do you think hap-

pens next? It’s not a pretty picture. It usually ends up in a session with the boss, where he interrogates the crew about what exactly happened and how exactly we would end up in such a wreck. The cowboys are digging the toe of their boots in the dirt, or suddenly becoming intensely interested in viewing something on the opposite horizon. Eventually one of the cowboys will come up with some lame explanation such as, “It seemed like a good idea at the time.” That only sets the boss off on another round of cussin’ and questioning.

“What were you thinking?” is a rhetorical question. We weren’t thinking at all. We were using Cowboy Smarts.

If you have an example of a cowboy or stockman using Cowboy Smarts, drop me an email at ron@ronscowboypoetry.com.

And by the way: If any of you cowboys are considering getting your wife an anniversary present, do not get a set of wire stretchers even if they are on sale at the farm store.

It seemed like a good idea at the time.

Cowboy Smarts

by Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

There is something about the cowboy that I call Cowboy Smarts,

Which can help a lot but also causes trouble in these parts.

It’s a way of solving problems when you’re alone out on the range,

When you have to be creative in the solutions you arrange.

It’s that Yankee ingenuity and fun-lovin,’ independent thought

That won the west with the pioneer spirit that we brought.

But Cowboy Smarts can also cause a problem in a sense,

Cause a cowboy seems to get into the worst predicaments.

We deal with unpredictable critters in the daily work we do,

And cowboys tend to come up with cockeyed ideas too.

So my wife has a saying which she frequently imparts:

If you’re dealin’ with a cowboy, beware of Cowboy Smarts.

Happy Trails!

"Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are."

— Bernice Johnson Reagon



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

Not that I’ve made the rounds at so many marathons or walking events where people depart from the starting line en masse, but I’ve been envisioning that scenario lately around the G&G region. It seemed that many producers had gotten the equipment out and serviced — ready to head to the fields to drill wheat or to board a combine and begin the process of harvesting corn, grain sorghum or soybeans. I noticed a few test cuts completed — including some on our own place — only to find that the crop wasn’t quite ready.

Then bam! Everyone was off and running. A couple days of sunshine and some pretty good winds improved the conditions, allowing the work to begin.

And did it ever begin! The real test is trying to decide what to really do first. Put the next crop in the ground, or move with haste to reap the benefits of a good growing season and the bountiful crop that was the result.

Again on the farm, there are no shortages of chores to complete.

October is also National 4-H month, and 4-H families in Kansas will be kicking off yet another year of activities and showcasing the benefits of the organization with the hopes of encouraging new families to participate.

There are so many opportunities for growth, leadership development and down-right fun that 4-H affords youth today.

As a product of the program myself, I know the long-term benefits — both in terms of skills gained and friendships made — that have without question influenced my life to this point.

I would challenge those who think that the whole 4-H experience revolves around baking a perfect cookie or showing an animal at the fair to take another look.

Public speaking, building self-confidence and decision making skills are a few of the items that I’d rank as a few of the top skills that youth can walk away with if they will put a little time and effort into the experience.

My hat’s off to all the 4-H members, former members, parents and volunteers who help make this program a benefit for youth and their communities.

That’s all for now. I’ll chat with you next week, “Over the Barn Gate!”

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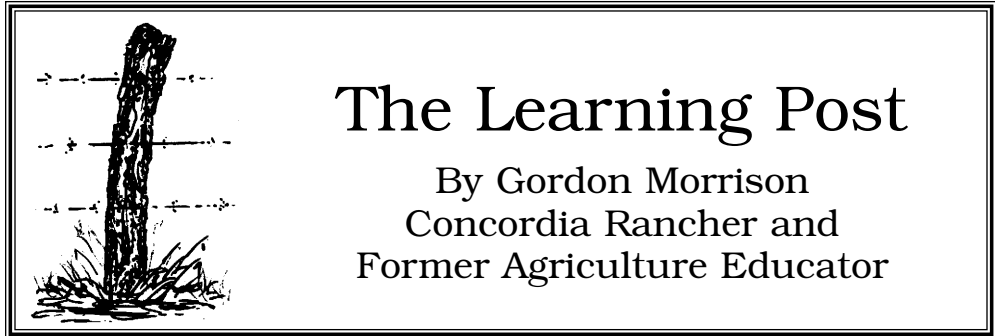
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The Learning Post

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Family Reunion Time

This weekend the Morrison clan will descend upon the ranch to spend two or three days together. Our camp site and pond will be the focal point; however, for some of us who are on the elderly side, the house may be more appealing.

Our clan had not come together for several years, so May and I decided it could be our turn to host it. We can now realize why not everyone is quick to volunteer for such an honor — to be the organizer and host. Now that its occurrence is just around the corner, I am beginning to realize there are hidden benefits in aspiring to such a great gesture of hospitality. I’ll name just a few of these wonderful side effects.

My precious spouse has used my clan’s gathering to get a lot of things done around the ranch. Some of them I did not feel were that urgent until I felt the pressure that only a sweet, lovely wife can impose. Here are a few of the needless tasks I have been assigned.

The hay shed, bunkhouse, and seed and mineral building (or chicken house) were somewhat in disarray — not bad, you understand. I assured May that no one was going to inspect all those outbuildings; but to get relief from the pressure, I have spent many hours hauling off old brome seed, empty seed sacks and some not empty but with seed that has been waiting ten years to be planted, and old saddle cinches that never got repaired. Then there were vials of vet medicines that had been sitting in the bunkhouse fridge for years. I had been reluctant to use them because they were past the expiration date but yet hesitant to toss them in case they were needed in a pinch; and besides, they had cost quite a bit of money. Two pickup loads of worthless items that at one

time were worth many dollars went to the dump.

For years the sparrows have been getting into the shop to build their nests and make a mess on everything. You guessed it; they can’t get in now; insulation tubing put between the roof and rafters is keeping them out. It’s a wonder I’m alive to tell you about it. That old 40-foot (or maybe it was only 20-foot) ladder was sure rickety, but it was a job that simply had to be done.

Then I had to deal with the driveway. It had just a few potholes where water would stand after a rain. It caused the van to lurch a little — not bad, you understand. You guessed it; they are now filled with dirt with sand on top. I hate to admit it, but they sort of needed fixing.

Oh, and there’s the farm yard and lawn. I told May there is no need to mow and mow when the fox tail is heading out. I was sure right on that. I would mow it and two days later those fox tails were right back. Some people just don’t get it, no matter how many times you tell them. Now I’m supposed to use the weed eater again around the buildings and walk just before our guests are due to arrive. You know, that’s being hypocritical. How I hate that job! Maybe the weed eater won’t start.

Lately I’ve been asking myself why we bit off this project to chew. But that we’re ready for the clan, I’m glad we did. Some of us work better under pressure (to be honest, I had a little help from Daniel on the more difficult tasks. My wife does not want me on tall ladders anymore).

I hope everyone shows up for our reunion so that they can sit around and reminisce and fabricate and stretch the truth about the good old days. It will be great to see all the kinfolk again.



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Food, Clothing And Shelter

Food, clothing and shelter, the basic essentials of life. From the earliest cave-man to modern soccer mom, from the Palestinian refugee to the Katrina victim, from the Dalai Lama to Dolly Parton, first on the list is something to eat, something to wear, and someplace to live.

FOOD is first on the list because it is most essential. As has been said, "When you have lots to eat, you have lots of problems, when you don't have enough to eat, you have one problem."

The latest eco-news/slant de jour is the hysteric 'discovery' that ruminants (enteric fermentation) release more methane into the atmosphere than cars (mobile transportation). In fact, they release many times more though it stays in the atmosphere a much shorter time than carbon dioxide. But it's too bad they can't mention that methane is only one of the big three greenhouse gases, along with carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide. All of agriculture produces

only 5.87% of all greenhouse gas. Energy production and use (coal, oil, natural gas and transportation) is responsible for a whopping 86.3%! AND, transportation (cars and trucks) accounts for 33% of all those fossil fuel emissions! Do the math.

My friends, the statistics are dense and are manipulated regularly by partisan promoters; be they farmers, coal miners, Arabian sheiks, dump divers, or used car dealers. The question should involve a cost/benefit analysis. What can each segment do to improve the way each contributes to supplying the basic essentials of food, clothing and shelter. Because, admit it, we don't want them to stop making electricity, gasoline or corn. I am part of the agricultural

sector who contributes 5.87% of the total emissions. We have made tremendous strides allowing domestic ruminants to become more efficient.

For instance, we have learned that free range grazing animals emit the most methane so the sooner we can get grower cattle in the feedlot on grain, the better to reduce emissions. Through genetics, nutrition, growth stimulants, vaccines, therapeutic and preventative medicines, and improved transportation we are producing more meat and milk per pound of feed from fewer and fewer animals. The less feed per pound of milk or meat produced, the less enteric fermentation occurs per cow, and less emissions are

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being released into the atmosphere.

For their part, coal companies reclaim abandoned coal pits, electric companies install filters, green politicians prevent construction of oil refineries in the U.S and drilling off our coast, entrepreneurs explore solar, wind, tide, geothermal, hydrogen and compost energy sources. I think as a nation we are mobilizing quite well.

The solutions to providing food, clothing and shelter for us will come through the diligent persistence and inventiveness of our own miraculous human race. The teeter-totter of Industry versus Caution keeps us balanced. Sometimes the relationship is noble, like when an oil company or computer

magnate donates wealth to the cause above and beyond partisan lobbying.

Unfortunately, on the tawdry side we have the likes of the cap and trade shell game played by middlemen pitting amoral producers against greasy-palmed environmentalists. Alas, they have been with us since Jesus threw them out of the temple.

So, conceding that in the U.S. 30 million cows emit more methane than cars and that 125 million cars produce more total greenhouse gases than cows, which is worse for our environment? Hard to say which is more essential; agriculture or transportation? How long can you live without driving?

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1 cup butter-flavored shortening
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
Filling:
1 cup finely chopped pecans
6 tablespoons butter-flavored shortening
6 tablespoons brown sugar
Topping:
Cinnamon-sugar (1 tablespoon sugar & 1 teaspoon cinnamon)
Peel sweet potatoes and boil until soft. Run through food processor or food mill to puree. Put potato puree in large bowl and mix in shortening. Add 3 cups flour, salt and sugar to make a soft dough. If sticky, add remaining flour. In a small bowl mix 1 cup pecans with brown sugar thoroughly, then mix in 6 tablespoons of shortening; set aside. Divide dough into 2 balls. Roll each out on floured surface until about 1/8-inch thick. Cut with a 4-inch round cutter. Place a teaspoon of nut mixture on one half of each dough circle. Fold over the other half of dough and press edge with tines of fork to seal. Dust with cinnamon-sugar mixture. Put on greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes until crusts brown on edges.

Janet Jehle, Baldwin City: “This is a great recipe for all those green beans from the garden this summer.”
GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE
1 1/2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups milk
3 to 4 teaspoons dry ranch-style salad dressing mix
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
1 cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 1/2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
1 1/4 pounds fresh green beans, cooked until crisp-tender
1 cup fresh bread crumbs, toasted
To make white sauce, melt butter in small saucepan over low heat. Stir in flour; cook 1 to 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Using wire whisk,

stir in milk; bring to a boil. Cook, whisking constantly, 1 to 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in dressing mix and white pepper; set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray medium skillet with nonstick cooking spray; heat over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until tender. Remove half of onion mixture; set aside. Add mushrooms to onion mixture remaining in skillet and cook about 5 minutes or until mushrooms are tender. Combine mushroom mixture, green beans and white sauce in 1 1/2-quart casserole. Combine bread crumbs with reserved onion mixture; sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, until heated through, about 20-30 minutes.

Mary Rogers, Topeka: “Good with soup after a ball game.”
LOADED GARLIC BREAD
6 slices bacon, each cut into 4 pieces
8 tablespoons butter
6 cloves garlic, peeled & finely chopped
12-ounce loaf crusty Italian bread, cut into 24 slices (about 1/2-inch thick)
3/4-pound mozzarella cheese, cut into 2 pieces, each cut into 12 slices
Heat oven to 400 degrees. Coat 2 large baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray. Fry bacon and cut in strips. Melt butter in a small pan. Add garlic and cook 1 to 2 minutes or until fragrant. Remove from heat. Place bread on baking sheet and spoon on butter and garlic. Top each with a slice of cheese and lay on bacon pieces. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes until cheese melts and bacon is crisp. Cool slightly.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: **BEEF & MUSHROOM DISH**
2 tablespoons shortening
2 pounds round steak, cubed
1 onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, chopped
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup sour cream
4-ounce can sliced mushrooms
1/2 cup celery, chopped
8-ounce can tomato sauce
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
Melt shortening in a large skillet. Add steak and cook over medium-high until browned. Remove steak and

add onion and garlic to saute in drippings. Reduce heat to low; blend in flour and sour cream, stirring constantly until thickened. Return steak to mixture and add remaining ingredients. Pour mixture into a greased 3-quart baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Serves 6 to 8.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: **PUMPKIN PIE POPCORN MIX**
9 cups popped popcorn
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
Butter-flavored cooking spray
1 cup raisins
5-ounce package glazed pecans
Stir sugar and spice together in a bowl. Spray popcorn liberally with spray, tossing to coat evenly. Add raisins and pecans. Sprinkle with sugar mixture and toss until popcorn is well-coated, adding additional spray as needed. Makes 12 cups.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: **GRANOLA BARS**
2 cups all bran original cereal
2 cups quick cooking oats
1/2 cup pistachios
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup chopped dates
1/2 cup raisins
2 teaspoons cinnamon
3/4 cup honey
1/2 cup vegetable oil
Set oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray a 9-by-13-inch rimmed baking pan with non-stick baking spray with flour; line pan with parchment paper. In a bowl combine cereal, oats, nuts, cranberries, dates, raisins and cinnamon. Whisk together honey and oil in a small pan. Cook, whisking, over a medium heat just until thinned and heated. Do not boil. Pour honey mixture over cereal mixture stirring to coat completely. Firmly press mixture into prepared pan. Bake for 20 minutes. Cool in pan on a wire rack then invert granola onto a cutting board and cut into 20 bars.

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Salina Resident Wins What's For Dinner Beef Cookoff

Eight Kansas chefs competed in the Kansas Beef Council's What's For Dinner Beef Cookoff held Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Kansas State Fair. Salina resident Miki Orr-Muths was chosen the winner for her recipe, Top Round Steak with Zucchini Marinara over Whole Wheat Pasta. The finalists were scored on taste, ease of preparation, overall appeal and presentation. Ms. Orr-Muths received a check for \$300 and a gift bag with Beef. It's What's For Dinner materials and recipes. Prizes for second, third and fourth also were awarded and are as follows:

2nd Place: Denise Pounds, Hutchinson – Mediterranean Garden Dinner with Beef Strips and Penne Pasta - \$200

3rd Place: Laura McReynolds, Hutchinson – Cowboy Sirloin & Veggie Soup - \$150

4th Place: Beth Riffel, Tampa – Taste of Summer Beef Orzo Salad - \$100

Recipes from the eight finalists are available at www.kansasbeef.org.

Miki Orr-Muths': Top Round Steak w/Zucchini Marinara over Whole Wheat Pasta

1 ½ pounds top round steak
4 cups chopped zucchini
1 package 3-pepper and onion frozen vegetable blend
2 cans Italian-style stewed tomatoes
2 tablespoon tomato paste
1 ½ teaspoons celery salt
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 square 70% dark chocolate
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
1 box whole wheat penne pasta
Marinade:
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon minced garlic

1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
Salt & pepper to taste

Trim off any excess fat from top round steak and slice into thin strips, cutting diagonally across the grain of the meat. In a Ziploc bag, add meat strips, balsamic vinegar, olive oil, minced garlic, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper. Remove air from bag and seal. Let meat mixture sit for a minimum of 2 hours.

To begin, start heating the water in pot for pasta. Cook according to package directions, and drain.

While water is heating, preheat skillet with 1 T olive

oil, then pour the meat marinade mixture into pan, stir and cook until meat is no longer pink. Add 3-pepper and onion frozen blend and zucchini; stir and sauté for 2-3 minutes. Add Italian-style stewed tomatoes, red pepper flakes and celery salt. Cook until zucchini is just under fork-tender. Add 70% dark chocolate square and tomato paste. Let simmer for 5 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Plate the dish with the Top Round Steak with Zucchini Marinara over top of pasta. Garnish with Parmesan cheese if desired.

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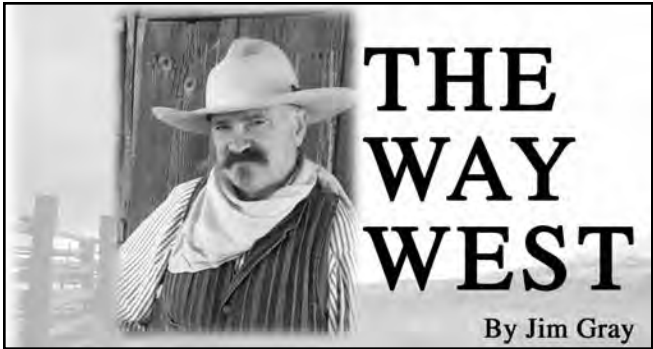


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ponents in battle rode westward from the blood-stained battlefields that pitched North against South. Their war did not end at Appomattox, for the surrender of Confederate forces only exchanged one adversary for another.

The Great Plains became the new battlefield. Many of the "boys in blue" ironically had worn the Confederate uniform. Galvanized Yankees, who were recent discharges from northern prisoner-of-war camps, renounced their allegiance to the southern cause in exchange for life outside prison walls and a chance to fight Indians in the west. Stagecoaches were protect-

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Special barns shown to group as they look to preservation

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Borck's great-great-grandparents. Floral Hall, an octagonal exhibition barn on the Marshall County Fairgrounds, was built in 1916 and is one of the few remaining such octagonal barns in the state. Two round barns were on the tour as well; a 92-foot diameter, 60-foot tall barn designed by the noted barn designer and architect Benton

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Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

Fading to gold, interlude

Sunset. Arriving earlier and earlier, incrementally so, and new enough to catch me by surprise. Perhaps I've been unobservant, or focused elsewhere. Having a tooth removed set me back

though I couldn't say why, only that as the bloody sock-et heals I feel as if I'm reawakening from an extended slumber, still groggy and stupid, not yet certain of my footing.

As the last light fades from the burnished hillside, the evening sounds magnify into a drone of crickets and the almost inaudible tick-tick of katydids. Birdsong ceases. The world hushes

and stills, an inhalation. I slip into headphones and tune out of everything except an inner world of electronic ambient washes that lap at the unconscious and remove me to farther shores. My keyboard swims in shadows rising from the floor like a dark tide. Strange how loopy I am, how tired. Lori says it's the drugs, but I wonder if it's something else, a sort of somnolent shock triggered by excessive bleeding. Except for an initial pair of prescription pain killers taken when the novocaine started wearing off,

I've shunned medication entirely in the hope of escaping this purgatorial disorientation. To no avail, apparently.

The light is almost gone from the hill but the tassels of the cornfield still glow with an ochre fire. The vantage from my desk provides a narrow view to the south, which, for now, must suffice. All around me the house grows dark while a warm aura emanates from the hill as if the autumnal hues of the native grasses were refracting their own interior light in the cooling air. Above the rounded knolls the sky

shades from the palest blue to a deep indigo where stars wait. It comes to me that while I wasn't watching autumn crept in and stole away summer.

There were clues I overlooked, or neglected, or turned away from in denial. For days the clear skies had been filled with migrating birds, pelicans flying low in the mornings, their wingtips barely clearing the trees along the creeks, and once the chill burned off thousands of Franklin's gulls wove indecipherable patterns across the heavens, in

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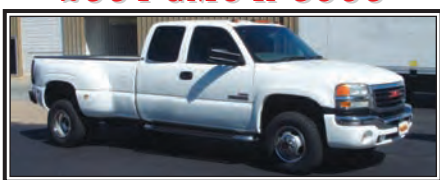
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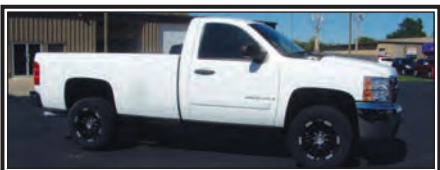
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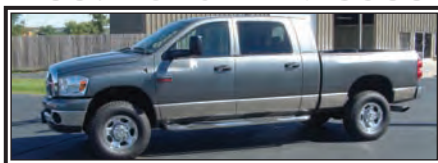


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no apparent hurry to get where they were going. Clouds of swifts and swallows passed by, even a late-season scissor-tailed fly-catcher, and monarchs and green darners and black saddlebags and, it seemed, every sort of winged creature making its escape to southern realms.

And all the while golden leaves gathered on the stairs leading from the driveway and fluttered airborne on north winds, woods leached to an ancient amber, and the rolling prairie burnished to shades of rust and mahogany and burnt sienna. Mornings were chilly. Where was I? Here. There. Wherever.

But I am at last roused, and watch the hillside darken to a charcoal smudge. The first stars peer out. It's a shame to switch on the light with its cold sterile glow, and to not strike a match, tip a glass globe to get to a wick, and hold the orange flame to a fiber ribbon until a small flicker flares and dances into life. The stillness of early autumn demands more. In this serene interlude where one season becomes another, I want a warm light to burn through the long nights to come, a golden light, a natural old-time light, and restless shadows moving on the walls and a long slow autumn that will never end.



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National Sorghum Producers board elects new officers

The National Sorghum Producers (NSP) announced today that Gerald Simonsen will assume leadership of the NSP Board of Directors to serve as chairman for the coming year. The Board voted during its August meeting to elect Simonsen to fill the role of former chairman, Toby Bostwick. His term is effective Oct.1.

Simonsen, a sorghum producer from Ruskin, Neb., previously served as vice chairman of the board. He said he is proud to fill such an important role and has a good support system in the Board.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be elected to this position," Simonsen said. "I want to thank Toby for his service and I appreciate his commitment and dedication; I think we have a great board and I hope I can do as well as Toby has done this year."

Bostwick, a sorghum producer from Melrose, N.M., will now serve as NSP's past chairman. Bostwick said he is thankful for his previous role as chairman and looks forward to Simonsen's leadership.

"To have held this position is truly an honor; I have enjoyed the past year and am looking forward to seeing what Gerald has in store for the future," Bostwick said. "I know he will do a great job leading this board." Terry Swanson, who will assume the role of vice chairman, is a sorghum producer out of Walsh, Colo. Swanson said he is ready to begin his term and is confident in Simonsen's abilities to lead the organization to continued success.

"Gerald brings a passion for sorghum and it's obvious that his heart is with the industry, so I look forward to his leadership," Swanson said.

Under its new leadership, NSP will continue to efficiently and effectively represent the interests of the U.S. sorghum industry.

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Knowing more about marbling helps cattlemen produce the best beef. All four National Beef Quality Audits (NBQA) said consumers want more of it, yet many producers manage so as to inhibit rather than enhance marbling.

Scientists offered new insights at the Reciprocal Meats Conference this summer.

“Three major things affect the beef eating experience: flavor, juiciness and tenderness,” Brad Johnson, of Texas Tech University said. “In some direct or indirect way, marbling affects all three of those.”

Johnson, the university's Gordon W. Davis Regent's Chair in Meat and Muscle Biology, said marbling is a key to feedlot profits, too. Although the USDA Choice premium over Select fell off in the last year, he said beef industry sustainability hinges on its ability to produce more marbling with fewer inputs and lower carcass weights.

Matt Doumit, meat scientist at the University of Idaho, and Jean-Francois Hocquette, director of the National Institute of Agro-nomic Research at the Her-bivore Research Institute

in France, also shared re-search. Doumit referenced the 2005 NBQA in noting too little marbling and too much back fat costs the beef industry more than \$1.3 billion a year in lost profit. Getting down to the test-tube level, Johnson and his team isolated bovine muscle cells and then used different steroids, fatty acids and other compounds to manip-ulate the individual cells. In the beginning these cells are all the same, he said, but then they differentiate into muscle or adipocytes – fat cells. “The hallmark of an adipocyte is its ability to fill with lipids—triglyc-erides—as a storage mech-anism,” Johnson explained. “We’ve seen that some of these compounds may be having profound effects, from a gene expression standpoint, at pushing cells to become adipocytes.” That’s not an easy task, he added: “Working with mus-cle cells, I truly believe we have to go out of our way to make them become some-thing else. A muscle cell wants to be a muscle cell.”

The use of growth im-plants directs a cell to be-come muscle and therefore decreases marbling, John-son said. On the other hand,

feeding melengestrol ac-etate (MGA) actually im-proved marbling, but also increased back fat.

Three compounds assist in marbling activation and alter the key genes when cells are being allocated as either muscle or fat.

“We were able to get multi-nucleated cells,” Johnson said, “which makes you believe they still have muscle characteris-tics, but also some mono-nucleated cells that could fill with lipids.” Doumit's team is looking at ways to increase both number and size of fat cells, to affect marbling independent of back fat. “There's some evi-dence that fat cells are not just fat cells and preadipocytes are not just

preadipocytes,” Doumit said. “They respond to things in a different man-ner.”

Ibuprofen is just one ex-ample of a compound that has been shown to increase intramuscular fat forma-tion.

“It's probably not ibuprofen we're looking for, but it points to the opportu-nity to preferentially affect fat depots,” he said. “It's possible we can find other naturally-occurring com-

pounds that will preferen-tially stimulate intramus-cular fat over subcutaneous fat.”

Hocquette reminded the audience that genetic po-tential plays a major role in an animal's ability to mar-ble, but nutrition is a key to that potential.

“The increase in intra-muscular fat is higher when animals are in the feedlot finishing system compared to grass finishing,” he said. “This can be explained by the higher level of glucose in the feedlot diet, and

more secretion of insulin, which is known to promote adipogenesis.”

That's good news for all who hope to increase the good fat while holding the waste fat at bay.

“If we understand the bi-ological differences better, there will be opportunities to develop effective strate-gies to manipulate these different fat depots,” Doumit said. “That will im-prove the efficiency of live-stock production as well as increase the quality of the product.”



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Forest and water resources to be focus of Oct 15 Fall Forestry Field Day near Valley Falls

A growing state concern will be the focus at the Kansas Forest Service's Oct. 15 Fall Forestry Field Day. At issue will be both the challenges and the potential rewards of managing woodlands in a reservoir-feeding watershed. The field day site is the 1,280-acre Barrow Ranch near Valley Falls, Kan. The ranch is in Jefferson County, about 30 miles northeast of Topeka.

"You could say that's being in the thick of things on the Delaware River Watershed," said Bob Atchison, KFS rural forestry program

coordinator. "A lot of public and private work is going on in that watershed because Perry Lake is filling up — dying — much faster than projected. The big culprit is sediment runoff."

As a backdrop for the field day sessions, the ranch features nut plantings, riparian forests along Coon Creek, and timber harvesting and milling. Field day participants also can see results of the Barrow family's award-winning native-grass management and its pond management on two watershed lakes.

"If you own land in a watershed — which means almost anywhere in Kansas — you still need regular returns on your investment," Atchison said. "But, part of your bottom line may very well be the fact that what you do on your land also has an impact on the most basic of human needs — drinking water."

"For example, the Delaware watershed leads to Perry Lake. And, along with Kansas' other reservoirs, Perry helps supply the water for more than two-thirds of the state's

population and industries."

Details about the event, plus a registration form and listing of co-sponsors and supporters, is available online at www.kansasforests.org. Information also is available by calling the KFS state office at 785-532-3300.

The event's organizers are asking that interested Kansans preregister with \$10 by Oct. 9. The fee will reserve a place at the field day's on-site luncheon and a copy of the day's educational materials.

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Forestry Field Day will begin with an 8:30 a.m. registration and a 9 a.m. presentation of the 2009 Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year Award. This year's winner is Wilford Sinclair, a Miami County tree farmer, volunteer educator, and award-winning stakeholder in east-central Kansas' Marais Des Cygnes Watershed.

A special presentation will be made by Kirk Tjelmeland, biologist, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks discussing farm pond fish management.

"Kirk excels on how to manage ponds and lakes to create optimal fishing experiences," Atchison said. "As part of his session, he'll demonstrate his shock boat, so he can sample the fish populations in the Barrows' lakes to use as examples."

Atchison added that 35 percent of the Delaware River Watershed is cropland, with another 51 percent in grass. Riparian forests snake through the areas, creating "edges" between land uses that provide food and cover for many wildlife species.

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Training horses takes finesse to the highest level. Those good trainers that display it must use the feel of the animal's every move to respond with their own moves to coordinate the animal's body with their own light touch or pressure on one rein or the other, or maybe both, to send signals

that the animal can learn to respond to in certain ways. I came to realize how difficult and challenging it is to train a good horse. You've got to show double finesse to not only smooth out your movements but also insure the colt makes his moves in a soft, efficient way. The consequences of a hard hand or temper-induced spur can set the horse back weeks and sometimes leave a permanent scar that may never be erased. Finesse with horses means less is more. Good trainers sometimes stop the horse and sit still for 10 or 15 minutes trying to figure out why

they're not getting across to the colt. The rest gives the horse and rider time to think about what is happening. That short interlude could turn the lights on and provide the answer. Sitting still and doing nothing is better than to keep hammering on the horse, causing him to become more confused and often times more frightened. A minute is a long time. Try sitting still and giving the horse a breather for five minutes. Time it. You'll be surprised how long it takes for that second hand to tick tick five times around the dial. Your

pony will be glad for the break and most likely when you go back he'll have a clearer mind and may surprise you by catching on this time.

Next time you go to pull on a rein to turn or sit back and pull on both of them to stop, try doing it a little softer. I mean be soft and melt back in the saddle and barely lift on the reins and say "whoa." Barely lay the neck rein on your horse and ask him to turn, if he's slow to respond, gently push your outside calf into his side and give him time to respond. Practice giving him a chance

to do it the easy way and you might find he'll cooperate a little more willingly.

Good trainers need and use the same amount of skill Super Bowl quarterbacks or PGA golfers exhibit to win their games and tournaments. The only difference I see between horse trainers and sports heroes is that maybe a horse trainer really does need a bit more skill and finesse to get his job done. Too bad the pay scale isn't based on finesse. It would sure help the horse business.

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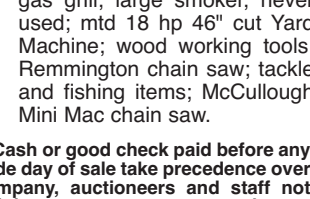





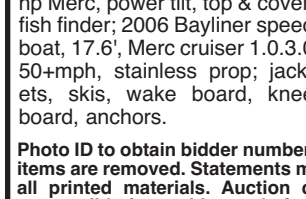
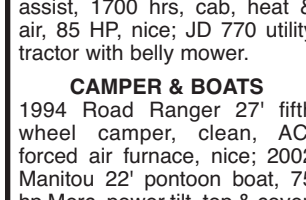



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AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 — 11:00 AM
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I-35 to Eisenhower Exit. Turn South. Go 300 feet.



TRACTORS

2005 JD 6403 front wheel assist, 1700 hrs, cab, heat & air, 85 HP, nice; JD 770 utility tractor with belly mower.

CAMPER & BOATS

1994 Road Ranger 27' fifth wheel camper, clean, AC, forced air furnace, nice; 2002 Manitou 22' pontoon boat, 75 hp Merc, power tilt, top & cover, fish finder; 2006 Bayliner speed boat, 17.6', Merc cruiser 1.0.3.0 50+mph, stainless prop; jack-ets, skis, wake board, knee board, anchors.

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Side-by-side refrigerator w/ice & water; Kenmore fridge; Haier small fridge; 2 old BB guns; heavy oak table w/chairs, nice; Kenmore washer & dryer; old Coke Machines.

GARAGE, SHOP & FARM ITEMS

Chilton repair manuals; Snap-on 8 hp rear tine tiller; Coleman air compressor; Sunbeam gas grill; large smoker, never used; mtd 18 hp 46" cut Yard Machine; wood working tools; Remington chain saw; tackle and fishing items; McCullough Mini Mac chain saw.

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October 17 — Trucks, fork-lift, trencher & lifts, pickups, vans, tools & inventory at Salina for Commercial Electric, Inc., Bruce Broce. Auctioneers: Thumel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 17 — Appliances, furniture, antiques, collectible wildlife prints, mounted heads, guns, ammo, misc. gun-related items, tools, lawn equip., household & misc. at Kechi. Auctioneers: Swenson Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

October 17 — Farm toys & tools at Kingman for Marvel Voegele Estate. Auctioneers: Giefer Auction Service.

October 17 — Tools & inventory at Eskridge for Kemp KT Service. Auctioneers: Macy Realty & Auction, Carey Macy & Steve Patterson.

October 17 — House & acreage, farm equipment, household & collectibles at Moundridge for Clarence E. Goering. Auctioneers: Triple K Auction & Real Estate.

October 17 — Antiques, toys, household items, outdoor & garage at Hillsboro for Bob & Betty Seibel and Janice (Mayfield) Kaufman Estate. Auctioneers:

Leppke Realty & Auction. October 18 — Antique furniture, collectibles, art, glass display cases at Abilene for Lebold Mansion. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

October 18 — Jewelry, tools, toys & other at Greeley. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 18 — Toys, antiques & collectibles at Greeley for Jack Percival. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 22 — Tractors, combine, farm equipment at Pretty Prairie for Gary Waltner Estate. Auctioneers: Giefer Auction Service.

October 24 — Household

goods, antiques & misc. at Wakefield for Lorraine Cowell Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

October 24 — Garden tractor, mowers, tools, household, antiques & collectibles, vehicles at Belleville for Donald & Laura Slagle and Lonnie Roe. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

October 24 — Butler Co. real estate, appliances, furniture, vehicle, tools, lawn tools, antiques, kitchen & household, fishing items & misc. at Rose Hill for Dean & Bette Piper. Auctioneers: Swenson Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

October 24 — Harvey Co. real estate, tractors, vehicles & farm related, guns & household items N. of Burrton for Robert & Prudence Thornton. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

October 28 — Fink Beef Genetics Angus and Charolais Bull Sale, Randolph.

October 28 — Complete cattle dispersal at Manhattan for Triple C-Kansas Division.

October 28 — Butler Co. land at Leon. Auctioneers: Farmers National Co.

October 29 — Dickinson County land at Herington for Palo, Inc. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

October 31 — Gun & knife collection, collectibles at Council Grove for Private Seller. Auctioneers: Macy Realty & Auction, Carey Macy, Steve Patterson.

October 31 — Farm items & equip., cattle equip., tools, household & collectibles at Chapman for Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Delker. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

October 31 — Farm machinery, trucks & trailers, guns,

misc. & consignments near Thayer for Mr. & Mrs. Everett Ray Thornton. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auction.

October 31 — House in Shawnee Co. N. of Topeka for Pat Oelke. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

November 4 — Republic Co. real estate at Clyde for Candace Schwab & Angie Downing. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

November 5 — Real Estate at Clyde for Ivan Nobert, Shirley Jarvis & Barbara Garlington. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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.

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