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Chris Wilson: Rising to defend agriculture through American Agri-Women

By Paula Glover

A tour of Ron and Chris Wilson's farm south of Manhattan includes Nigerian dwarf and Toggenburg goats, llamas, Shropshire sheep, Ponies of the Americas, Paint and Quarter Horses, chickens, a couple of rabbits. Some are 4-H projects, but all are part of the couple's agri-tourism business. On the more than 550 acres, the family also farms pumpkins and small vegetables, corn, hay, soybeans, wheat and grain sorghum, along with raising cattle.

When Chris Wilson speaks about the future of agriculture as the new president of American Agri-Women, she speaks from her lifetime in farming, the current tourism and farming business, and preparing for the future in agriculture for her four children.

Wilson has been a member of American Agri-Women since 1978, when she joined after graduating from college in Illinois. Following a stint with the USDA in Washington D.C., she and her husband now live in Kansas, where Ron was reared. She began a two-year term as president in 2009, which will end at the annual convention, to be held in Wichita in 2011. She has also served as president of the Kansas Agri-Women organization.

There are many challenges facing agriculture and women in ag, Wilson said. To help women rise to the challenge, American Agri-Women is using social media such as Twitter and Facebook, along with developing a television show. The show, which will air in May on Direct and Dish networks and be available to PBS stations is part of a grant from the USDA to reach out to farm and ranch women. The



Chris Wilson pauses for a few minutes at her home in Pottawatomie County. She is pictured at right in front of the family's historic barn.

shows will also be available on the group's website, www.americanagriwomen.org. The episodes will focus on risk management, farm programs, and topics like how to market grain. The programs will also include a visit to a farm.

Wilson said there are many issues of concern to American Agri-Women. The return of the estate tax will adversely impact families trying to maintain an intergenerational family farm, she said. One of the most pressing needs is to bring the truth of animal agriculture to the general public in response to attacks with "documentaries" such as "Food Inc." and attacks from groups such as the Humane Society of the United States.



"We need to respond with the facts," she said. "We need to continue to increase yields in order to feed the world, and do it with the right soil and water conservation measures." The

group's website features responses to "Food Inc." and gives fact sheets on the importance of American agriculture.

"The stakes have never been higher in the challenges to our industry," she said. "The messages to the public from media portray an agriculture that is not made up of family farms, but of U.S. food being produced in a factory, where workers and animals are abused by 'big agribusiness'," she said.

"Nothing could be further from the truth, as 96 percent of all U.S. farms are still family farms, and they produce 82 percent of our food."

Wilson recalled talking to a friend in the same 4-H club

ties to tell the true story of agriculture in our local communities."

Other issues of concern of the group include health care for long term security and retirement. Also a concern is agriculture labor, as one in six ag laborers are foreign-born and in some states there are not enough laborers. In addition, the group has a program called American Grown Goodness designed to provide a way for growers, processors and marketers to identify their American grown products. A logo identifies the product as American grown.

"We are also looking to bring the next generation of women into the group," Wil-

son said.

Wilson comes from a farm family in Illinois, where her father still manages the family farm. As with many farm families, both she and her husband have off-farm jobs in addition to the agri-tourism and farming. During the legislative session, Chris lobbies the state legislature on agricultural issues. Ron works for Kansas State University in the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development. He's also a cowboy poet, known as the Poet Lariat.

The couple has four children. Joanna, 18, is planning on attending K-State in the fall, majoring in animal science, hoping to become a veterinarian. They also have 12-year-old triplets — Stephen, James and Elizabeth, all active in 4-H.

The agri-tourism business evolved naturally, and Chris Wilson said she was initially a little surprised at the number of people who would be interested in visits to the farm. The farm, the Lazy-T west of Zeandale, now hosts such diverse groups as preschool classes from Manhattan, a camping group from the Boy Scouts, to weekend visitors or a corporate picnic. They hold a spring roundup, fall festival and tours of the original barn on the site, built in the 1860s and now on the National Historic Register. They offer chuck wagon meals, hayrack rides, barrel train rides for the kids, and cowboy poetry.

"I have learned so much as a member of American Agri-Women through our conventions in different states," Wilson said. "I'm glad to be able to serve as their new president."

Kansas grain commodity growers elect commissioners

The Kansas Department of Agriculture today announced the names of farmers from the eastern third of the state who were elected to the state's five commodity commissions—corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat.

District seven includes Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Marshall, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Riley and Wyandotte counties. District eight includes Anderson, Chase, Coffey, Douglas, Franklin, Geary, Johnson, Linn, Lyon, Miami, Morris, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties. District nine includes Allen, Bourbon, Butler, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cowley, Crawford, Elk, Greenwood, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson and Woodson counties.

Ballots were cast between January 15 and March 1 and were counted at the Kansas Department of Agriculture during March. The newly elected commissioners will take office April 1 and will serve for three years.

Commissioners-elect for the Kansas Corn Commission

District seven—Kenneth McCauley, who grows corn and soybeans in Doniphan County. He currently serves on the Kansas Corn Commission,

and is an active member of the Kansas Corn Growers association and National Corn Growers Association. McCauley has an associate degree from Highland Community College, and he also attended Kansas State University.

District eight—Patrick Ross, who grows corn, soybeans and wheat in Douglas County. He currently serves on the Kansas Corn Commission and is a member of several agricultural associations, including the Kansas Soybean Association, the Kansas Corn Growers Association and the Kansas Livestock Association.

District nine—Bob Timmons, who grows corn, soybeans and wheat in Wilson County. He has served three terms on the Kansas Corn Commission, is on the board of the Kansas Corn Growers Association and is active in the National Corn Growers Association. Timmons graduated from Baker University with a degree in business administration.

Commissioners-elect for the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission

District seven—There were no candidates for commissioner in district seven. A commissioner will be appointed by the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission.

District eight—Jeff Casten, who grows corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and wheat in Osage County. He currently serves on the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission and currently the secretary of the United Sorghum Checkoff Program. Casten graduated from Kansas State University with a degree agronomy.

District nine—Gary Kilgore, who grows corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and wheat in Neosho County. He currently serves on the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission and is a member of the Kansas Soybean Association, Kansas Farm Bureau and Kansas Forage and Grassland Council. Kilgore graduate from Kansas State University with a bachelor's and a master's degree in agronomy.

Commissioners-elect for the Kansas Soybean Commission

District seven—James Zwonitzer, who grows corn, grain sorghum, wheat and soybeans in Atchison County. He currently serves on the Kansas Soybean Commission, is a member of Kansas Soybean Association, the Kansas Livestock Association and his local rural water district. Zwonitzer has a bachelor's degree in agricultural

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Guest Editorial

Speak Up

By Toby Finnell
and Dr. Cathy Bandyk

Why and how do we effectively communicate on behalf of the beef industry? All of us in the cattle business — producers, suppliers, and allied industry — have a vested interest in how the general public perceives our practices and products. So each of us whether we choose to be affiliated with a specific producer's organization or not, needs to take seriously the opportunities that come our way to communicate positive messages about the industry. As we deal with public perception and policy regarding issues

like BSE, animal rights, actual vs. political environmental stewardship, food safety, and the role of beef in the soon-to-be-revised dietary guidelines, the stakes are so high we should all be prepared to be effective spokespersons. We need to be capable of involving real life stories that communicate messages that make a difference.

With the passage of the new health care reform it is readily apparent we are in an age of "What's in it for me?" If we consider a target audience, "What's In It For Them?" As we think about opportunities to positively communi-

cate with individuals or groups in our communities, through work, or even in chance encounters, we should be training ourselves to tune in to the piece of the issue that most closely impacts them. Some points to consider are: What is their relationship to the industry? Do they like the industry? What is at the core of their attitudes toward the industry? What do they worry about? What might they be worried about the day you are speaking to them? What can you share with them about the industry to make them care?

Never underestimate the importance of that last point. As an industry,

we strive to see that production, marketing, and regulatory decisions are based on sound science and logic. But we have historically put ourselves at a disadvantage by believing that facts and integrity should be enough to keep the general public on our side.

Having the facts — current, complete, and accurate — is important, because we need that to appeal to people's sense of reason. But to truly influence the way others think and act, we have to tie that to an emotional response. They have to care, because they believe there is something in it for them.

To be effective supporters and spokespersons for the beef industry, we also have to remember what's in it for us — livelihood, way of life, the infrastructure to support our rural communities, the principles of good stewardship, the value of helping provide a plentiful, safe, and nutritious food supply.

Keep in mind: we need to be prepared for chance opportunities; train yourself never to repeat negative language, even to refute it; don't take it for granted that someone you do business with understands your business; know who you can call on for support; keep up to date with local government; pay attention to public notices; don't assume someone else is paying attention; and above all be aware of what's happening, stay informed of what it means to you, get involved, and involved your neighbors — **PER-SUADE BY REASON; MO-TIVATE BY EMOTION!**



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

Sometimes it's not about what you can't do, but what you can.

That thought has been rolling around my mind a lot this past week as I had the opportunity to visit with folks at the farm show and around the area. As human nature, it's always easy to complain about what we can't do. Somethings are just simply beyond our control — the weather, for instance, has kept a lot of folks from doing a lot of things this spring. We can only hope the situation changes soon and farm work really can progress in a timely fashion. One reader/farmer told me that they weren't able to get some of their acres planted to wheat last fall that they really had intended to sow. They didn't think much about it at the time, planning instead to roll those acres into grain sorghum. With as wet of spring as it's been thus far, they are beginning to wring their hands in nervous anticipation of what might or might not materialize. Again, though, one can't worry too much about what you can't do — but focus instead of what can be done.

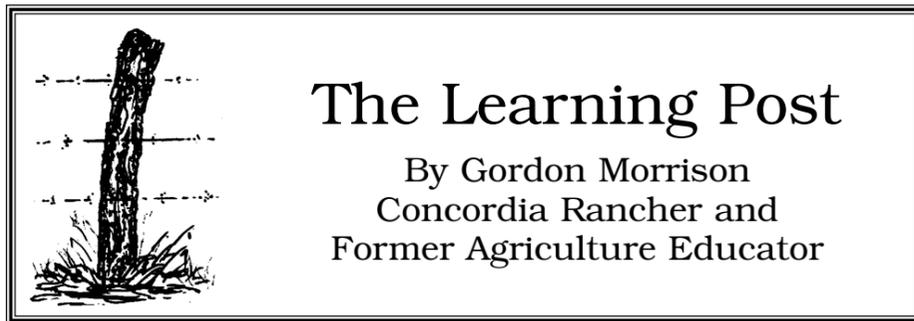
I have had a number of wonderful conversations about Clinton Laflin this past week as well. He really is a tremendous young person. As I was searching for images of him to accompany the story, I happened to flip through a number of Facebook photo albums as I know a number of his Butler County livestock judging teammates quite well.

The images I found there made me smile, and while I made some decisions about how I wanted to tell the story of his accomplishments, I couldn't think about what a tremendous impact he has had on so many people.

One set of photos showed judging team members lifting him over a barbed wire fence in order that he might participate with the team evaluating cattle at some ranch. Now, if you've ever been a member of a livestock judging team, you know exactly the experience I'm talking about. Those individuals on a team become a tight family — traveling, competing and often being roommates as well. It was clear that those young people were not at all focused on what Clinton couldn't do — but rather what he could. It was clear that the fence was a minor obstacle but it wasn't holding him back — he was focusing on what he could do — not what he couldn't.

There is a lesson in there for many of us. I know that from time to time I get bogged down thinking "if only" and missing out on those opportunities that are present-ed.

Just something to think about this week. I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Melancholy — Swing High, Swing Low

A word that is frequently being used today, often in political discussions, is transparency. My definition of the word is that it is something one is able to see through. It could refer to actions of to a person. I suppose it appropriately describes actions when there is no reason to hide anything.

I am aware that some people lead transparent lives, where they tell all and show all. Others are more private and have a more secluded life. It is not that they are doing anything wrong, they simply like more privacy in their existence. Persons with the melancholy temperament are more inclined to be this way. They usually do not care to be in the limelight but prefer behind-the-scenes service. Because they are somewhat reserved, melancholics may not draw friends as quickly or easily as the sanguine personality, but they are loyal and supportive.

Just what is the melancholy temperament like? Dr. Tim LaHaye has this to say about it: It is referred to as the "black or dark temperament, but actually it is the richest of all the temperaments." These people are "analytical, self-sacrificing, gifted, perfectionist type, with a very sensitive emotional nature." By nature, they are prone to be introverts, but since their feelings dominate, they are given over to a variety of moods, which gives them the ability to be outgoing or allows them to become withdrawn or depressed. The world has been blessed by people with the melancholy temperament; many of the great geniuses, artists, musicians, inventors, philosophers, educators were of this temperament.*

We have all rubbed shoulders with persons of this temperament. I'll be transparent and tell about some I have known. One of them is one of my most faithful friends. He is a perfectionist whose influence helps one to become more like him. His presentations are rehearsed to perfection. He is so organized that an extemporaneous suggestion is refused because it is not on his calendar. I notice that I have to make the first overtures to get together, for he is rather reclusive. Whatever he

does, he does very well with his analytical mind. Relations and production are good when his mood is high, and it is best to catch him in this mood.

I am definitely married to a melancholic; she is a rather private person whereas I am not. She is an exception to this temperament in that there are few mood swings; hers is pretty constant, not excessively high or low.

At times I have been frustrated and disappointed when I excitedly proposed some great project. Instead of responding with enthusiasm, May could dampen mine immediately with a flow of questions and comments about potential pitfalls — things I had not even considered. Actually, they were definitely points worth considering but perhaps were brought out too quickly and bluntly so that I felt defeated. Over the years, she has learned a better approach and may respond with something like, "That sounds like a good idea, a fun thing to do, or that might work out well." Then she may follow up with, "I don't mean to sound negative, but have you considered ...?"

Her perfectionism has sometimes annoyed me, but we have both adjusted and mellowed with age. She wants the books to balance to the penny and will spend the time needed to make sure they do. To me, it's okay just to round the figures off if they are close to agreeing. She has tried to make me be immaculate, but that is a big job; for I am efficient, and nit-pickin' is not efficient.

She has many talents, including playing the piano by ear, which I enjoy, but is somewhat reserved in displaying them — with one exception. Soon after we began dating, I observed one of her talents. She began showing off by demonstrating that she could break or pop an apple in two halves with just her strong fingers. I was so impressed that I asked her to marry me.

Note: Next week this series will conclude with a discussion of the phlegmatic temperament.

*Tim LaHaye, *The Spirit-Controlled Temperament*, (Wheaton: Tyndale House Pub. Inc., 1966), pp. 18, 19.



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New leadership to serve on commodity boards

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education from Kansas State University.

District eight—Robert Haselwood, who grows corn and soybeans in Shawnee County. He currently serves on the Kansas Soybean Commission and is a member of the Kansas Corn Growers Association and Kansas Soybean Association. Haselwood has an associate degree from Cowley County Community College. He also is a graduate of the Kansas Agricultural and Rural Leadership class.

District nine—Mike Bellar, who grows corn and soybeans in Elk County. He is currently a member of the Kansas Soybean Association, Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Pork Producers and Kansas Livestock Association. Bellar has a bachelor's degree in agricultural business from Fort Hays State University.

Commissioner-elect for the Kansas Sunflower Commission

There were no candidates for the commissioner position

for districts 7, 8 and 9. A commissioner will be appointed by the Kansas Sunflower Commission.

Commissioner-elect for the Kansas Wheat Commission

District seven, eight and nine—Jay Armstrong, who grows wheat in Atchison County. He is a member of several commodity associations including the Kansas Corn Growers Association and Kansas Farm Bureau. He is also involved in the Atchison County Economic Development group. Armstrong is a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in agricultural economics.

2011 election will cover central third of state

Corn, grain sorghum, soybean, sunflower and wheat growers in the central third of the state can expect to receive information by mail this fall outlining the 2011 election procedure. Affected by the 2011 election will be districts four,

five and six. District four includes Clay, Cloud, Jewell, Mitchell, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Republic, Rooks, Smith and Washington counties. District five includes Barton, Dickinson, Ellis, Ellsworth, Lincoln, McPherson, Marion, Rice, Rush, Russell and Saline counties. District six includes Barber, Comanche, Edwards, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Kiowa, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Sedgwick, Stafford and Sumner counties. Grain growers who plan to campaign for a seat on one of the commissions must collect on an official petition form 20 signatures from eligible voters to be included on the 2011 ballot. Official petition forms will be available from the Kansas Department of Agriculture or one of the grain commodity commissions.

No more than five signatures from any one county will be used to qualify a candidate. Eligible voters are Kansas residents who will reach age 18 before the election and have been growing corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers or wheat during the last three years. The filing deadline for candidates is November 30, 2010.

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1991	Case IH 8460 5x6 auto twine wrap	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,850.00	M
1992	Case IH 8460 5x6 double twine tie; kicker	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,550.00	C
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- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 medium zucchini, shredded
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons minced dill
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 jalapeno pepper, minced (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 small whole wheat pita breads, halved crosswise
- 1 1/2 cups torn Romaine lettuce
- 2 tomatoes, sliced

Spray grill or broiler with nonstick cooking spray and preheat. Thoroughly combine beef, zucchini, onion, dill, mustard, jalapeno and pepper. Form into 6 patties. Broil or grill patties for 4 to 5 minutes on each side until medium or well done. Place a hamburger on each pita and top with lettuce and tomatoes.

Gin Fox, Holton: "This could be a special treat for Easter morning or anytime."

BREAKFAST SHORTCAKE

- 1 package boxed blueberry muffin mix
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups vanilla yogurt, divided
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Assorted fruit pieces (strawberry slices, pineapple tidbits, grape halves, peach or nectarine slices), your choice of variety

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 9-inch round

cake pan. Combine muffin mix and baking powder in a large bowl. Break up any lumps. Add egg, 1/2 cup yogurt and lemon juice. Stir until moistened, about 50 strokes. Pour into pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes or until brown. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Invert to cooling rack. Turn right side up. Rinse blueberries from mix with cold water and drain. Add assorted fruit pieces to blueberries and gently mix. To serve, cut warm shortcake into 8 edges and spoon 2 ta-

blespoons remaining yogurt over each wedge. Top with fruit mixture. Serves 8.

Mary Hedberg, Clifton: "Your brownies will always be a hit. Every time I make these, there are never enough."

HEATH BUTTERBRICKLE BROWNIES

- 1 box brownie mix
- 1/2 box chocolate cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup oil
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup butterbrickle chips

Mix all together and pour into a greased jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool then dust with powdered sugar and serve.

Mary Longren, Holton: "If winter persists, we might as well make soup."

CREAM OF BROCCOLI SOUP

- 1/2 pound broccoli
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups half & half
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

Cook broccoli in chicken broth. In another pan melt butter and stir in flour. When broccoli is cooked, drain broccoli and add to flour and butter mixture. Chop broccoli very fine. Add this mixture along with half & half and seasonings.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: ROASTED ORANGE GINGER ASPARAGUS

- 2 pounds fresh asparagus
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Snap off and discard tough ends of asparagus, place asparagus on a lightly greased baking sheet. Whisk orange juice, olive oil and next 4 ingredients; drizzle mixture over asparagus, tossing to coat. Bake for 15 minutes or to desired degree of tenderness, turning once after 8 minutes.

Mona Jean Newbury, Junction City:

Reprinted from the 1959 United Methodist Church cookbook. Mrs. Earl Peters

GUMDROP COOKIES

- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped nut meats
- 1 cup chopped gumdrops

Add brown sugar to beaten eggs and beat again. Add water and beat well. Sift together flour, salt and cinnamon and add to the first mixture. Add nuts and gumdrops. Grease and flour pans

and bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: CORN CHOWDER

- 4 slices bacon
- 1 large thinly sliced onion
- 2 cups raw potatoes, diced
- 2 cups water
- Salt & pepper to taste
- (2) 17-ounce cans cream-style corn
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tablespoon margarine

Fry bacon in a kettle; remove from fat and saute onion in drippings. Add potatoes and water. Salt and pepper. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Add undrained corn and milk. Simmer 5 minutes. Garnish with crumbled bacon and a dab of margarine.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: BANANA COBBLER

- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1.2 cup melted butter
- 4 medium-size ripe bananas, sliced

Streusel Topping:
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup self-rising flour
1/2 cup butter
1 cup uncooked regular oats
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Whisk together flour, sugar and milk until blended; whisk in butter. Pour batter into a lightly greased 11-by-7-inch baking dish. Top with banana slices and sprin-

kle with streusel topping that has been mixed using a fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: GREAT MEATBALLS & SAUCE

- 1 1/2 pounds ground chuck
- 3/4 cup quick oats
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons very finely chopped onions
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- Dash pepper
- 4 tablespoons oil
- 1/2 cup flour

Sauce:
1 cup ketchup
2 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons white vinegar
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

4-6 tablespoons minced onion

In a bowl combine the ground chuck and oats. Pour in the milk then add the onion and salt. Add the pepper then stir to combine. Roll the mixture into tablespoon-size balls and refrigerate for 45 minutes. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Spread the flour on a plate. Dredge the meatballs in the flour then brown them in batches until light brown. As they brown, place them in a baking dish. For the sauce, stir the ingredients and drizzle over the meatballs. Bake for about 45 minutes or until bubbly and hot.

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"A memory I would like to share with you is making Panhaus. Bob (Ivan Bausch) and I were recently married in 1949

when he and his dad butchered a hog. I had lived in town until I married this farmer and I quickly learned a lot about farm life. There is a saying that when a farmer butchers a hog, they use everything but the 'squeal.'

"The following recipe is one that I have taken from my recipe collection; tells of my first experience in helping make Panhaus. It is lengthy but wanted our grandchildren to know this experience. Hope you enjoy reading it."

"As a bride in 1949, I learned that butchering a hog was only the beginning of making a delicacy that the entire family enjoyed. Panhaus (paw-hoss) was made. Outside the barn, my husband, Bob, and his dad built a fire under a large copper kettle, half full of water.

"The head of the hog was prepared to be boiled. Eyes, teeth and brains were removed. The tongue was removed, scraped and cooked in boiling salt water, in preparation for tongue sandwiches. After the meat was cooked, the tongue was skinned and then sliced (a little

mustard on the bread, salt and pepper on the slice of tongue and the sandwich was complete).

"I remember that Bob's brother took the brains home and they prepared them with scrambled eggs to eat. The head was scraped to remove all the hair and the ears were thoroughly scrubbed. After it was cleaned, Dad split the head with an ax into several pieces, and dropped them into the boiling water where it cooked until the meat was very done.

"The head pieces were removed from the kettle and meat was taken from the bones. The stock in the kettle was strained through a sieve to remove all the small bones, then returned to the kettle to boil. After the meat was run through a coarse meat grinder, it was put back in the kettle to boil again.

"A mixture of cornmeal, buckwheat and seasonings were sprinkled into the boiling water. Dad had a new pitchfork handle that he used to stir the mixture so it would not stick to the bottom or get lumpy. He stirred and stirred, added more cornmeal mixture and stirred and stirred until it was thick like mush. He would taste it often and add more seasonings.

"What a wonderful memory ... I can still see him grinning, smacking his lips and then saying in German, 'It's very good.'

"Bob still enjoys his Panhaus

during cold weather. We don't have hog heads to prepare so I purchase Boston Butt pork roasts to use for the meat. Using his dad's recipe as I remember; it satisfies him. He likes lots of sage."

DAD'S PANHAUS (SCRAPPLE)

5-pound Boston Butt pork roast
1 tablespoon salt

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1 1/2 cups buckwheat flour
1 cup white flour
4 tablespoons ground sage
2 tablespoons ground thyme
2 tablespoons poultry seasoning
2 tablespoons black pepper
2 tablespoons salt

Boil Boston Butt pork roast in large 10-quart heavy kettle with water to cover (I use my pressure cooker). Add 1 tablespoon salt. Cook until well done and meat falls apart. Remove from kettle and trim excess fat from meat. There will be fat in the stock. Remove pork stock and drain through a sieve to re-

move small particles. Add additional water to have 8 quarts of stock. Return to kettle and heat to boil. Grind meat with coarse blade on grinder. Return meat to boiling stock. Blend together the seasoned cornmeal mixture in a large bowl. While stirring with a large wooden spoon, sprinkle the cornmeal mixture into the boiling meat and broth, by handfuls, until all has been used. Stir constantly to prevent lumps and cook until thick. It will begin to bubble, pop and start to sheet away from the side of the pan when it's done. Taste to see if it needs more seasoning. Remove from heat and pour into loaf or flat pans. Cool (it is very hot and will blister if you get it on you).

To serve Panhaus, cut cooled firm mush in thin slices and fry in oil or bacon fat until crisp on both sides. The slices can be first dredged in flour before frying; I do not. For breakfast, prepare a couple eggs and enjoy hot Panhaus with syrup. It's very good.

G&G would like to receive your "Memories from the Kitchen" so that we may print and share them with our readers.

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Extremely high temperatures overwhelm an animal's natural ability to regulate its body temperature. But other factors are involved, and

understanding them is essential for predicting, preventing and responding to potential heat-stress scenarios, according to scientists at the ARS Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC) in Clay Center, Neb.

There, scientists are working together with cooperators to develop risk-assessment tools and management strategies for producers. This work has three main components: analyzing animal susceptibility, identifying contributing environmental factors, and evaluating management techniques.

In one study, USMARC agricultural engineer Tami Brown-Brandl

and colleagues conducted several studies to identify factors that contribute to animal susceptibility to heat stress. They identified 11 influential factors, including coat color, health history, and temperament. In another study, Brown-Brandl and USMARC agricultural engineers Roger Eigenberg and John Nienaber looked at environmental factors affecting the intensity of heat stress. They developed a model that incorporates predictions of how temperature, humidity, sun intensity, and wind speed will affect heat stress. The model is available online at: www.ars.usda.gov/Main/docs.htm?docid=17130.



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Times of low crop prices are easier to predict than times of highs, says market analyst

Crop farmers have a better chance of avoiding the lowest price of the year than catching the highest price of the year, said a University of Missouri Extension market analyst.

"Trying to sell at the highest market price is not a realistic marketing objective," said Melvin Brees, economist at the MU Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI). "Avoiding the market low is a reasonable goal."

The times of seasonal low prices are fairly predictable.

"Waiting to sell grain

when it's hauled away from the combine increases likelihood of getting the low price for the year," Brees said. "The first objective in a marketing plan should be to avoid the market lows."

Low prices can be as hard to predict as market highs, but lows are more likely to occur at harvest time than any other time of the year.

To avoid downside risks, grain marketers should use several marketing tools and marketing times. Marketing is a year-round job.

"For grain that will be delivered at harvest time, pre-harvest sales are more

likely to net a higher price and avoid a price low," Brees said.

The futures market currently offers prices above the break-even point for most farms.

Brees tells farmers to plan to avoid selling below the average price of the year. Locking in a price above break-even reduces marketing risks for the year.

"If prices move higher, that may offer the possibility of capturing above-average prices. It is important to be prepared for this opportunity should it occur, especially for corn or soybeans that will be delivered

for sale at harvest," Brees said.

For the coming year, Brees expects continued price volatility. Current average expected corn prices vary by as much as \$1.60 per bushel among market analysts, he said. "It is possible that futures prices and cash bids could vary more than that. Watching price action closely may be critical for making sales decisions."

There are many signs of a bearish downturn in the markets for both corn and soybeans as ending stocks build. "There is a market adage that says 'One bushel of ending stocks is bear-

ish,'" Brees said. "That is based on the market's use of price to balance supply and demand. If anything is left over, then its price should drop to use it up."

A recent survey of producers by USDA for their supply-demand estimates did not lower corn production estimates as much as many had hoped, Brees said. While domestic use continues to be strong, exports projections are reduced. Foreign crop production estimates continue upward, adding to world carryover.

"A number of factors could contribute to more downside price risks,"

Brees said.

Most analysts expect larger U.S. corn acreage this year and only small changes in soybean acreage. "This suggests that production should again be more than adequate with trend-line yields," Brees said. "Uncertain economic conditions, reduced livestock feed use, lower energy prices, a stronger dollar and position liquidation by speculators are other factors to watch."

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Ag in the Classroom celebrates Kansas Ag Day with postcard art contest winners

By Nichole Ely,
Kansas Wheat
communications intern

Seven talented artists from kindergarten through sixth-grade were honored

March 19 for using their imagination and creativity to capture the importance of agriculture in Kansas. These students were among more than 630 stu-

dents from 22 counties across Kansas who entered the 2010 Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom postcard contest designed around the theme, "Kansas Crops: Seeds of Understanding."

The Kansas Wheat Commission is a financial partner in the Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom endeavor, providing funding to help KFAC accomplish its mission, "Connecting Classrooms to Kansas Agriculture."

"It was a great celebration of the children's interpretation of the contest

theme," said Cathy Musick, executive director for the Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom. "The contest was an opportunity to share with kids how Kansas grains are a part of their daily lives."

The Ag in the Classroom award ceremony was held at the Landon State Office Building in Topeka as part of the annual Kansas Agriculture Day celebration. Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Josh Svaty presented awards to the winners of the annual postcard art contest; honorees also participated in several hands-on agricul-

ture-related learning activities. Ellie Green earned the competition's grand prize, a \$100 Savings Bond. A fourth grade student at Prairie Village Elementary School, she was excited to enter the contest because she enjoys drawing and designing. Green drew in great detail several crops grown across the state in an outline of Kansas using vibrant colors.

This imaginative postcard from Ellie Green, Prairie Village, was overall winner in the Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom Postcard

Art Contest.

Other winners included: Kindergarten: Ryah Griffin, Manhattan; First grade: Kara Bruna, Hanover; Second grade: Erick Garcia, Garden City; Third grade: Ethan Entz, Newton; Fourth grade: Lindsey Gile, Sedgwick; Fifth grade: Claire Walsh, Bonner Springs; Sixth grade: Lyndie Copeland, Holton.

Inspiration for the work of second grade winner, Erick Garcia, Garden City, came from stories he was told by his grandfather of when he was young and lived on his farm. Garcia's postcard highlights gar-



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All winners, their families and classroom teachers were invited to Topeka for the awards ceremony. Sandra Terrazas, second-grade teacher at Buffalo Jones Elementary School in Garden City, joined Garcia in Topeka. In the classroom, Terrazas tries to keep the classroom simple for the kids so the gain a better understanding of the world around them. "We plant seeds and talk about the life cycle and how important it is and all the things the plants need to grow," Terrazas said. "I try to incorporate this into the classroom; making

them aware of what Kansas has to offer."

Postcard artwork was judged on relevance to the theme, creativity, originality, use of color, use of space, and clarity of idea and image. A first prize winner was selected from each grade level along with one grand prize winner. Each first prize award recipient received a \$50 U.S. savings bond and the grand prize winner received a \$100 bond.

The winning entries can be viewed on the foundation's website, www.ksagclassroom.org. Click on "For Students" and "Post Card Art Contest." A winning set of post cards is available for a \$10 donation.

Clinicians Steve and Jeanne Mueller to be featured at High Plains Horseman's Day

The High Plains Horseman's Day is scheduled for April 17, 2010 at the Logan County Fairgrounds in Oakley. The featured clinician is a husband and wife team from Cambridge, Nebraska, Steve and Jeanne Mueller. Steve has been involved in horses from an early age. Early on he had an open mind on handling horses and studied the effectiveness of current methods, he quickly adapted to the natural horsemanship techniques. He has many accomplishments in his lifetime including qualifying for the Mid-States Rodeo Association Finals multiple times and winning an average award, 2004 United States Calf Roping Association World Champion,

2005 Reserve United States Calf Roping World Champion, and he teaches eager students in the colt starting class at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture-Curtis, Nebraska.

Jeanne has been running barrels since early childhood. Although barrels and other speed events were her favorites growing up, she has shown and competed in all spectrums of the western horse world. She has been training her own horses since she started competing and has won many champion awards as well as placing at many of the top barrel futurities in the nation, including: The Speedhorse, BFA Futurities, The Lazy E Futurity, and the Nebraska Open Futurity.

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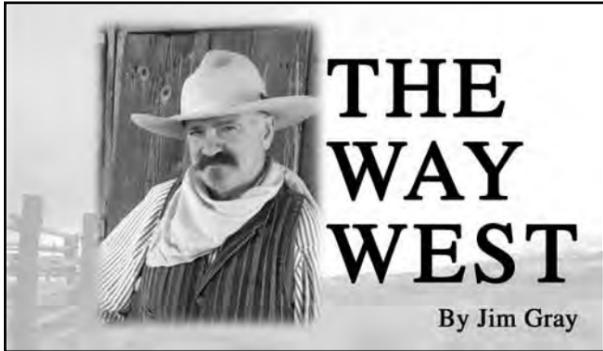
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Arkansas or Arkansaw?

Over the years one particular question has been repeatedly put to The Cowboy. Since history is my subject, folks wonder if I might have the definitive answer to an age-old question. "What is the correct pronunciation of Arkansas?" Historical reenactors run into

this problem all the time. In presenting the life of a character from the Old West, if the Arkansas River comes into play which way do I pronounce it? I was raised pronouncing it the same as our state of Kansas. But following a recent presentation an accomplished reen-

actor was cautioned by a "knowing" contributor that the Kansas version of the pronunciation was modern and that she should refer to the Arkansas River as the "Arkan-Saw" River. But, our historical performer wasn't so sure and wondered what the Kansas Cowboy position on the subject was.

Like I said, I have always preferred the Kansas pronunciation, but I really had no reason other than the root of the word coming from the Kanza tribe, although they were often called Kaw which has led me to believe that "Kawn-Zus" may have been the original pronunciation. That just adds to the confu-

sion, so we'll ignore that pronunciation for our present intention to discover the difference between the two pronunciations of Arkansas. A little search the internet led to some mighty interesting information. One source stated that Arkansas is a French variant of the Siouxian word Quapaw, which was a tribe located in the area where Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas almost meet. Quapaw means, literally, "downstream people." Another source states that the Algonquin people of the same area referred to the Quapaw as Arkansas or "South Wind People" That just happens to be the meaning of the

tribe for which Kansas is named, Kanza or "People of the South Wind." Information provided by the State of Arkansas' relates that Marquette and Joliet's "Journal of 1673," spelled the name "Akansea." French explorer Robert de LaSalle established a trading fort at the mouth of the Arkansas River while exploring the Mississippi River. Arkansas Post was referred to as "Aux Arcs." In his map of the territory a few years later, it's spelled "Acamsa." A map based on the journey of Jean Baptiste de La Harpe in 1718-1722 refers to the

river as the "Arkansas" and to the Indians as "Les Akansas." But Captain Zebulon Pike, the noted American explorer, spelled it "Arkansaw" in 1811.

Arkansas officially became a state in 1836 and the pronunciation of the name was controversial from the start. In the chambers of the United States Senate one senator from the state of Arkansas preferred to be announced as "the Senator from 'ArkanSaw'" while the other senator insisted on being introduced as "the Senator from 'arKansas.'" The controversy continued

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to simmer not for a few years but for decades. Finally, the state of Arkansas passed legislation in 1881, 45 years after becoming a state, that the pronunciation should be "Arkansaw" with the official spelling of "Arkansas." So, what does this all mean? Well, it would appear to me that both pronunciations are viable. Being the contrarian that I am I have decided to refer to the state of Arkansas as just that, "Arkansas." They may have passed legislation but its pretty obvious that a whole lot of people thought that Arkansaw was not the proper way to pronounce the name. After all, we have Arkansas City, founded in 1870, to look to. The town is and was pronounced in the Kansas form. Folks may give me a sideways look when I refer to the state of Ar-Kansas, but I reckon I'll have a little fun with this one from now on!

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Medicare Part D coverage: Know your options

Those who are eligible for Medicare Part D, listen up. There may be more to consider than you realize.

Even if you currently use few or no prescription drugs you may wonder if Part D is worth the sign up.

Eileen St. Pierre, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension personal finance specialist, said Medicare Part D is a government program that subsidizes the cost of prescription drugs for eligible Americans. This drug coverage is not just a government benefit but also insurance which protects you against the high cost of prescription drugs if and when you need them in the future.

"When many people are eligible for coverage, they consider signing up later," St. Pierre said. "There are financial penalties if you enroll later than when you were first eligible to join Part D and if you've gone for more than 63 days without other creditable drug

coverage. Creditable means your coverage is considered as good as Part D coverage."

At least an extra 1 percent of the national average premium will be added to your premium each month that you delay and are without creditable drug coverage. You will pay this penalty every month for as long as you have Medicare drug coverage.

St. Pierre said this means if you delay for 20 months, your Part D premiums will always be at least 20 percent more than what other people pay or what you would have paid if you would have signed up on time.

"During 2010 the national average premium is \$32," she said. "Each month you go without coverage adds 32 cents (1 percent) to your monthly premium. So if you delayed signing up for 20 months, this would add \$6.40 to your monthly premium, costing you \$76.80 more for the year. This

amount adds up. If you are on Medicare for 20 years, that's \$1,536. But the cost would be higher than that. Each time the national average premium is raised, your penalty rises along with it. That \$6.40 per month penalty will just keep rising under the current system."

To avoid the late penalty, you need to know when is the right time to sign up for Part D. Depending on your situation, it could be when you turn 65, when you become eligible for Medicare through disability, when you lose creditable prescription drug coverage, when you return to the U.S. after living abroad or when you are released from prison.

Many people have pre-

scription drug coverage already from a job or as part of their retiree benefits. They are confused about what will happen when they become eligible for Medicare.

St. Pierre said your current or former employer or union must tell if your present drug coverage will change when you become eligible for Medicare. She said among the options they can:

Continue current coverage, but check to see if it is as good as Medicare.

Offer coverage through a specified Medicare drug plan, but you must enroll in this to keep your employer's coverage.

Offer drug coverage that

supplements Medicare by paying some or all of the out-of-pocket Part D expenses.

Drop coverage. They may help you pay the cost of the Medicare drug premiums or give you no assistance at all.

"Your employer, union or any other third party that helps pay for your drugs should notify you before you turn 65 and let you know whether your coverage is creditable," she said. "If you haven't received this information it's a good idea to call and ask for it in writing."

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C. Wt.	Marb	Fat	REA	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$Beef	Daily Gain	
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Lot 23 Gardens Wave JB62

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Production EPDs					Maternal EPDs				
CED	BW	WW	YW	Scrotal	CEM	Milk	\$EN		
+6	+0.7	+43	+70	+.40	+9	+17	+9.78		
Carcass EPDs					\$Values				
C. Wt.	Marb	Fat	REA	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$Beef	Daily Gain	
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Tough to keep cattle dry this wet spring

Ample moisture this winter and early spring makes for a muddy feedlot situation, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln beef cattle specialist says.

Keeping pens clean and cattle dry is critical for cattle producers, said Terry Mader.

"Particularly in eastern Nebraska we have had excessive moisture and a good amount of snow deposited in these yards," Mader said. "There isn't a lot you can do but push the snow and mud out and

try to get cattle on a solid base."

Under these conditions, he recommends animals have 250 square feet of pen space per head with 350 or more square feet even better. Smaller areas become muddier quicker and stay muddier longer.

"If you have cattle crowded, that can present some problems. So, if you have an empty pen, use it," he said. "This will help minimize the depth of the mud."

Mader said this winter

will result in cost of gains being about 10 to 15 percent greater than normal.

When cattle get wet, they get muddy and can carry up to 50 pounds of mud on their coats. Maintenance requirements can double under wet and cold conditions, which for feedlot cattle may result in 10 to 20 more days on feed or being 50 plus pounds lighter when cattle can go to market.

In addition to good pen cleaning, bedding is important.

"If you can use enough to where you can get the animal dry, it can be very beneficial," Mader said.

His research and research elsewhere shows producers will see benefits from bedding, particularly when it is priced in the \$50 to \$60 a ton range.

"Instead of having a 15 to 20 percent cost of gain increase, it may only be a 5 to 10 percent increase and that includes the extra bedding and bedding handling cost," he said.



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Regular septic system care can save lots in repairs

Regular septic system care is like maintaining a car or tractor: a little preventive maintenance can save a lot in repairs.

"Lack of maintenance, combined with poor site location, is the main reason septic systems fail," said Bob Schultheis, University of Missouri Extension natural resource engineering specialist. "Often no maintenance is done until the toilets don't flush or sinks won't drain."

Septic tanks with an absorption field or aerobic la-

agoon are the most popular home systems for treating sewage. These break down raw human waste into byproducts free of disease-causing organisms.

Homeowners can take several steps to keep septic tank/absorption field systems working and prevent the pollution of drinking water supplies, he said.

Pick the right system for the soil type. Many soils have a restrictive layer that prevents absorption field lateral pipes from properly

distributing effluent. Other soils may be so porous or shallow that they cannot adequately filter disease causing organisms, putting groundwater at risk.

Pump the septic tank every two to five years, depending on family size and use. Using a garbage disposal excessively or putting any oil and grease down the drain can require you to pump the septic tank more often.

Many products marketed as septic tank additives pro-

vide little or no benefit to bacterial action. Some actually create more problems by moving dissolved sludge from the septic tank to the absorption field pipes, where the problem costs more to fix.

Don't drive heavy machinery or vehicles over your absorption field. It may collapse pipes.

Don't plant trees in absorption field areas because of potential plugging damage from root growth.

Don't allow excessive water to drain over the absorption field area. This can saturate the soil to the point that effluent coming from the septic tank has no place

to absorb, causing surfacing of wastewater.

In areas where soils aren't suitable for conventional absorption field systems, the use of lagoons, with or without septic tanks, is a common approach to onsite sewage treatment, said Bob Broz, University of Missouri Extension water quality specialist.

A lagoon with septic tank should have at least 400 square feet of water surface per bedroom in the home. A lagoon without a septic tank should have at least 440 square feet of water per bedroom.

"If the lagoon surface

area is too small, odor levels and surface weed problems will increase," Broz said.

The lagoon should be shallow—a maximum depth of three feet—to encourage the growth of aerobic (oxygenloving) bacteria to digest the waste. Deeper lagoons will have a greater population of anaerobic (oxygenlacking) bacteria, which tend to cause odor problems.

Keep trees and high weeds at least 50 feet away from the lagoon. This lets the lagoon get direct sunlight and allows breezes to stir oxygen into the water.

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GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled

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March 29 — Consignments at Kingman for Kingman County Young Farmers. Auctioneers: Giefer Auction Service.

March 29 — Farm & livestock equip., tractors & antique tractors, vehicles, trailers near Lewis for Wheaton Farm & Ranch. Auctioneers: Carr Auction & Real Estate, Inc.

March 29 — Tractors, combines, trucks & equip., toys, mowers & farm related at Goessel. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

March 30 — Ottawa & Cloud Co. land at Miltonvale & Concordia for Gladys Heald Living Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 30 — Tractors, farm machinery, trucks, trailers, loader at Brownell for Dwight Filbert, Myron Filbert, Duane Filbert, Raymond Fritz. Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

March 31 (bidding ends) — Helicopter & parts & tools online only (www.simmitt.com) for City of Topeka. Auctioneers: Simmitt Brothers.

April 2 — Club pig sale at Iola for Jeff & Carla Neameck.

April 2 — Prospect pig & goat sale at Abilene for

Wuthnow Family Show Pigs, Garten Boer Goats. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

April 2 — Marshall County land at Marysville for Margaret M. Rogers Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate & Auction.

April 3 — Surrey, box wagon, harness, tractor, trailer & tools S. of Council Grove for Don Cress. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

April 3 — Club pig sale at Iola for Allen County Community College Farm.

April 3 — Pig, lamb & goat prospects for 4H/FFA at Lyons for Central Kansas Purple Ribbon. Auctioneers: Hollinger Auction & Triple K Auction.

April 3 — Gelbvieh production sale at Canton for Circle S Gelbvieh, John & Carla Shearer.

April 3 — Harvest equipment at Pratt for Bob Ogle. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

April 3 — Real Estate, car, truck, tractors, equip., tools, outdoor equip., household, antiques & collectibles at Washington for Donald L. Fencil Estate. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik.

April 3 — Tractors, vehicles,

stock trailer, farm machinery, tools, scrap iron, appliances, furniture, household, antiques & collectibles W. of Council Grove for John Lee Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Macy Realty & Auction.

April 3 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles & household at Manhattan for Charles & Ann Arthur. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

April 3 — Real estate, JD A, team of horses, buggy, toy tractors, antiques & misc. S. of Clay Center for Arlond B. Miller Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

April 3 — Farm machinery consignments, tractors, combines, grain cart,

loaders, tillage, planting, livestock, hay & forage equip., vehicles, trucks, boat at Medicine Lodge. Auctioneers: United Country-Nixon Realty.

April 3 — Jet skis, boats, trailers, golf carts at Wichita. Auctioneers: Newcom Auctions.

April 3 — Tractors, mowers, motorhome, tools, household, collectibles SW of Auburn for Lyda L. Stowe Estate. Auctioneers: Beaty & Wischropp Auctions.

April 3 — Trucks, tractor, farm related items, furniture & household items S. of Burrton for Florence L. Bumm Estate. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

April 3 — Furniture, appliances, organ & bench, collectibles & comics at Tonganoxie. Auctioneers: Shoemaker Auction Service.

April 3 — Tractor, combine, equipment, trailers, hay & misc. at Williamsburg for Neal Farms. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

April 5 — Farmland, equipment & antiques E. of Clay Center for Wesley & Margaret Heilman. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 5 — Barber Co. land at Medicine Lodge. Auctioneers: United Country/Nixon Auction & Realty, LLC.

April 5 — Shop tools & equip., tractors, combine & farm machinery, trucks, trailers, livestock equip., household at Palco for Everett McKenna Estate. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 5 — 51st annual production sale, fall bulls & spring bulls at Ellsworth for Green Garden Angus.

April 6 — Kiowa County land & home at Greensburg. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc.

April 7 — Trucks, trailers, vehicles, machinery, tractors, loader, boat & misc. consignments W. of Smith Center. Auctioneers: Frieling Realty & Auction, Inc.

April 8 — Grain bins, used grain augers, used grain bin access., steel, trailers, trucks, boats, machinery, livestock & misc. at Peabody for Harder Ag Products & consignments. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

April 9 — Show pig sale at Leavenworth for Duncan/Hunt, Eastern KS Elite Club Pig Sale.

April 9 — Tractors, combine, headers & header trailer, farm machinery, truck & pickup & misc. near Cedar for Sweat Acres. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

April 9 — Russell Co. real estate at Sylvan Grove for Robert L. Diers Estate. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.

April 9 & 10 — Trucks, trailers, const. material, shop tools & equip., farm equip. & more at Hugoton for BCI Manufacturing. Auctioneers: Gatlin Auction.

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FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 — 10:00 AM
2769 HUMBOLDT CREEK ROAD — DWIGHT, KANSAS

Directions to Sale Site: From I-70 Exit 304 go (South) on Humboldt Creek Road 15.4 Miles to the Sale Site. From I-70 Exit 313 go South on Highway 177 13.3 Miles to Humboldt Creek Road. Take Humboldt Creek Road West 2 Miles to the Cut Off Road Intersection, keep right on Humboldt Creek Road North 2 Miles to the Sale Site. WATCH FOR SIGNS





VEHICLES, TRACTORS & COMBINE: 1987 GMC 3/4 Ton 4X4 Flat Bed PU, 1978 Chevrolet 3/4 Ton 4X4 Flat Bed PU (Rough), 1969 Chevrolet C-50 2 Ton Truck w/5 Speed Trans, 2 Speed Rear, 18 Ft Grain Bed & Wood Floor & Sides, 1985 Allis Chalmers (AC) 8010 Tractor 12,266 Hrs, Cab & Air & Heat, SN 5421, 1981 AC 5050 Tractor, Hi-Low 50-50 Trans, Single Hyd, Good Tires, 6981 Hrs, Farmall C Tractor w/Narrow Front, 1977 Gleaner M2 Corn Plus Combine, SN 1717, John Deere 653A Special Row Head w/Bish Adapter for John Deere to Gleaner.

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w/3 Bar Coil Spring Harrow, AC 2000 5/16 Plow, JD 12 Shank Chisel, JD 35 Two Row Narrow Row Cutter, Donahue 5th Wheel Triple Axle Stock Trailer, Shelby 6X16 Open Top Bumper Hitch Stock Trailer, Kill Bros 375 Hydauger Gravity Box, Kelly Ryan 4X8 Feedwagon, 2-4 Wheel 20 Ft Truck Frame Hay Trailers, JD 54 PTO Drive Manure Spreader, Farm Hand F820 Grinder Mixer, GT 33 Ft 6" PTO Grain Auger, 16 Ft 4" Grain Auger w/Motor, 10 Ft 4" Grain Auger w/Motor.

TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS: 1 Phase to 3 Phase Converter, 4-Round Bale Feeders, Several Hydraulic Cylinders, 10-20 Ft long Sections of Round Continuous Fencing.

EQUIPMENT CONSIGNED BY NEIGHBORS: 1992 F-250 Ford 4X4 Truck w/351 Gas, 5 Speed & Bale Bed, 140,000 Miles (Rough, Motor Weak), 1986 Case IH 1896 2WD Power Shift Tractor, Cab, AC, Heat, 540/1000 PTO, w/Bushog 3425 Qt 6 Ft Bucket & Grapple Fork Loader, 7110 Hours, 1881 John Deere 8440 Tractor, Quad Range, 4WD, PTO 3 Pt, 4 Hyd Out-

lets, 11,093 Hours, 1969 2656 IH Industrial Tractor, 3 Pt, PTO, 62 Hrs On Motor, 2-Cobey 4 Wheel Wood Floor, Metal Side Trailers, Goose-neck 200 Bushel Grain Wagon w/Elect or Hyd Drill Fill Auger, 654 New Holland Round Baler w/6 Ft Bale Track (Good), Vermeer 10 Wheel Rake On Cart, JD 350 3 Pt PTO Side Delivery Rake, Krause 904 21.5 Ft Tandem Disc, JD PTO Manure Spreader, John Deere Model H Ground Driven Manure Spreader, 1975 COOP Dry Fertilizer Spreader, Gehl 95 Grinder Mixer, Sanborn Air Compressor, Drill Press, 60 Gal Pickup Sprayer, 15 Ft Folding Boom For Pickup Sprayer, 2-Prize-Of-The-Farm Freeze Guard Hog Waterers, 2-New 23X10.5-12 Lawn Mower Tires, Front Bumper For 02 Dodge 1 Ton Pickup, 2 Rolls of 24" Hailscreen Wire.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 — 10:30 AM
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TRACTOR & PICKUP
1972 AC 200 tractor, diesel, cab, 4172 hrs. with Westendorf WL44 quick tach loader, 7 ft. bucket and bale fork, good condition; 1984 Ford F-250, 460 V-8, 4 spd., 4x4 with Jensen flatbed, 76,357 miles, runs good.

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2 seat surrey with adjustable top, lights, steel slay runners with single and double horse tongues; The Bane high wheeled box wagon with bows and top; one horse sulky; 2 horse breaking cart; scoop board for box wagon; box wagon on rubber tires; Emerson Branningham 5 ft. mower; 5 shovel cultivator; walking sod plow; single shovel cultivator; one row planter; walking steel plow; one row cultivator; set of U.S. Army leather harness; 3 sets of harness, 2 leather, 1 nylon; hames, doubletrees, single trees, tongues, etc.; various buggy and wagon wheels;

12 Calvary posts for rope corral; 2 saddles; bit collection; spurs; bridles and various tack; 2 spring wagon seats; 2 youth saddles.

TRAILERS, MACHINERY
W&W 16 ft. stock trailer, front tack and divider, 6 ft. 6 in. tall, good condition; 20x6 goose-neck stock trailer; 10 ft. rotary mower, 3 pt., good; JD grain drill; 2 Kewanee tandem disc, 10 ft. and 12 ft.; IH3 bottom mounted plow; Oliver Radex 2 bottom plow; IH 2 row lister; rotary hoe; 8 ft. chisel pull type; 3 pt. bale spear; 3 pt. 7 ft. blade; Oliver and Allis 4 row cultivators; Krause tandem disc, 10 ft.; JD No. 5 mower; big round bale buggy.

COLLECTIBLES & PRIMITIVES & TOOLS
Crosscut saws; wooden barrels; oil and fuel cans; cow yokes; wagon box metal bath tub with stand; wheel barrow alfalfa seeder; forge; grinding wheels; steel wheels; various primitive tools; corn sheller; lanterns; 2 - 300 gallon fuel barrels and stands; 2 round bale feeders; 30 gallon 12V sprayer; bale elevator; feed bunk; welder; chain hoists; chains; various tools of all kinds; 4000 watt generator; corner hedge posts; aluminum extension ladder; 10 ft. aluminum step ladder; swing set.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Don and Doris have been married 68 years and have lived on this ranch all that time. They are moving to town, so there are many items not listed. Come spend the day with us.

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April 10 — Angus cattle, guns, tractors, brome hay, hay equip., machinery, livestock trailer & equip., lumber, tin, shop & misc. near Seneca for Bill & Darlene Kuhlman. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

April 10 — Farm machinery at Isabel for Paul Hageman. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

April 10 — 10th annual show pig sale at Overbrook for Valleybrook Farm Show Pigs, Mike & Debra Bond. Auctioneer: Jason Flory.

April 10 — Show pigs & club lamb sale at Wamego for Fink Farm, M&S Show Pigs & Rookstool Club Lambs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

April 10 — Tractors, combine, implements, trucks, wagons, loader, trailer & misc. at Manhattan for Currie Farms. Auctioneers: United Country/Ruckert Realty & Auction.

April 10 — Stationary gas engines, guns, tools & misc. at Osage City for Mrs. Edd Fillmore. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

April 10 — Farm machinery, hay equip., trucks, seed, shop tools & misc. at Fredonia for Orrin & Loretta

Odell. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall & Mark Garretson.

April 10 — Tractors, trucks & farm machinery, farm related items near White-water for Arnold & Velma Busenitz. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

April 10 — Tractors, combine, field equip., hay equip., stock trailers, trucks, skid loader, cattle equip., tools, welders & misc. at Waverly for Ann Meier (the late George Steward Sr.). Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

April 10 & 11 — Toy & JD memorabilia at Scott City. Auctioneers: Berning Auction.

April 10 — Vehicles, tractors, combine, farm machinery & equipment, tools & misc. at Dwight for Bill Brown & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

April 11 — Manufactured home at Belvue for Betty & the late Paul Hoover. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

April 11 — Tools, car, mower, cycle, scooter, guns, coins, tractor, household, antiques & collectibles at Marysville for Audrey McAtee & Others. Auctioneers: Don Prell & Dave Bures.

April 11 — Artwork & col-

lectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 12 — Tractors, spray equipment & machinery SE of Ellis for Keith Kingsley Family Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 13 — Chase Co. land at Cottonwood Falls. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty Inc., landbroker division.

April 14 — Red Wing crockery, kitchen primitives, Red Wing cookie jars, adv. milk bottles at Enterprise for Harold "Bud" Lemmons Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler, Reynolds, Geist.

April 14 — Saline County grassland & cropland at Salina for Dave & Peggy Hasker. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

April 15 — Gasoline & oil Co. collectibles, glass gas pump tops, oil bottles, visible gas pump, tin & porcelain signs, license plates & adv. thermometers at Enterprise for Harold "Bud" Lemmons Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler, Reynolds, Geist.

April 15 — Cowley Co. land at Winfield for Heirs of Henry & Lessie Frandsen. Auctioneers: Ken Patterson & Rick Hopper.

April 16 — Tractor & machinery at Oketo for Glenn & Marjorie Potts. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

April 17 — Tractors, trailers, cattle handling equipment at Paxico for A.B. Hudson Estate. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty, Steve Murray, auctioneer.

April 17 — Farm machinery at Pratt for Larry Hone-man. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

April 17 — Farm machinery consignments at Carlton. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, Dean Hanson, manager.

April 17 & 18 — Real estate, household, collectibles, Cushmans & parts, mechanic tools, shop equip., vehicles, farm & farm related equip. at Russell for Robert W. "Bob" Sellens Estate. Auctioneers: Rohleder Auction.

April 24 — Registered & commercial Brangus female sale at Jacksonville, TX for Genetrust/Cavender's Neches River Ranch.

April 24 — Show pigs at Abilene for Wuthnow Family Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

April 24 — Wabaunsee Co. land at Paxico for Fred L.

Tenbrink Trust & Alex W. (Bill) & Norma Tenbrink. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.

April 24 — Antiques & collectibles at Barnes for Mrs. (Dennis) Georgia Oelschlager. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

April 28 — Equipment consignments at Spring Hill. Auctioneers: Countrywide Tractor & Auction.

May 1 — Household, antiques & collectibles estate at Havensville. Auctioneers: Kocher's Auction Service.

May 12 — Irrigated real estate NW of Concordia for Sallman Enterprises LLC. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 14, 15 & 16 — Show Case collectibles, glassware, crocks, primitives, old furniture, antiques & collectibles at Kirwin for the Cheryl M. Rader Estate. Auctioneers: Ashley's Auction Service.

May 15 — State Fair & KJLS show pig sale at Overbrook for Valleybrook Farms, Mike & Debra Bond.

May 22 & 23 — Household, furniture, tools, antiques & collectibles & newer items at Kirwin for the

Cheryl M. Rader Estate. Auctioneers: Ashley's Auction Service.

May 29 — State fair KJLS show pigs at Abilene for Wuthnow Family Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

May 31 — 17th annual Harley Gerdes Memorial Day consignment auction at Lyndon.

June 12 — Real estate, machining tools, shop tools, vehicles, household & misc. at Riley for Steve Sharp Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

August 7 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

August 7 — Charolais female sale at Randolph for Fink Beef Genetics.

September 6 — 15th annual Harley Gerdes Labor Day consignment auction at Lyndon.

October 27 — Angus & Charolais bull sale at Randolph for Fink Beef Genetics.

November 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

January 1, 2011 — 26th annual Harley Gerdes New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon.

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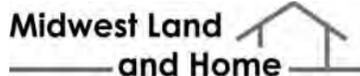
228 E 3rd St. Washington, Ks This single story home has 2 bedrooms and a single bath.

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Katrina's Good Sports

In the fall of 2008, before the election, as the recession crashed down around us I gave up on politics. It appeared that no one on either side, on Wall Street, in Detroit or in the media had a clue. It was like listening to a basket of turkeys expounding upon the Big Bang Theory. In the place of politics I became a sports fan. Previously PRCA rodeo was the only sport I followed on a regular basis. By last summer I was engrossed with major league baseball and watched the Yankees win the World Series. Then in the fall, college football captured my attention. They climaxed with the Soup Bowl, the Broccoli Bowl, the Emesis Basin, the Tangerine Tureen, the Gravy Boat, the Copenhagen Cuspidor, and Rudy's Auto & Salvage Bowl. That was on Saturdays. We went to the National

Finals Rodeo in December and watched Trevor Brazile, our version of Peyton Manning, earn his place in history.

Sunday afternoons I could cloud my mind with professional football. I rooted for the Arizona Cardinals out of geographical sympathy, but they were beaten by the eventual Super Bowl winners. Brett Favre of Minnesota carried the ball for us 'older guys' (over forty), like Allen Bach, Bobby Mote, and Billy Etbauer do in rodeo.

I missed most of the NFL playoff games because I was on the road but I did catch the Super Bowl ... in its entirety, commercials and all! It looked like Larry the Cable Guy had taken over the ad agencies and written their copy! They were funny but they did make you cringe sometimes.

It was interesting to see the press play up the New Orleans Saints. Winning the Super Bowl would be proof that they had risen from the devastation of Katrina and would result in the subsequent healing of the city. The players were carrying the hopes and hearts of America with them. To the media's relief, the New Orleans Saints came through ... decisively. I was rooting for them. I am a sucker for Rudy movies, like Hoosiers, the Anaheim Ducks, and David and Goliath. Ones where the underdog

wins. The Saints, who had one of the worst defensive records in the League, would go up against the best multiple MVP quarterback in the world! How could they possibly win?

But they did. Just like in the fairy tales, the Sheriff of Nottingham, Darth Vader and Katrina were vanquished! The headlines read: "NEW ORLEANS WINS FOR THE MASSES!" "We just believed in ourselves, and we knew that we had the entire city and maybe the entire country behind us," said the Saints quarterback.

But I am reminded of the 2001 World Series, two months after 9/11. New York City had become a huge wound on our country. The New York Yankees took on the mantle of Avenger. The media became their cheerleaders. Winning the World Series would be the beginning of the healing. The ticker tape parade would show the world that New York City and America could not be put down. We would rise from the ashes! Ironically, Phoenix did rise. Not from New York City but on the wings of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Which, of course, you would have known if you subscribed to the Tucson Citizen. Otherwise, it is just a sad story that Yankee fans and the rest of the world try to forget.

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