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More corn acres in planting report no surprise; March grain stocks stay high

Farmers intend to plant more crop acreage in the coming year, according to a planting report issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture March 31.

"That was no surprise," said a University of Missouri economist. "However, corn stocks on March 1 were higher than expected."

"The intended corn and soybean acreages were not out of line with trade expectations," said Melvin Brees at the MU Food, Agriculture, and Policy Research Institute (FAPRI).

"However, the grain stocks report suggests that corn supplies are more than adequate," he said. "Most analysts consider this as bearish news. Expect the stocks information to lead to lower corn and soybean futures prices."

However, Brees doesn't think this report will cause much more than an initial market reaction. Other influences, spring weather and outside markets will continue to be major corn market factors," Brees said.

USDA projected that U.S. farmers intend to plant 88.8 million acres of corn this year, which could make it the second largest crop on record. That is 3 percent above the 2009 crop of 86.5 million acres. Most of that increased acreage in 2010 comes from reduced winter wheat plantings.

Kansas corn growers intend to plant 4.70 million acres this year, up 15 percent from the 2009 acreage. If realized, this would be the largest area planted to corn since 1936.

Missouri farmers intend to plant 3.3 million acres of corn, up 300,000 acres over last year.

U.S. soybean producers intend to plant 78.1 million acres, somewhat below the average pre-report estimate. In Kansas, soybean planted acreage is expected to be 4.10 million acres, up 11 percent from last year.

This would be the largest soybean acreage in Kansas history. Missourians intend to plant 5.4 million acres of soybeans, up 50,000 acres.

Soybean price movers to watch are Chinese demand and South American export competition, Brees said.

Kansas sorghum acreage expected to be planted, at 2.70 million acres, is unchanged from a year ago.

Sunflower acreage in the state is expected to be planted at 155,000 acres, is down 8 percent from last year. Oil-type varieties account for 130,000 of the prospective sunflower acreage while non-oil, or confectionary, varieties make up the balance of 25,000 acres.

Kansas oat seedings are expected to be up 5,000 acres from 2009 at 90,000 acres.

Kansas growers expect to plant 20.1 million acres to the four major crops (wheat, sorghum, corn, and soybeans), up 2 percent from 2009.

Wheat seeded in the fall of 2009 totaled 8.6 million acres, unchanged from the December forecast but down 8 percent from the previous year.

Early estimates of producer intentions are based on surveys by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. Much can change between the time of the survey earlier in March and the final decision at planting time.

MU FAPRI maintains models of the U.S. agriculture for use in developing baseline projections for use in analyzing policy changes proposed by the U.S. Congress.

As part of MU Extension, FAPRI economists provide market analysis for producers.

Brees made his observations in his crop-commentary blog issued after each USDA crop report. It can be found in the "Farmer's Corner" (www.fapri.missouri.edu).

Steady ride



Larry Casey, Diamond Springs, was horseback and moving cattle during the sale at Herington Livestock Market last week. Look for other photos of the first Herington Ag Day in the second section of this edition.

Burning is the focus of researchers, ranchers and regulators

By **Stephanie Jacques and Beth Gaines-Riffel**

What may look like a looming cloud of smoke and an eerie orange hue on the horizon is actually a rejuvenating tool used by land managers and a fairly common scene in the Flint Hills during the spring months. But according to a Kansas State University biologist,

growing concerns about air quality in urban areas may hinder more than a century's worth of tradition in the rural Kansas prairie.

"There's been some talk about the possibility of banning burning or limiting the amount of burning in the Flint Hills due to the amount of smoke that's going into the cities, because it puts the cities over their ozone alert level," said K-State's John Briggs, director of the Konza Prairie Biological Station.

Konza Prairie, jointly owned by K-State and The Nature Conservancy, and managed by K-State's Division of Biology, encompasses more than 8,600 acres of native tallgrass prairie with a three-fold mission dedicated to long-term ecological research, education and prairie conservation.

"Burning tallgrass prairie is necessary. It is the most cost-effective way to manage grasslands in this area," Briggs said. "These are hilly, rocky areas so mowing is not an option. Plus, this is a fire-dependent system. It evolved with fire over time



The burning of the prairie is a spring tradition nearly as old as time itself. It helps retard the growth of unwanted tree species, including cedars, as can be seen to the left. This pasture belongs to Mark Pagenkopf and was burned late last week.

since the last glaciation, either by natural fire or fire lit and created by humans."

Although it may be a necessary practice to maintain the health and viability of this impressive natural resource, it has also been the focus of regulators when a condensed window for pasture burning last year caused

air quality violations in Kansas City and Wichita that led to the possibility of mandatory regulation.

Rancher groups have been in touch with lawmakers and are hoping to impress upon the EPA that a solution to the problem must be workable and allow the practice to continue.

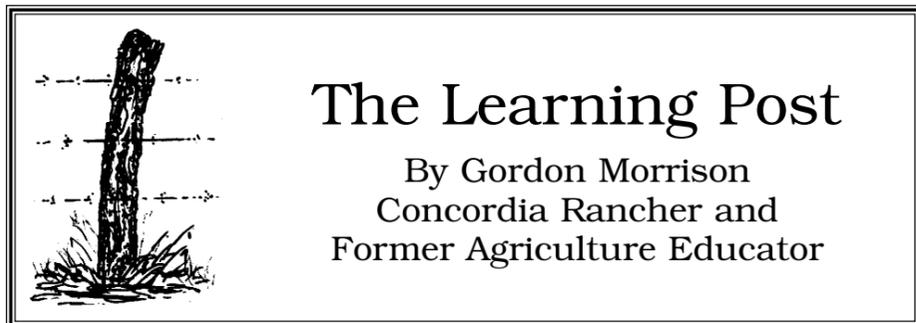
Because of the information shared in Topeka, provided by the Kansas Livestock Association and others, a state resolution urging the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to exclude emissions generated by the ecologically proven practice of burning the tallgrass prairie when compl-

ing air monitoring data for cities has been passed.

"Protecting the ability of ranchers to burn in the Flint Hills is imperative to preserving the last and largest remaining expanse of tallgrass prairie in the world," said Sen. Carolyn McGinn of Sedgwick, who chairs the Kansas Senate Natural Resources Committee in which the resolution originated.

Kansas State University presented extensive research to the committee showing the need for yearly planned burning in the Flint Hills. Range Management Specialist Clenton Owensby testified about the value of burning to preserve the tallgrass ecosystem. Without this management tool, he said undesirable plants, including the Red Cedar, squeeze out native grasses and threaten the existence of birds and other species dependent upon the tallgrass prairie for habitat. Owensby told state legislators K-State research shows the best management for maintaining the ecological system involves a combination of pre-

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The Spectator

This is the concluding article in a series on the four temperaments. Having already discussed the choleric, sanguine, and melancholy dispositions, the focus this time will be on the phlegmatic.

I have talked about the choleric, for example, as one who if wishing to build a structure, might grab hammer and saw and start to work without much planning or blueprints. He may soon have it built, but there will probably be some glaring mistakes that will reduce the efficiency and attractiveness of the structure. In contrast, the melancholic will read, study instructions, and draw out plans. Then he will check the instructions and plans again (remember, he is a perfectionist), and finally several months later will pick up his well-oiled and sharpened saw to begin to build. What works well is when a choleric and a melancholic team up to work together on the building, using the strengths of both personalities.

However, I should add that these are general descriptions of these temperaments, and adjustments can be made to improve upon the weaknesses. At times, I can be somewhat particular in working on a project, but I generally do better when working alongside a melancholic. The happy-go-lucky sanguine with a bubbly, enthusiastic personality can make the work seem like fun, regardless of whether the job is well planned and done right or is quite lacking in perfection.

Now, let's consider the phlegmatic temperament. A person of this disposition appears to be easy-going and calm, not easily excited. He prefers not to get involved in activities of others but would like to view them from the sidelines. He can be seen sitting calmly in the grandstand, watching the game and thinking about how much better off he is there than those "dummies" engaged and struggling on the football field in trying to make a first down. He may be able to do well in activities but would much rather be a spectator. According to Dr. Tim LaHaye,

phlegmatics are usually quite intelligent and sympathetic but seldom convey their true feelings. When aroused, they prove to be most capable, efficient, and gracious. They make good "diplomats, accountants, teachers, leaders and scientists ... they are natural peacemakers."* The ones I know have neat desks, are well organized, and like their privacy but yet enjoy entertaining the crowd. While they are most comfortable when viewing activity from a distance, if one can get them involved, they can be quite effective.

The phlegmatic has plenty of friends, for his dry wit and humor is entertaining. He enjoys poking fun at the other temperaments and can appear to be lazy because of lack of involvement. While those of other temperaments may work to acquire and achieve, the phlegmatic figures out a way to capitalize on and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

The formula for success in an organization is to have a mixture of all four temperaments so that there is not a weakness that is not covered. If the position calls for leadership qualities and achievement, hire a choleric. If the job requires a person who is meticulous, who will study, plan, and strive for perfection, hire a melancholic. If a good public relations person is needed, hire a sanguine. If needing a steady, congenial person that seldom gets ruffled, or involved, hire a phlegmatic.

This series has been a brief introduction to the four temperaments; to delve deeper into the subject, I recommend Dr. LaHaye's book, mentioned in the footnote. While one disposition is usually dominant in an individual, traits of the other three can be found in the same person, intermingled with the dominant one. Each temperament has its strengths, but there are always some weaknesses, too, that can help to keep one humble. God's indwelling spirit can help one overcome the undesirable traits.

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

Guest editorial

Ecology and economy

By John Schlageck
Kansas Farm Bureau

Farmers, ranchers and landowners must continue to have the opportunity to use fire as a range management tool while maintaining the economic viability of the Flint Hills.

Discussions are ongoing which will impact the future of pasture burning in this region and adjacent land. In past years, smoke generated from Flint Hills burning has created temporary air quality issues in local areas and some downwind metropolitan areas. These air quality violations primarily occur during years with heavy fuel loads (abundant growth from last year's grass and plants) and a shortened burn season due to climatic conditions, like 2009.

This has raised the eyes of regulators. Farmers, ranchers and landowners understand the importance of this issue. They're working toward possible solutions and alternatives.

At stake is the ability for ranchers to burn their land in the spring, which rids the pasture of old-growth thatch and young woody growth from the landscape. By conducting such annual burns, the pastures produce re-growth of the native prairie grasses that provide nutritious forage for livestock as well as benefits for birds, plants and other animals that inhabit the prairie.

"Grass is the economic engine that drives the Flint Hills," says Steve Swaffar, Kansas Farm Bureau Director of Natural Resources. "Revenue generated by stocker cattle shipped to the Flint Hills each year amounts to millions of dollars. Suspension of burning as a management tool would be economically devastating to the region and the state."

It is vital these cattle eat the nutritious, tender grass to put weight on each spring and summer. Without this annual pasture burning, new grass growth is more difficult as it tries to emerge from the previous year's thatch. When that thatch is removed with fire, new growth emerges more easily and has greater nutritional value for grazing animals.

Ongoing research at Kansas State University confirms cattle grazing on this lush, new-growth grass can, on average, add an additional 32 pounds per head during the first 90 days of grazing. Most of that additional weight is added in the first 30 days following a burn, when the grass has the greatest protein and nutrient content.

Do the math. If the average sale price for cattle is \$1 per pound and Kansas brings in approximately 500,000 head of stocker cattle (that spend the spring and summer on this Flint Hills grass), that adds an additional \$16-million to the regional and state economy.

Burning of the Flint Hills region is also vital to maintain the prairie ecosystem. Burning promotes a diversity of grass and other broadleaf species, but more importantly prevents the invasion of woody plants and tree species from encroaching on the grass landscape.

In turn, maintaining these acres in a prairie ecosystem supports the many grassland dependent species, like greater prairie chickens and Henslow's sparrow. Ranchers also understand the importance of allowing the grasses to grow at the end of the season so there is adequate cover and refuge for wildlife during winter but also to maintain the health of the native ecosystem.

While agriculture remains the number one contributor to the Flint Hills economy, tourism and recreation also bolster the local and state coffers.

A healthy Flint Hills region provides additional benefits including soil erosion control, carbon sequestration, water quality, recreation opportunities and wildlife diversity.

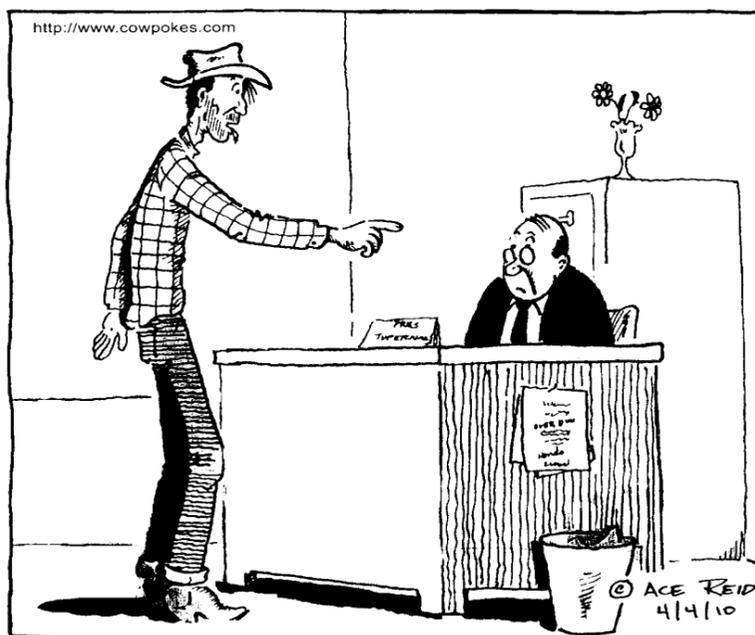
"Farmers and ranchers understand and use these fires wisely," Swaffar says. "They have a long history of managing the prairie for economic and ecological purposes. They also understand the health issues associated with pollutants produced from range burning and they're committed to look for solutions to alleviate as many of these concerns as possible."

Livestock producers hope for a workable plan for mitigating smoke during future burn periods. It is essential any form of smoke management plan should not reduce the number of acres already preserved by fire management and cannot create a system unworkable for ranchers.

For generations, farmers and ranchers have lived in harmony with the prairie ecosystem within the Flint Hills. These livestock producers have been good to the Flint Hills and in turn the grassland has returned the favor. They look forward to working in harmony with their urban neighbors who may be impacted by this proven land management tool.

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Burning of the prairie important for management

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scribed burning and live-stock grazing. After extensive testimony and consideration of the issues involved, legislators drafted Senate Concurrent Resolution 1623. The resolution ultimately was approved by large margins in both the Kansas House and Senate. It calls on Congress to require EPA to exclude air monitoring data from prairie burning in the Flint Hills when determining exceedances of National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

“By working together, we can make greater advances that will serve the citizens of this great state and preserve some of our most precious natural resources,” said McGinn.

Some of that prairie grass system research is taking place at the Konza. Briggs not only has the responsibility of managing Konza Prairie’s ecosystem as a tallgrass prairie preserve but also facilitating ecological research. The prairie is segmented into various large research watersheds, which are sections of land that are defined by the natural flow of water off the terrain. Each watershed is burned at a different frequency. Some watersheds are burned annually, while other watersheds are burned only every 20 years. The difference be-

tween the two is very visually striking after a few years, Briggs said.

“Without frequent fires, woody plants, such as cedar trees and dogwood, will become established,” he said. “Over time, the prairie can be converted from an ecosystem that is dominated by grasses to a forest-like system that is co-dominated by grasses and woody plants. This is apparent by looking at our 20-year burn watersheds. Without drastic measures such as the mechanical removal of shrubs, it is unlikely that reintroducing fire and grazing regimes will be sufficient to restore historic grass dominance once woody plants have been established.”

Briggs said people should be concerned about air pollution, and that he and other K-State scientists are working with individuals at the Environmental Protection Agency and various state and county agencies to come up with a solution, using some of the research data collected from Konza.

“Our 16-year data set shows if you burn early in the spring or even in the winter, you’re not going to destroy the tallgrass prairie,” Briggs said. “There is no difference if you’re burning in February, March or April with regard to production of the warm season grasses.”

Currently, most ranchers try to burn around the third week of April, thus creating a large amount of smoke within a small time frame, he said. Encouraging land managers to spread the burning out over a period of several months could cut down on the amount of smoke in the atmosphere at one time and reduce the potential for ozone production in urban centers.

“People also have to recognize that once in a while there may be only one or two weekends where burning is possible because the weather has to cooperate — we have to have tolerance for that,” Briggs said. “If we were prevented from burning altogether it would devastate our research program and make it more difficult to manage and conserve remaining areas of tallgrass prairie.”

Evidence of the fact that Kansans understand and appreciate the beauty of the tallgrass prairie is shown by the Konza Prairie Biological Station recently being named one of the Eight Geographical Wonders of Kansas by the Kansas Sampler Foundation.

More information on Konza Prairie Biological Station research, hiking trails and education program is available at <http://kpbs.konza.ksu.edu> or by calling 785-587-0441.

Wet soils no reason not to get soil test

Rick Snell thinks landscape and garden nutrients are so important that homeowners shouldn’t wait for just the right weather. Even if their soil’s wet, they should get it tested.

“With vegetables and fruits, in particular, I see as many if not more problems associated with too much fertilizer or manure. At that point, those inputs can tie up soil micro-nutrients,” said Snell, agriculture and natural resources agent with Barton County’s Kansas State University Research and Extension office.

To get accurate soil test results and analyses — to know what kind of fertilizer their yard actually needs — homeowners must first collect one or more representative samples. “You’ll need a trowel, shovel or soil-testing probe. A clean container to collect your sample in can be especially important with wet soils, which is why I suggest using a plastic bucket. If an old metal can or bucket has rust or dried mystery material on sides or bottom, wet soils may soak it up. You could get skewed test results.”

Typically, one sample isn’t enough for a clear picture of a landscape’s soils, he said.

Front yards can differ from back yards. Garden soil can differ from lawn soil.

Depending on an area’s size, homeowners should collect a scattering of five to 10 soil cores or slices, scattering each one in the bucket after removing as much plant residue as possible. The cores should be vertical, starting at the soil surface and going at least 6 inches deep. The depth of all cores from a particular area should be fairly uniform. “If the cores are dry enough to be crumbly, you can mix them up thoroughly in the bucket and take out a 2-cup sample to put in a bag,” he said. “You’ll find you have options after that. But, if you like, you can take that bag to your county Extension office, which will submit it for low-cost lab testing.”

“If the cores are wet, however, your easiest approach is to air dry them for three to four days before mixing them up and taking out a pint. The only thing you’ll have to remember is that you should not try to hurry the process. Using an oven or microwave to help with drying can change soil’s nutrient-availability levels and lead to inappropriate test results.”

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RHUBARB DESSERT

- Crust:**
 1 cup flour
 1/2 cup margarine
 5 tablespoons powdered sugar
- Filling:**
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 2 eggs, beaten
 1/3 cup flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 3/4 teaspoons baking powder
 3/4 cup nuts
 2 cups diced rhubarb

Mix 1 cup flour, margarine and powdered sugar and pat into a 9-by-9-inch or 9-by-12-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Cream sugar and beaten eggs together well. Add remaining ingredients and pour over crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

- Kellee Rogers, Topeka:**
BAKED
RASPBERRY CUSTARD
 1/4 cup butter
 3/4 cup milk
 3 eggs
 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
 1/2 cup flour
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 2 cups raspberries
- Melt butter in a 9-inch pie

plate at 400 degrees. In a blender combine milk, eggs, 1/2 cup sugar, flour, salt and vanilla. Add melted butter and blend mixture until smooth. Distribute berries evenly in pie plate and pour batter over top. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon sugar and bake until slightly puffed and just set in the middle, 20 to 25 minutes. Heat broiler and broil until top is deep

golden brown, about 2 to 3 minutes.

- Mary Longren, Holton:**
HOMEMADE
POTATO SOUP
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1 stalk celery, thinly sliced
 1/4 head cabbage, shredded
 2 tablespoons butter
 1/4 cup milk
 2 soup cans water
 1/3 cup sour cream
 1 pound frozen hash browns
 3 cans chicken broth
 1 tablespoon flour
 4 smoked sausage links, sliced

Melt butter; add onion and celery. Cook about 10 minutes and stir in cabbage and potatoes. Add chicken broth and water. Bring to a boil then reduce to simmer for 30 minutes. Mix sour cream and flour in a bowl. Add milk. Pour into soup and stir in cabbage.

- Fred Engler, El Dorado:**
 "Makes excellent toast for breakfast with coffee or tea."
TWO-SPICE RAISIN
BREAKFAST BREAD
 6 to 6 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

- 1 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
 2 packages active dry yeast
 1 cup milk
 1/4 cup water
 1/2 cup butter-flavored Crisco
 3 eggs, beaten
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 1/2 cups raisins

Frosting:
 1 1/4 cups powdered sugar
 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 1 to 2 tablespoons milk to make thick frosting

In a large bowl combine 2 cups flour, 1 cup sugar, salt, cardamom and yeast. In a small saucepan heat the milk, water and Crisco until very warm (120 to 130 degrees). Add warm liquid, eggs and vanilla in order to flour mixture. Blend at low speed with hand mixer until moistened; beat 3 minutes at medium speed. By hand, stir in 3 cups flour then knead in 1 to 1 1/2 cups flour until dough is smooth and elastic and slightly sticky. Knead for 8 to 10 minutes. Place dough in a large greased bowl, turn to grease both sides and cover with plastic wrap and cloth towel and let rise in warm place for about 1 hour until light and doubled.

Punch down dough, divide in half and pat into a long rectangle with short side width of length of bread pans. Brush with butter-flavored Crisco and scatter raisins evenly, about 1/2-inch apart both directions. Roll up dough and place in greased and floured bread pan. Repeat with other half of dough. Cover and let rise until double, about 45 to 60 minutes. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 35 to 45 minutes or until loaves sound hollow when tapped. Remove and cool on wire rack. When cool, frost with a thin layer

of nutmeg frosting. Let set long enough for surface of frosting to be firm before wrapping.

- Mary Rogers, Topeka:**
SALMON CAKES
 14.7-ounce can drained salmon
 1 package Stove Top dressing
 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
 3/4 cup water
 2 green onions, sliced
 1/3 cup mayonnaise
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Mix all ingredients. Shape into 12 patties. Refrigerate 10 minutes. Heat large skillet on medium heat. Add patties in batches. Cook 6 minutes or until golden brown on both sides, turning carefully after 3 minutes.

- Mona Jean Newbury, Junction City:**
 Reprinted from the 1959 United Methodist Church cookbook. Mrs. R.H. Bacon

- PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES**
 1 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup Crisco
 2 cups flour
 2 eggs
 1 cup white sugar
 1/2 cup peanut butter
 1 scant teaspoon soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon baking powder
- Mix all ingredients well. Make balls the size of walnut and flatten with wet fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes.

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 The next two are from Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
HAMBURGER CURRY
 1 pound hamburger
 1 small onion, finely chopped
 1 small apple, finely chopped
 2 small bananas, finely chopped
 1/2 cup raisins
 2 cans stewed tomatoes
 1 tablespoon curry powder
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 1 teaspoon ginger
- Brown hamburger and onion; drain off fat. Add other ingredients. Simmer on low about 20 minutes. Serve on bed of rice.

- SANDY'S SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL**
 1 pound hamburger
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
 16-ounce can pork & beans
 16-ounce can tomatoes
 1/4 pound bacon
 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- Brown meat and drain off fat. Add Worcestershire sauce and seasoned salt. Spoon mixture into bottom of a 9-inch pan. Mix beans and tomatoes and place on top of meat. Layer bacon strips over bean mixture and sprinkle on sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

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FUDGE WALNUT PIE
 9-inch pie shell, unbaked
 1/2 cup butter
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 3 large eggs
 11.5-oz. package Ghirardelli chocolate morsels, melted
 2 teaspoons instant coffee granules
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1/2 cup flour
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl beat butter at medium speed until creamy. Gradually add brown sugar, beating well. Add eggs one at a time beating just until blended after each addition. Add melted chocolate, coffee granules and vanilla, beating until well combined. Stir in flour and walnuts. Pour into pie crust and bake for 25 minutes. Let stand to cool completely, about 2 hours. Cover and chill for 8 hours.

OVEN CHICKEN RISOTTO
 2 tablespoons butter
 2 1/2 cups chicken broth
 1 cup uncooked short grain rice
 1/2 small onion, diced
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 cups chopped cooked chicken (have it hot)
 8-oz. pkg. fresh mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/2" cubes
 1 cup cherry tomatoes
 1/4 cup shredded fresh basil
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place butter in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Bake 5 minutes or until melted. Stir in broth and next 3 ingredients. Bake covered at 400 degrees for 35 minutes. Remove from oven. Fluff rice with a fork. Stir in chicken, mozzarella and tomatoes. Sprinkle with shredded basil.

Advice For Home Cooks That Makes Healthy Eating Easy

by Elizabeth Pivonka, President, Produce for Better Health Foundation (NAPSA)



— There's been a renewed interest in cooking at home, and getting a home-cooked meal on the table night after night doesn't have to be a challenge, though even experienced cooks need a little help now and then.

People need easy-to-understand, healthy recipes that are quick to fix and that their kids will eat. The good news is that cooking at home can save money and brings the family together for dinner. It can also contribute to healthy eating.

Eating fruits and vegetables matters so much in maintaining a healthy weight and may reduce the risk of many diseases. It's easy to add more fruits and vegetables to your diet when you remember that all forms count; fresh, frozen, canned, dried and 100 percent fruit & vegetable juice.

Keeping a variety of fruits and vegetables on hand makes fixing healthy last-minute meals a breeze. Some of the items I keep on hand include bell peppers, carrots and celery, which can be added to dishes to boost their color, taste and nutrition. Another fun way to boost flavor is to squeeze fresh lime juice over meat or fish on the grill to add flavor without adding salt.

Tuna Pasta Salad with Avocado is a tasty, one-dish meal that can be prepared in minutes, even by a novice cook.

TUNA PASTA SALAD WITH AVOCADO

- 2 cups pasta shells
- 1/4 cup bottled fat-free Italian dressing
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes, crushed
- 6-ounce can water-packed tuna, drained & flaked
- 3/4 cup diced tomato
- 1/2 ripe avocado, diced
- 1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons black olives, chopped
- 4 green leaf lettuce leaves

In a large saucepan, cook the pasta according to the package directions. Drain, then rinse briefly under cold water. Drain. In a small bowl, combine the Italian dressing, basil, garlic and crushed red pepper. In a large bowl, combine the pasta, tuna, tomato, avocado, red onion and olives. Add the dressing and toss until evenly coated. Line plates with the lettuce leaves and spoon the salad on top. Serves: 4, 1/2 cup of vegetables per serving.

Nutrition Information per Serving: calories: 295, total fat: 6.4g, saturated fat: 1.1g, % calories from fat: 19%, % calories from saturated fat: 3%, protein: 18g, carbohydrates: 41g, cholesterol: 18mg, dietary fiber: 5g, sodium: 363mg

A Little Milk Could Go A Long Way For Your Heart

(NAPSA) — As little as one glass of low-fat or fat-free milk could help protect your heart, according to a study published in The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition — and other research suggests it could be good for your kidneys.

Researchers found that adults who had at least one serving of low-fat milk or milk products each day had 37 percent lower odds of poor kidney function linked to heart disease compared to those who drank little or no low-fat milk.

The National Kidney Foundation estimates that kidney disease affects about 26 million Americans and kidney disease is both a cause and a consequence of cardiovascular disease, the No. 1 killer of Americans.

Milk provides nine essential nutrients, including calcium, vitamin A, vitamin D, protein and potassium. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend drinking three glasses of low-fat or fat-free milk each day.

FROZEN

CHOCOLATE-COVERED CHERRY SMOOTHIE

- 4 cups fat-free or low-fat milk
- 2 cups pitted & halved sweet cherries
- 4 tablespoons chocolate syrup
- 2 teaspoons almond extract



Place 2 cups of fat-free milk in a zip-sealing plastic bag. Place cherries in another zip-sealing plastic bag; drizzle cherries with chocolate syrup and mix well. Place both sealed bags in the freezer; freeze until lightly frozen. When you are ready to prepare the smoothies, remove bags from the freezer, checking to make sure they are lightly frozen. Place frozen milk and cherries in blender. Pour remaining 2 cups of milk into blender; add almond extract. Blend until mixture is at smoothie consistency.

If desired, blend smoothies in 2 batches. Serve immediately. Yield: 6 servings.

DARK CHOCOLATE-COVERED STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE

- 3 cups fresh whole strawberries, sliced (2 cups sliced)
- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 1/3 cup low-fat plain yogurt
- 2 teaspoons honey (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder

In a single layer on a plate, freeze the sliced strawberries for at least 1 hour (or overnight). Add the frozen strawberry, milk, yogurt and, if using, the honey and vanilla to a blender container. Cover and puree until smooth. Pour into 2 tall chilled glasses. Sprinkle the top of each smoothie with the cocoa powder. Yield: 2 servings.

Recipe by Jackie Newgent, RD, award-winning author of "The All-Natural Diabetes Cookbook."

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Work being done to curb wheat disease

Fusarium head blight, or wheat scab, is a destructive disease that costs growers money at the elevator by not only lowering yield and grain quality, but by the presence of deoxynivalenol, a mycotoxin produced by the scab fungus.

To help combat this costly disease, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln plant pathologist is working to effectively manage it.

Stephen Wegulo has completed three years of wheat trials that so far have shown resistance in certain varieties not only to the disease, but also to the toxin.

"We have found the amount of toxin is correlated to the amount of the disease," Wegulo said. "This correlation is true among cultivars. The more disease, the more the toxin."

Signs of wheat scab include partial bleaching or whitening of premature wheat heads.

Bleaching usually starts in the middle of the head, but it can start anywhere on the head. The bleaching can progress until most of the head or the entire head is whitened.

The white heads usually appear suddenly and are distributed randomly throughout large areas of the field or the entire field.

Infection of wheat heads by the scab fungus is favored by excessive rainfall before and during flowering. South central and eastern Nebraska have been most affected. A shift toward reduced tillage or no-till to conserve water and soil and putting corn and wheat into the same crop rotations also has led to a buildup of Fusarium head blight inoculum over the last one to two decades.

Losses of up to 20 percent have been estimated in the most severely affected areas in the south central and eastern parts of the state. The overall loss statewide in grain yield was estimated at 2.3 percent, or 1.64 million bushels in 2008 alone. In addition, in the most severely affected areas, deoxynivalenol concentrations of more than 18 parts per million were recorded in the most susceptible cultivars, resulting in discounts of more than \$1 a bushel.

So far, the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources scientist has screened 22 wheat varieties, trying to find out which ones are more resistant to Fusarium head blight. He also is comparing the effect of fungicide application at early flowering to no fungicide application.

This research eventually will demonstrate differences among cultivars in their reaction to Fusarium head blight and to the toxin deoxynivalenol when treated with fungicide or not treated with fungicide, Wegulo said.

"This will enable producers to choose the combination of cultivar and fungicide application that will be most effective in reducing Fusarium head blight and deoxynivalenol," Wegulo said.

Wegulo also is investigating the effects of planting date and inoculation timing on Fusarium head blight intensity and prediction of de-

oxynivalenol based on visual assessments of Fusarium head blight.

In addition to applying a fungicide, scab can be managed by avoiding planting wheat following corn or wheat and avoiding cultivars known to be highly susceptible. Also, planting several cultivars that flower at different dates increases the probability that some of the cultivars will escape scab infections.

Wegulo also is collaborating with a USDA engineer on a near-infrared spectroscopy system to sort grain for Fusarium-damaged kernels. Measurement of the damaged kernels usually is done visually, a labor-intensive job.

Wegulo's wheat trials should continue for four or five more years.

This Agricultural Research Division research is funded by the U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



Eva Hinrichsen led the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the start of the R&L Angus production sale held last month. Brother Cale gave an invocation for the group prior to reciting the pledge.

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Wind, or lack of it, can affect human, animal behavior

The nation's heartland has plenty of wind and Kansas has more than its share, but does an intense wind or a lack of wind cause erratic behavior in people or animals?

"The answer is that it depends — mainly on whether the wind contributes to comfort or detracts from it," said Kansas climatologist, Mary Knapp.

"For example, a 15-mile-an-hour wind on a humid summer day will provide a nice cooling effect. A similar wind on a raw March morning will produce thoughts of uncomfortable wind chills and a desire for an early summer."

Similarly, said Knapp, who oversees the state's Weather Data Library, persistent strong winds might bring unwelcome dust and pollen that aggravate allergies. On the other hand, it might clear a stagnant air mass and thus reduce pollution levels in the area. "As with any irritant

the longer it (wind) persists, the more likely it is to provoke irritability, whether in animals or humans," she said. "In fact, there are diary accounts of settlers unaccustomed to the prevalent wind being driven crazy by the persistent Plains winds." The windiest states in the country are, for the most part, in the Great Plains, according to the American Wind Energy Association.

States with the most wind energy resource (in billion kilowatt hours or kWh), are: No. 1 North Dakota; No. 2 Texas; No. 3 Kansas; No. 4 South Dakota; and No. 5 Montana.

Information about Kansas weather is available on the Weather Data Library web site: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl/>.

"Weather Wonders" audio reports are available on the K-State Research and Extension News Media website at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/>.

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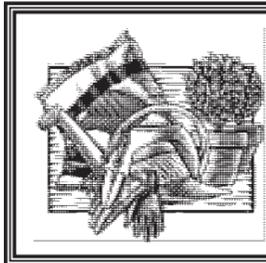
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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

Container Gardening

There is a lot of interest in container gardening. I have received many requests for talks and information for growing vegetables in containers. For several vegetable crops, container gardening is a great choice. Everybody can do some gardening in a container.

Anything that holds the potting mix can be used as a container. Last season, I used the plastic bag of potting mix as the container. A few holes punched in the bottom of the bag allows for water drainage. One pepper plant was put in the hole made on the top of the bag. The bag was laid flat on its side.

A wide container reduces the frequency of

watering. This is why a bag of potting mix works well. Containers with the same amount of potting mix, but one is tall and the other wide, will need to be watered differently. Water will drain more from a tall container versus the wide one. To prove this point, fill a sponge with water and position the sponge horizontally until water no longer drips from it. If you were to then take the sponge and turn it vertical, more water will drip from it.

Sometimes a plant growing from a bag is not wanted. A low-cost container is a laundry basket with a plastic trash bag as

a liner to hold the potting mix. The basket and the trash bag will need holes to allow excess water through.

The potting mix is important for growing vegetables or flowers in a container. I typically use a variety of potting mixes. Most have combinations of sphagnum peat moss, perlite, vermiculite and bark. Good potting mixes have quite a bit of perlite. Perlite is the white particles you see in the mix. Adding some straight perlite to the mix is usually what I do to improve drainage.

Ongoing research has

never proven the benefits of potting mixes that contain water holding polymers. I don't pay extra for mixes that contain them.

Lettuce, radishes, carrots, spinach, a cherry tomato, jalapeño pepper, and cilantro are scheduled to be planted in containers at our house. There is no weeding and the root crops are clean. However, attention to watering and fertilizing is needed.

The publications "Growing Vegetables in Pots" and "Growing Flowers in Pots" are available from the local K-State Research and Extension office.

You can find out more information on this and other horticulture topics by going to the Riley County, K-State Research and Extension website at www.riley.ksu.edu. Gregg may be contacted by calling 785-537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu.



Jennifer and Glenn Brunkow were in the pens at the R&L Angus bull sale looking for new herd bull prospects recently. The pair bought several new bulls. In addition to their cattle operation, Glenn is the Pott County Extension Ag Agent.

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Ag leadership program receives \$10,000 Farm Credit grant

The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program has announced receipt of a \$10,000 grant from the Farm Credit System Foundation Douglas D. Sims Fund for Rural Leadership.

The Farm Credit System Foundation's primary mission is to assist young, beginning, and small farmers and ranchers to thrive as business persons in their local and the global agricultural marketplaces.

According to John J. Hays, director of the foundation, the grant is a result of a \$1 million donation to

the foundation by CoBank, headquartered in Denver. This contribution created the Douglas D. Sims Fund for Rural Leadership. The money recognizes Sims' 37 years of dedication to the Farm Credit System and rural America. Sims recently retired as CoBank's Chief Executive Officer.

The donation is earmarked for programs that focus on the development of rural leaders, particularly those who are committed to making their communities better places to live. Grants of up to \$10,000 were awarded to organizations

that meet the program criteria.

"The contribution from the Sims fund helps attract other capable donors to endorse the KARL Program, according to Jack W. Lindquist, KARL, Inc. president and program director. "The Farm Credit Associations of Kansas also support the KARL Program now through a united gift of Kansas Associations. This year, the Associations and FCS Foundation jointly underwrite the program as a Full Leader Sponsor. This level of support helps us build ethical, sound leader-

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Last call for 110

By Tom Parker

On a cool fall morning with a weak sun burning off the fog choking the fields, a police radio crackled.

The voice coming from the radio was carefully modulated and professional, a female voice with a tone that belied none of the emotions surging beneath the surface. "Washington County to Washington 110," the voice said.

After no response, the voice repeated the call.

"Washington County to Washington 110."

Again there was no response.

An American flag fluttered in a whisper of a breeze where a crowd had gathered between evenly-spaced rows of headstones. The silence was deafening, and palpable, a living presence. It seemed for a long moment the crowd was rooted motionless to the grass, unable to move or breathe in anticipation, without even the creak of gunbelts or rasp of starched uni-

forms to break the terrible hush.

After a while, the radio crackled again.

"Last call for Washington 110."

This time there was an answer.

Of all the funeral rites conferred on fallen law enforcement officers, none is as moving or heart-wrenching as the "last call"—and this in ceremonies already laden with emotionally draining rituals such as the mournful notes of Taps and the wail of bagpipes, and, in many instances, a military color guard and the sharp staccato of a 21-gun salute. But where Taps and bagpipes are universally applicable, the last call is personal, a radio transmission directed toward an individual who is no longer there except in memory, where the unnerving silence between transmissions is as articulate and eloquent as any spoken word. And memories do not

answer. That's left to someone else. Finding an individual capable of answering the last call without disintegrating into a blubbing wreck is a challenge in its own right, less science than gut feeling. It has nothing to do with machismo or toughness or courage or any of the other qualities used to denote an innate capacity to face down an enemy or opposing forces or even one's own demons. Rather, it has everything to do with determination to see something to its bitter end, and, in the case of the last call, the ability to look mortality and unspeakable loss in the eye and to not back down.

It was left to Undersheriff Traci Hattesoehl to pick such a person for Sheriff Bill Overbeck's funeral. Not an easy decision nor an enviable one, she was having a devil of a time until the one person to whom it made most sense

to pick stepped up and volunteered. "I didn't even consider her," Hattesoehl said. Joni Wiese, a part-time dispatcher and the daughter of Bill Overbeck, saw it different. "I figured I was a shoo-in," she said.

The moment of decision had a comical touch. It was almost a standoff, with Hattesoehl on one side wondering if Wiese could do it without falling apart (and suspecting herself incapable of the same), and Wiese determined not to take no for an answer. "I think she thought I'd fight her for it," Hattesoehl said. Wiese had worked for the department since August. The job wasn't the fulfillment of a lifelong dream of wanting to work in law enforcement, nor was it influenced by her father's career as a rural sheriff. What it had going for it was availability: there was an opening and she applied for it. A dispatcher is the central hub of any police agency. Besides directing officers to emergencies, distur-

bances or other calls, they answer phones, create logs and records of all incoming and outgoing communications, keep track of officers in the field and relay messages between department personnel and other agencies. Frequently they must provide immediate emergency instruction to highly emotional and distressed callers and do so while remaining calm and reassuring. At the core of every radio communication is a ten-code. There's a code for an officer being out of service (10-7), a code for an officer going back in service (10-8), a code asking for an officer to repeat the last broadcast (10-9), a code requesting vehicle registration (10-27). There are codes for summoning ambulances, tow trucks and assistance from other officers, and codes for bomb threats, hit-

and-run accidents, false alarms, bank alarms, fire alarms, traffic collisions and security checks. Dispatchers have to know their ten-codes by heart.

From the start, Overbeck taught his daughter the ten-codes.

"We'd play cops and dispatchers so I'd learn my codes," Wiese said. "It was just something we did. My dad was my coach."

Every dispatcher has his or her own personal phobia, an event or what-if that fills them with dread, not so much for the event itself but in questioning their own reaction. If they'd be up to the task. For Wiese, it was a fear of having her father killed in the line of duty on her watch.

An Albuquerque police dispatcher once said that a dispatcher's biggest fear was of having to orchestrate a situation involving an officer

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down or a high-speed car chase, when a normally placid existence behind a radio console explodes into a counterpart of hell itself. Then one day he was faced with both situations. Point man at the center of a juggling act between competing jurisdictions, officers screaming for help, officers demanding information and relaying information from a chase helicopter to the officers on the ground, he said afterward that he found an inner resolve that kept him composed and organized until it was over. He was proud of the way he handled himself, he said. And then he fell apart.

In the aftermath of her father's loss to cancer, it wasn't the bedlam of shouting voices Wiese had to face, but the absence of voices, and

in particular, one familiar voice.

After the decision was made, Wiese kept it to herself. She didn't even tell her mother, Janet, not sure of the reaction she'd get. The night before the funeral, though, her mother learned of it.

"My mom was shocked because I didn't tell her," she said. "But she came up and told me I'd make dad proud if I did it."

On the day of funeral, the choreography of the funeral went through its intricate paces. A lengthy procession led by sheriff's department vehicles with flashing lights as well as fire equipment from Hanover made its slow crawl from the church to the cemetery. Firefighters and law enforcement officers from a half-dozen jurisdic-

tions rolled in, the former with American flags flying from each truck, the latter with black tape slashed across their shields. A military guard shattered the calm with a 21-gun salute, followed by the solemn chords of a bagpipe. The moment had come.

At the sheriff's department, Peg Obermeyer, a dispatcher on loan from the Marshall County Sheriff's Department and a former dispatcher for Washington County, picked up the microphone.

"I was sitting there thinking, can I do this?" she remembered. It was her first last call, made more difficult because of her former association with Overbeck. She

knew it would be hard, harder than anything she'd ever had to do behind a dispatcher's desk, and she wasn't sure if she could go through it.

She also wasn't sure if the radio was working. When she'd tested it earlier, an officer in the field said the transmission was extremely weak.

There was also a sense of pride. If anybody was going to get the honors, she wanted them. Overbeck wasn't just a former boss, he was a friend and a mentor.

She keyed the mike. "Washington County to Washington 110," she said in the calmest voice she could muster.

The designation was assigned to Sheriff Overbeck.

After the transmission, she counted off the seconds. She would allow five seconds to pass before the next call.

In the cemetery, with the last notes of the bagpipe fading away, the radio crackled to life.

Hattesoehl handed her radio to Wiese. Their eyes met and never wavered but locked on tenaciously, desperately.

At the count of five, Obermeyer repeated the transmission. She hoped on the other end somebody was hearing her.

Wiese white-knuckled the radio and stared at Hattesoehl. She knew that if she lost it Hattesoehl would, too. Just as she knew that if Hattesoehl lost it, she'd do the same.

The seconds drew out into what seemed hours until the strain became almost unbearable.

"Last call for Washington 110."

Hattesoehl nodded. Wiese answered.

"110 is 10-42," she said. "110 is gone home."

Behind the dispatch console, Obermeyer started shaking. It wasn't until later that she realized how happy she was for being granted the privilege of doing what she just managed to do.

Wiese handed the radio back to Hattesoehl. At her side, her son, Preston, broke down and wept, and it was the crack in the dam of their resolve, and the crack spread

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State's groundwater levels continue to rise

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Evidence of one of the wetter periods in the past decade lingers on Todd Zimmerman's Rice County farm.

Last year, he was plagued by mud holes washing out seed and fields too wet to cut. Now, just a few weeks before he typically begins spring planting, Zimmerman admits he's probably about two months behind.

"I'd say we have about a third of our corn ground ready to plant," he said Friday morning - a day before more rain was in the forecast. "We're probably going to be pushing it."

In fact, there was enough rain in 2009 that Zimmerman says a recent measurement of his irrigation wells showed a 1.5-foot increase.

"Many of our water levels are higher than pre-irrigation," he said. "We have well log records from the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, and it's higher than it was back then."

Across much of south-central Kansas, groundwater levels have risen, thanks to the rainfall and less pumping by irrigators. The Big Bend Groundwater Management District, which makes up part of western Reno County and runs to Edwards/Pawnee/Kiowa county lines and includes Zimmerman's Rice County farm, saw a .60 of a foot increase in the water table, said Brownie Wilson, a water scientist with the Kansas Geological Survey, the agency that completes a measurement of about 1,400 of the state's water wells each January.

Some pockets, including those in the eastern part of the district, rose more than 3 feet, he said.

In all, levels have increased more than 4 feet since 2007. GMD 5 Manager Sharon Falk said some areas have seen an increase of nearly 15 feet since the 1980s.

She said one woman called saying her soil's sodi-

um levels had spiked since the groundwater table climbed. The water table that once was 15 feet below the surface is now just 2 or 3 feet from it, affecting the soil. In this particular area, the groundwater has a higher, naturally occurring salinity.

Falk also said both Quivira National Wildlife Refuge near Stafford and Cheyenne Bottoms just north of Great Bend are not having the water declines that once occurred from over pumping along the creeks that feed both wildlife havens.

Only a few areas in the western part of the district saw drops, she said, including an area around Macksville in Stafford County. But even those spots didn't see the declines of the past as farmers cut back on pumping water to crops, thanks to the plentiful rainfall.

Zimmerman said he probably irrigated 25 to 50 percent less than he nor-

mally does on a thirstier year.

Still, he said, while the rainfall helped him have "some of the best yields in quite a while," washed out areas caused a few fields to yield lower.

Meanwhile, Wilson said a few other districts also saw groundwater levels rise, including an average increase of .18 of a foot in GMD 4 in northwest Kansas, compared to a decline of more than 1 foot in 2007 and 2008 combined. The Equus Beds district had an average augment of .03 of a foot. That district makes up Harvey, McPherson, Sedgwick and Reno counties. The water table has risen nearly 4 feet since 2007.

Much of the Ogallala Aquifer, the underground reservoir that underlies western Kansas, is still declining, Wilson said.

In southwest Kansas, the table dropped an average 1.50 feet in 2009 and more than 9 feet in the past five years. The biggest decline during this time period was during 2008, with a 2.85-foot drop.

GMD 3 Executive Director Mark Rude, whose district makes up much of

southwest Kansas, said timely rains helped keep levels from dropping even lower.

But even during wetter years, semiarid southwest Kansas, where recharge is minute and the area over-appropriated with water rights, declines continue, just as they typically have since irrigation systems began dotting the plains shortly after World War II.

Traditionally heavy irrigation areas, such as a pocket around the Haskell and Finney county line, as well as on the eastern side of Stevens County, had declines of more than 5 feet.

GMD No. 1 also declined by .40 of a foot, or roughly 1.71 feet in the past three years.

A report released by the U.S. Geological Survey last year showed Kansas has had some areas of the Ogallala decline by more than 150 feet since predevelopment. Typical declines in southwest and west-central Kansas are 50 to 150 feet.

Efforts are under way to

mitigate the problem, including a water-rights retirement program aimed at recharging the Ogallala and the Arkansas River. Called the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, or CREP, the project focuses on the 1.57 million-acre river corridor from the Colorado state line to Rice County.

Its success, however, has been limited because farmers must transform the land into grass. They aren't allowed to dryland farm the acreage.

While the Kansas Water Office works to better that program, Rude said he is hoping for funding through the Agriculture Water Enhancement Program, a federal program implemented through the 2008 farm bill that allows farmers to retire water rights but still farm the land.

According to the Natural Resource Conservation Service website, Kansas didn't receive any of the \$58 million in funding during fiscal 2009.

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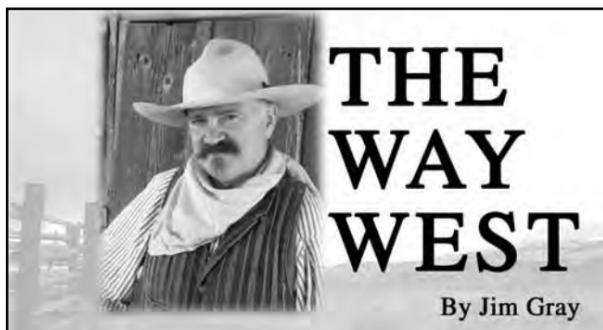
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men were anxious for the day to end.

Camp was at a place called Hell Roaring Creek, on the old Arbuckle Trail in what is today southern Oklahoma. As the trail herd drove within one hundred yards of camp, the wind turned to a gale, releasing a full-scale blizzard. The cattle turned south to drift with the wind and snow. Cowboys were brought to exhaustion trying to hold the herd.

Horses began to falter. One by one, they went down, breathing their last in shivering agony. Sol ordered the dismounted men to return to camp as smaller and smaller numbers of cowboys strained to hold the herd. Sol's was the final horse to go down. He and two of the last men to lose their horses remained with the herd on foot throughout the rest of the night, struggling against the bitter storm.

Their hands were so cold they could not retrieve the box of matches that each man had in his pocket. Even if they had found a match no one could have struck a light with ice brittle fingers. In the early hours of the morning a light was spotted in the distance. An hour or more later, the frozen drovers stumbled into the two-room dugout of Jim Taylor. Taylor fed them and put them to bed. Sol traded some of his cattle for three of Taylor's horses and one mule. He then sent two men to find his surplus horses, known as the remuda. The remuda was made up of 65 horses, allowing for each horse to be rested along the way.

Two wranglers had been in charge of the horses before the storm hit. They were also found on foot. The driving blizzard killed every one of the horses as they

crowded together in an attempt to stay warm. The wranglers found a grove of blackjack timber and saved their own lives by building a fire and keeping it going all night.

Sol was able to trade with local Indians for horses and with his men once again mounted the drive was continued to Ellsworth.

The McCutcheon & West herd reached Ellsworth May 20, 1874, the first herd to arrive at the railhead. The businessmen of Ellsworth met them with celebration. As trail boss, Sol West was awarded a new suit of clothes, hat, boots, and the whole works.

The herd was eventually sold and the young trail boss turned for home. His brother, George, was also the bookkeeper for McCutcheon & West. Sol turned in the money and all the receipts

for expenses.

When everything was accounted for Sol's drive to Kansas had profited the company \$1.50. George handed Sol his share of \$.75 and inquired whether he intended to buy a herd with the money or start a bank with it.

Sol wasn't deterred, maybe because he was wearing those brand new Ellsworth duds. He made eight more trail drives after that and finally quit the trail in 1882.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier* and also publishes *Kansas Cowboy, Old West history from a Kansas perspective*.

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MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT: 2006 John Deere 7420 tractor, 1400 hrs, FWA, joy stick hydraulic controls; 1995 Case IH 5250 tractor, FWA w/ Case IH 520 loader; 2004 John Deere CX20 rotary mowers, 20', always shedded (2); John Deere 10' mower, 1000 rpm above average condition; Brown Mfg Model 9630 rotary cutter, 3 pt, 9'6", excellent cond, 1000 rpm; Krause 16' Disc; Schaben Ind Sprayer unit, flat bed mount, boom unit hand wand operation, gas motor, electronic controls for in cab operation; Single axle trailer for ATV, 35 gal poly tank sprayer, electric motor, (4); Several poly tanks w/ 12 volt motor sprayer; Rhino 10' rear blade w/rear stabilizing wheel; Leon 10' front dozer blade-6 way position; Ground hog dirt scraper; 2007 John Deere 10' rake, side delivery; Powder River cattle guards (4); Post hole digger; Asst Gate Panels; T & S cake feeder, 4500lb capacity w/extension (2); Bar Six cake feeder, 3800 lb capacity (3); Mist blower; Jack hammer compressor, 90 lb hammer; WWV calf table; Daniels cattle working alley, gooseneck hitch, tandem; Cattle loading chute; Pearson squeeze chutes, portable (2); Clark boom sprayer, 600 gallon tank on wheels; Hydraulic post driver, 3pt; 1100 gallon bow frame poly tanks (3); 3" PTO driven gear pump; 3" Gear pumps, 25 hp Honda (2); 3" Gear pump with gear reduction unit; Miller 250 amp wire feed welder, gauges; Lincoln 300 amp welder; Free standing 220 volt vacuum cleaner; Several generators.

TRAILERS AND ATVS: 1979 WW 16' gooseneck stock trailer; 1992 Blair 24' flatbed trailer, tandem 12,000lb axles, dovetail, ramps; 1992 Blair 30' flatbed trailer, tandem 12,000lb axles, dovetail, ramps; Hinson 12' cargo trailer, windows, air vents for hauling small livestock; Custom 1977 single axle trailer, 5'X 6', 3' sides; Target 2004 20' gooseneck flatbed trailers, tandem 10,000 lb axles, single wheel (3); 2004 Kubota 900 RTV Utility vehicle. Cab heater, radio, wipers; 2005 Honda 250 Recon Off road ATV (4); 2004 Polaris 500 Sportsman Off road ATV (2).

HAND TOOLS, SHOP REPAIR ITEMS AND MISC: Asst. hydraulic hoses; Several Hyd. cylinders; Asst Hyd. Spool valves; 3/4" Air Impact wrench and sockets, 48" Rigid Pipe wrench; Post driver; Post puller; Metal bolt bin, bolts; Free standing Drill press; Asst. elect motors, single and three phase; Asst 1-1/2" and 2" transfer hoses; Scrap metal; Red Cedar rough cut lumber; Wire roller, Briggs & Stratton; 2" gas powered water pump; 1-1/2" gas powered water pump; Many more shop items too numerous to mention.

Auctioneer's Note: This auction features some late model, very good machinery as well as some unique pieces of livestock handling equipment. Livestock producers - be sure to attend!! Not a lot of small items so plan to be there at 10:00 am.

TERMS: Cash - day of sale. Statements made day of sale take precedence over printed materials. Lunch served on grounds. Not responsible for accidents.

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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.
April 10 — Tractor, machinery & tools NE of Blue Rapids for Richard & Loretta Petr. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.
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. Auction-

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

collectibles, modern household furniture & misc. at Canton for Wallace & Marie Lindberg Estate & Landess & Nerine Norstrom. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
April 10 — Tractors, machinery, potato planter, tools, furniture, house-

hold, collectibles & misc. at Rossville for Dean Page. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
April 10 — Coins at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction.
April 10 — Tools & outdoor equip., household, cos-

tume jewelry at Washington for Robert (Ray) Marsteller & Others. Auctioneers: Mark Uhlik, Greg Askren, Gerald Gray.
April 10 — Neon signs, restaurant equip. & items, cars & pickups at Assaria for KDOR. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
ESTATE AUCTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 17 — 10:00 AM

Go North of BURLINGTON, KS on Hwy. 75 approximately 4.5 miles to 17th Rd., then follow black-top East and South 4 miles to 16th Rd., then East 3 miles. Sale will be inside large metal building in case of rain. Selling due to the death of Alfred A. & Wilma M. Harsch.



OLD GAS STATION ITEMS
Large Phillips 66 metal sign; plastic framed globe for top of gas pump w/glass Mobil flying horse insert, 1 insert missing; AC Delco thermometer; Socony Vacuum Oil Co. 10 gallon heavy metal fuel can; old water can; metal quart oil cans, some full; Reisbig axle grease can from Burlington; 2 oil spouts for glass jars, not original jars; small "Goodyear" advertising tire iron; old tire pumps.

OLD AUTOMOTIVE ITEMS
Old license tags, a few from 1920's, a few from 40's, lots from 50's-60's and some from 70's-80's; old metal car dealer emblem "Fay Daugherty Motors, Burlington, Kansas"; road maps; very large old headlights.

OLD FARM SIGNS
Large 4 ft. Prairie Valley Hybrids Dealer metal sign; smaller blue & white Prairie Valley Hybrids Dealer metal sign; old "We Feed Moor-man's" sign from Ralph Rayl farm.

OLD SODA POP ADVERTISING & GENERAL STORE ITEMS
Royal Crown Cola metal thermometer; old 7-Up round tin thermometer 12", glass missing; unusual 7-Up clock; old pop bottles; "Squeeze" pop bottle from Hutchinson, KS; old collectible "Coke" bottles w/towns; several wooden pop crates; old small milk bottles, Shawnee Best, Bowman Dairy and several plain; wire milk bottle carrier & some large milk bottles; milk and cream cans; wire milk baskets; old coffee tins; unusual Armour Star lard tin; old hand held wire shopping basket from general store; lot of old wooden advertising crates, "Jayhawk Prunes", "Peters Small Arms", "Gelatin", etc.; unusual Kraft Cheese crate; lot of unusual wooden cheese boxes, "Cudahy Meadow Grove", "John Morrill", "Cloverbloom", "Dairyland", others; wooden egg case.

OLD TOOLS
Old wrenches of all kinds; old monkey wrenches; old implement wrenches; unusual "Deere" wrench, cut out letters; Moline drill wrench; Ford wrenches; IHC wrenches; wagon hammers; Fordson toolbox; old CASE toolbox; old fence pliers; old scissors; old carpenter's tool chest; several old planes; old saws; old hammers; old hatchets; old nail pullers; old hand drills; several hold hand grinders; hand operated shop drill press; soldering irons; old blow torches; iron lades; miniature anvil.

OLD FARM ITEMS
Several cast iron implement seats, no names; cast iron Moline Champion planter box lid; 50 lb. US Standard scale test weight; ensilage fork; 4 tine bundle fork; hay knives; lot of old spring scales; wooden pulleys; wooden block and tackle; cross cut saws; buck saw; buzz saw blades; cant hook; wooden milk stool; table mounted hand corn sheller; John Deere hand corn sheller; old check wire; old push garden cultivator.

OTHER OLD THINGS
Old wood stove "Cheerful" brand; old yard dinner bell w/yoke; 5 gallon Western stoneware stone jar; wooden cabbage cutter; cast iron cooking pots; old aluminum tea kettles; Graniteware pans; copper boiler; metal wash tub on stand; old hand washer; old wooden clothes hanger; old water coolers; sad irons, Dover, asbestos, others, some with handles; lot of old pens and pencils; old yard sticks "Zscheile", "Burlington Elevator", "WS Mann", "Haas Ford" and others; John Deere yellow yard stick; electric horse clock; dated nails; coal buckets; glass kerosene jugs; nail keg; old tricycle and bicycle; several old bricks, Coffeyville, Buffalo, etc.; old door knobs; many other items not listed.

TOY TRACTORS
2390 Case; 7045 Allis open station; older International, no number; cream colored Case, no number.

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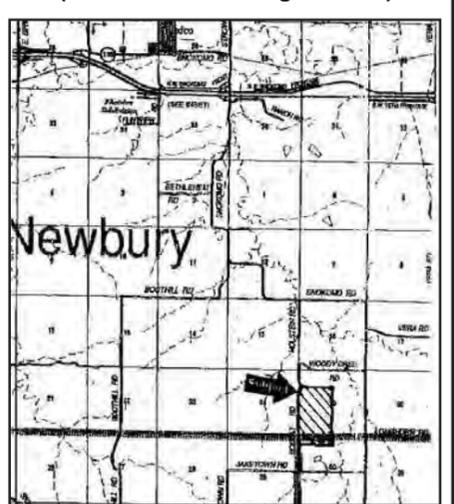
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TERMS OF SALE: Successful bidder, sign purchase contract, 10% down day of auction with the balance due at closing on or before May 14, 2010, possession at the time of closing or prior to closing upon approval of Sellers. Buyer to have all inspections they deem necessary completed prior to auction. All financial arrangements must be made prior to auction, no finance contingencies will be accepted. Owners title policy will be paid half by seller and half buyer. Real Estate agents are agents of the Seller. The property is being sold in its present existing condition "as is".



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eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.
 April 10 — Household & tools, collectibles, riding mower & tiller at Tipton for Louisa & Pete Reinert Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 April 10 & 11 — Toy & JD memorabilia at Scott City. Auctioneers: Berning Auction.
 April 10 & 11 — Trucks, tractors, Bobcat & attach., Jeep, ATV, lawn mower, trailers, livestock & shop equip., Angus bull, exercise equip., antiques, quilts, Western memorabilia & decor, guitars & household near Oskaloosa & Valley Falls and at Nortonville for Donna & Fairley McCain. Auctioneers: Hoffman Auction Service.
 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 & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 April 11 — Elite pig sale at Eldorado for Multiple Consignors.
 April 11 — Horse trailer, saddle, coins & money, lawn tractor & equip., beauty shop equip. & furniture, glassware & collectibles at Council Grove for Opal Slawson. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.
 April 12 — Tractors, spray equipment & machinery SE of Ellis for Keith Kingsley Family Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.
 April 12 — Jet ski, teak wardrobe, piano, furniture, household, lawn items, tools & misc. at Manhattan for Donna Roeder Finnern Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
 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 14 — Tractors, trucks & vehicles, trailers, farm, livestock, harvest & haying equipment, sprayers, skid loader, ATVs online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.
 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 Honeiman. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Realty.
 April 17 — Farm machinery consignments at Carlton. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, Dean Hanson, manager.
 April 17 — Old gas station & automotive items, old farm signs, soda pop advert., general store items, old tools, farm items & other, toy tractors N. of Burlington for Alfred A. Harsch Trust & Wilma M. Harsch Trust. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.
 April 17 — Tools, household items, lawn equip., outdoor items, boat at Washington for Gene & Erma Morehead. Auctioneers: Mark Uhlik, Greg Askren, Gerald Gray.
 April 17 — Collectibles, primitives, furniture, antique appliances, tools &

misc. at Junction City for Wayne Berneking Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
 April 17 — Cars, tractor, lawn mower, tools & other, household & collectibles near Hedville for Richard K. & Mildred Allison Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 April 17 & 18 — Real estate, household, collectibles, Cushman's & parts, mechanic tools, shop equip., vehicles, farm & farm related equip. at Russell for Robert W. "Bob" Sellens Estate. Auctioneers: Rohleder Auction.
 April 18 — Real estate, appliances, furniture, motor home, household & misc. at Wamego for Carol A. McVeigh. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
 April 20 — Morris County land at White City for Milton & Bette Anderson Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
 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 24 — Antiques, collectibles, appliances, furniture (antique & other), household, lawn & garden at Barnard for Janet K. Gowin Estate. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.
 April 24 — Consignments at Glasco. Auctioneer: Fred Hirsch.
 April 27 — Ottawa Co. land at Minneapolis. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.
 April 28 — Equipment consignments at Spring Hill. Auctioneers: Countrywide Tractor & Auction.
 May 1 — Household, antiques & collectibles es-

tate at Havensville. Auctioneers: Kocher's Auction Service.
 May 1 — Tractors, machinery, misc. farm at Hillsboro for Harold & Shirley Kasper. Auctioneers: Lepke Realty & Auction.
 May 1 — Livestock equip., pickup, car, trucks, tractor, hay equip., tools & misc., tillage & misc. farm equip. at Sylvan Grove for Robert Diers Estate. Auctioneers: Meitler 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.



Lynne Hinrichsen, R&L Angus, goes over some last minute instructions with fellow Angus breed Joel Harrison before the start of R&L's sale held last month near Westmoreland. Harrison helped move cattle to the sale ring.

AUCTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 — 12:30 PM
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DIRECTIONS: 1 mile East of Council Grove on US Hwy. 56. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

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COINS & MONEY
 Coins & Money Sell at 12:30 PM
 1865 3 cent piece; early 1900's proof set with 1912 Barber 1/2 dollar; 1904 Barber quarter; 1902 dime etc.; 5 pcs. Mercury dime proof set; 1965 proof set; Eisenhower & Susan B. Anthony dollars; Buffalo nickels; Presidential proof set; 4 - 1 dollar silver certificates; 1934 - 5 dollar & 10 dollar silver certificates; 1923 - 1 dollar silver certificates, large note; 1928 - 2 dollar bill; 42 - 1963 - 1 dollar bill signed by Joseph Barr; Lincoln head pennies books; foreign coins.

LAWN TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT
 1980 JD 210 lawn tractor, hyd.,

40 inch deck, 48 inch rear tiller; Lawn Chief riding mower, 8 hp.; MTD chipper, 5 hp.; lawn sweep; lawn roller; Ariens tiller.

BEAUTY SHOP EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE
 2 Koken dryer chairs; swivel styling chair; cabinet with mirror & rinsing sink; oak 5 ft. glass front & top showcase, good; hall tree; china hutch; 4 oak chairs; single bed; blue sofa, good condition; color TV; recliner.

GLASSWARE & COLLECTIBLES
 160 various pcs. of pink Depression; 85 various pcs. of

green Depression; amber Depression; butter churn; kerosene lamps; kitchen primitives; Kraut cutters; lanterns; nice selection of marbles; rhinestone & costume jewelry; Cl items; large selection of decanters; over 170 S&P's; over 170 bells; large selection of animal figurines: dogs, cats, elephants, birds, etc.; vases; plates, cups & saucers; crock jars; several sets of dinnerware; lighter collection; knives; primitives of all kinds; large selection of glassware and collectibles not listed; campaign buttons; straight razors; brown pottery pcs.; pewter pcs.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is a partial list. There will be lots more of collectibles and glassware when we get this unpacked. Should be something for everyone. Come and spend the afternoon with us.

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Transplanting Body Parts

As medical progress marches on, the use of transplants and body parts has become commonplace. Worldwide, from India to Italy, from Iran to Indiana, the surgeries are routine. According to the Wall Street Journal, the U.S. alone has 83,000 people on the waiting list for a kidney! Corneas, hearts, livers and lungs do a brisk trade on the organ market.

I'm assuming that many athletes, models, yodelers, magicians and pickpockets insure their precious body parts against damage or loss; fingers, figures, vocal cords, or knees. But what if the occasion arises that the body parts of someone whose skills you admire come available?

For instance, say Tiger Woods retires in shame, gets cleaned out by divorce lawyers and joins a monastery, then wants to donate something to a worthy cause? It would be hard to choose; an eye? An arm? I might even settle for his 9 iron!

How 'bout Ben Johnson, Ed Bruce or Johnny Cash's vocal cords? I remember when Willie Nelson sang, "All of me, why not take all of me ..." maybe he was subliminally making an offer?

They now transplant the heart valves of pigs into humans. The storybook descriptions that ring in our heads might eventually come true; the heart of a lion, the memory of an ele-

phant, the strength of an ox, the appetite of an NFL lineman, the buttocks of a baboon, the work ethic of an illegal alien, the bull-headedness of a cowboy.

At the risk of being morbid, my list might include Trevor Brazile's roping arm, Ronald Reagan's hair, Ray Hunt's seat in the saddle, Tony Rice's flatpickin' left hand, anybody's flat belly, Billy Etbauer's pointed toes, George Strait's teeth, Churchill's way with words and Doc Brimhall's eye for cattle.

'Course, I wouldn't have much to trade. I'm left handed but the thumb doesn't bend, both shoulders and one knee have been operated on though the scars aren't unsightly, my feet are in pretty good shape but I'm

missing the occasional molar, and I've got astigmatism in both eyes. As for my innards, I'm trying to get all I can out of them, so I expect when the time comes they'll be pretty well used up.

Regarding my legs; I have a poem with the line "... like a frog stripped to the waist." I pause and remind the audience that it is possible to strip to the waist from either end, and if I took off my pants they'd know what a frog looked like stripped to the waist!

So, I guess all I've got that is worth trading is my moustache. I wonder if Tiger would swap his depth perception for my moustache? He just might, ya know; I bet he's lookin' for a disguise.

Daughter honors father

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until it encompassed her and Hattesoehl and everybody around them, until deputies and grown men and women and children were blubbering like babies.

Wiese was relieved she'd made it that far before coming undone. "I held up pretty good," she said. "Until my son fell apart, and then I did."

Scientists say that some radio waves pass through the ionosphere and continue on unabated by solar winds or the trajectories of asteroids or planets and journey outbound past the ill-defined borders of the solar system and into deep space, where they travel at the speed of light into whatever

lies beyond the farthest reaches of the Hubble space telescope. The electromagnetic signals bleed into others and fade and pulse and become ghosted with static but otherwise retain their structure and their message until becoming too faint or lost in interstellar noise. Memories are like that. At first painfully strong, with distance they weaken and lose signal strength but experience in the process a metamorphosis.

A mike is keyed, an electromagnetic pulse unleashed. A woman plays cops and dispatchers with her father. A daughter answers when a father can't.

"I figured I owed him that much," Wiese said. "I made my dad proud."

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