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Putting a pencil to performance

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

It's all in the numbers. That was the message that Dr. Dave Sparks, DVM, brought to the members of the Kansas Meat Goat Association during their annual meeting. Sparks and his wife Linda are longtime goat raisers in Oklahoma. The pair have seen the popularity of goat farming increase in the past decade. They meet the needs of many folks who have small acreages that they want to keep livestock on, not to mention the ability of goats to clear out unwanted brushy material from grazing lands.

But when you look more critically at the goat business, there is money to be made — an exceptionally strong market for kid goats — from last fall until recently topping \$2.25 per pound for prime kids.

Sparks told producers that if they are going to be in the business, they need to think about treating it as such, keeping records to know what the actual production is for their herds.

"There's not a lot of data out there for folks to use," Sparks explained. "Most of the selection being done to this point has been based on a pedigree or the visual appearance of the goat."

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010 according to the National Ag Statistics Service, totaled 3.04 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. The U.S. breeding goat inventory totaled 2.53 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. Does one year old and older, at 1.87 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 518,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2009 totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2008. In Kansas, the report indicated that there are 42,000 head of goats of



Dr. Dave Sparks, DVM, spoke to the Kansas Meat Goat Association membership at their annual meeting concerning selecting goats using performance data.

all classes in the state, down 16 percent from a year ago.

The Sparks' have a herd of Kiko goats in northern Oklahoma at Porum.

Sparks noted that the profit pyramid on a goat farm has some basic blocks — productivity, growth and reproductive efficiency all contribute to profitability.

He encourage producers to do on-farm performance testing. The process is as simple as keeping a few basic records and then putting it in an order that can be used.

"If you don't have time to keep the records, you don't really have time to be in the business — you are essentially keeping a hobby," Sparks bluntly told the group.

Sparks has been working in Oklahoma developing formulas for producers to use. These would be very similar to the traditional benchmarks that cattle ranchers use to evaluate their stock — including 205-day-adjusted weight.

to make several judgements, including the ability of a kid to grow as well as the ability of a doe to raise kids.

"The kids with a good mother will score and do well."

Sparks explained how to arrive at this figure. Starting with the actual weaning weight, subtract birth weight and multiply by 90. Divide this number by the kid's actual days of age when weighed and add the birth weight back.

To arrive at a 90-day index, average the adjusted 90-day weights within a contemporary group (kids of the same sex and born about the same time). Divide each kid's adjusted 90-day weight by the group average weight, and multiply this number by 100. The kids in the middle of the group will have an index of 100. The higher their index above 100, the more superior they are, and the lower the index the more they need to be culled.

To get started

tifying each kid and the doe that gave birth, this is the base for your database. In addition to the number of kids born, the weight of each, sex and noting the ease of delivery or vigor of the kids at birth, producers can begin to make informed decisions when it comes to the herd.

Having a set of scales to weigh the kids is also an essential part of the record-keeping process. A five-gallon bucket and a hand-held fishing scale is adequate for taking that first weight, according to Sparks. For the weaning weight measurement, Sparks noted that any number of options are available, including calf slings or mailing scales which can handle a couple hundred pounds — outfitted with some type of sides to keep the kid on the scale when the weight is taken.

Once you have the data gathered, it is important to make correct assumptions. He warned those producers gathered that when using indexes, only the kids in their group can be evaluated against one another — thus

breeders, just in your herd."

While the number of producers keeping production data is low, Sparks noted that the number is coming up rapidly. "Two years ago there was no one," Sparks said. "We are seeing more and more."

Why is it important?

Sparks noted that it takes an average of a ton of feed per year to keep a doe. If she isn't producing enough pounds of kids in an efficient manner, it makes little sense to keep her on a farm.

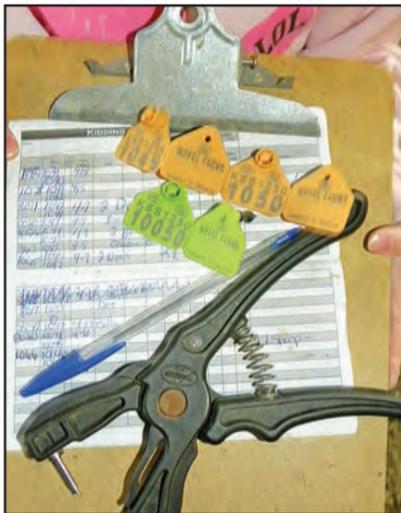
He also said that finding females that maintain their condition and are resistant to worm loads is also important. He noted that he generally worms his goats annually. If it requires more treatment, "she's got a one-way bus ride coming," he said.

Sparks also noted the ability of a goat to raise more total pounds of kids for sale — meaning raising twins or triplets is key to overall profitability. Sparks noted that a farm goal should be to have does wean off nearly their total body weight in kids — and you can't reach that goal with a single kid. His recommendation is that when purchasing bucks, a twin or triplet is an important buying consideration.

He told the crowd that often he'll give first-time doelings a one-time pass if they only have a single kid, but generally his criteria is to have his does give multiple births.

The demand for goat meat continues to grow, according to industry experts and the latest Ag Statistics data. To accommodate that demand, producers need to be savvy businessmen as well — and that means knowing your numbers and making good decisions.

"If you don't have the numbers to back it up, it's all just a fairytale," says Sparks.



A few tags, a record book and a scale are just the few tools that goat raisers need to get started on the way to adding performance data to their farm operations.

He recommended figuring a 90-day adjusted weaning weight on kids.

He noted that with a single set of records, he is able

collecting and using data in a goat operation, there are only a few requirements, one being a unique and permanent form of ID. An eartag will suffice. By iden-

January kids must be ranked or compared against January kids — not those born in May. He also pointed out that the data is only valuable in-herd. "It's not across all



Meat, poultry industries await new antitrust rules

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Federal regulators are set to release the most sweeping antitrust rules covering the meat industry in decades, potentially altering the balance of power between meat companies and the farmers who raise their animals.

Activists, farmers and meat industry officials have been anxiously awaiting the new rules, which will be released this spring for public comment and are set to take effect this summer. The regulations are seen as a kind of litmus test for the Obama administration and how far it will go in regulating competition in the meat industry.

At issue is how much power farmers have as they

produce cattle, hogs and chickens for large companies such as JBS SA, Smithfield Farms and Tyson Foods. The new rules will govern how meatpackers buy their cattle on an open market and what demands poultry companies can make on the independent contractors who raise their chickens.

"We have high hopes for them," said Mike Weaver, a West Virginia poultry farmer who raises chickens under contract for Pilgrim's Pride. "We've been promised that there will be sweeping changes in these new rules, but nobody's seen them."

The 2008 Farm Bill required updated rules but left the specifics to the U.S.

Department of Agriculture. Farm state lawmakers such as Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, had long been concerned a lack of competition among meat companies was driving down prices farmers were paid for their cattle and poultry.

Just four companies buy and slaughter 80 percent of all U.S. beef, limiting competition in the meat industry. Meanwhile, big poultry companies dictate chicken prices and can demand farmers take on debt to upgrade their chicken houses for the companies' benefit.

Farmers such as Weaver, who has met with Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, think the new leaders in the USDA's antitrust division will push for tougher and

more far-reaching regulations than previous administrations. Some believe the new rules could be the strongest antitrust protections imposed since the Great Depression.

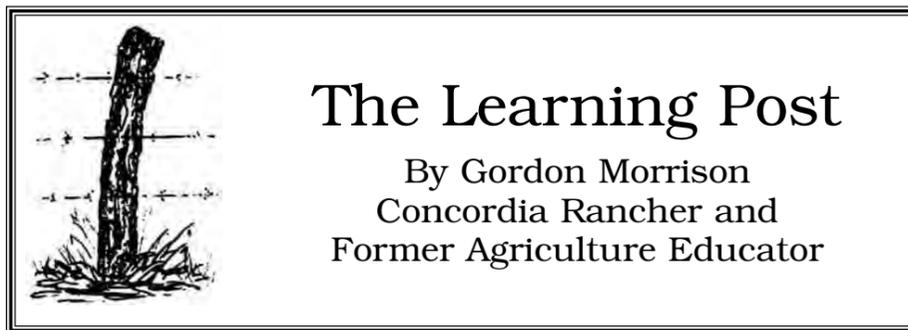
There's also a risk they will drive up the cost of meat, eating into meatpackers' profits or pushing up prices at grocery stores if companies pass on the expense.

The USDA wouldn't say when its proposed rules will be released, but the Farm Bill requires new regulations be in place by this summer. The bill lays out a broad outline of what the rules must address, but the all-important details won't be known until a proposal becomes public.

The regulations come at a time when the Obama administration has begun a series of meetings across the country to examine competition in agriculture. Officials with the Agriculture and Justice Departments, who are conducting the hearings, have said they don't know what kind of action could result, but it's clear the meat industry is under more scrutiny than it has been for years.

Among issues expected to be addressed in the new rules is when it's illegal for companies to choose one producer's cattle or hogs over another's.

Ranchers have complained that meatpackers



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
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The Promotion Of My Friend Clarence

Clarence's ashes are now resting on top of his piano in a white cardboard box that measures 10 by 7 x 5 1/2 inches and weighs around six pounds, waiting to be taken to the cemetery. When he died two weeks ago, his heart simply stopped beating after 84 years of selfless living.

Clarence lived in the little town of LaGrange in southeastern Wyoming. We developed a friendship with him after my daughter Kathy and her son moved there about eighteen years ago. He enjoyed spending time here on the ranch and often came in the spring and again in the fall to spend several days with us.

He was mobile until the end and had a good appetite but was experiencing pain. His bones ached, and the only medication he took was aspirin, which helped alleviate his discomfort somewhat. He refused to see the doctor or be checked into the hospital. He was ready to die, and he preferred to be in his own bed in the house he had lived in most of his life.

Apparently, he realized his time was short. The day before he passed away, Kathy had taken him to the bank and to do other errands to get "his house in order." That night he crawled into bed for the last time. She found him the next morning at 7:30. His countenance was peaceful, and his eyes were staring up at the ceiling as if he had been looking at something. What could it have been? Clarence was a true believer and was ready to meet his Maker.

Kathy knew Clarence quite well and she described him as follows: Clarence yielded himself with a flow of life to all he met and especially to those he knew were in need, from the neighbor across the street to a child with a cleft palate across the seas. Whether eggs from his flock of chickens, produce from his garden, a bottle of flax seed oil, a book on health or healing, or a word of encouragement, he shared his life and his substance with others. He knew his bible from beginning to end and had committed much of it to memory. Even when visibly alone, Clarence was always in fellowship with a constant companion, his Lord.

When Clarence came to visit, he sometimes brought bulbs or a bush to plant. He planted roses in various places around his town to beautify it and took delight in transplanting everything imaginable in his own yard. His four lots, which cover a fourth of a block, are now overgrown with trees, shrubs, berries, and other plants. They were planted with loving care but little organization. In recent years, they have seldom been pruned, trained, or cut back. We found his tools, pruning shears, loppers, saws, shovels, and rakes all in good repair but some had been used very little.

I got up early this morning to work in the yard, pruning and cutting back, trying to get the job done before the sap begins to flow. Clarence's saw must be dull. *I've got to take a break.* The yard needs raking to get ready to re-seed part of the lawn. It's a perfect time to plant grass. His rake doesn't fit my hands. *I need another break.* The grapes are a mass of runners growing every which way. I've been thinning them, but it sure is getting warm. *I'd better take a break.* I've been piling the clippings into a pile to burn. Some are loaded with thorns, and I got one in my hand. *I must take a break and get it out.* Those car ruts need to be filled with dirt. With the low tire, the wheelbarrow is hard to push. I need to slow down. That stump needs to go. Those dead roots go awfully deep. I'd better get some help, and I'll just rest until it comes. Those flowers need to be transplanted; they are in the way where they are now. *I'm going to take an ice tea break.* I wonder how Kathy keeps going. Doesn't she ever get tired?

I suppose it is our turn to carry on with living, keeping things under control and looking nice. I wonder if there will be someone to use my tools when it's my turn to leave this world. We do not know when, where, or how it will be when it's our time to go. I just hope I can do it as courageously as Clarence did when it is my time. Dying could be our most exciting experience. In the meantime, I'd better keep using Clarence's tools until the job is done. It is hard work filling the hole left by his death.



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

If you're lucky, in this life, you've got a nickname. It's one of those terms of endearment or a statement of explanation, if you will that those folks we interact with bestow. Through the years I've discovered that G&G has a lot of those "nicknames" — some of which I'll decline to mention on these pages, but the more popular monikers include "Weed & Seed" and "Grunt & Groan."

This being our annual goat edition, I thought I'd let you in on a little secret.. in my other life I'm known as "Goat Momma."

The first quarter of the year I find myself busy in the barn supervising the kidding process — making sure that all goes well and that the kids (the four-legged ones) get a good start in life.

In fact, I'm rather certain of it.

As fate would have it, my dearly beloved was the one who introduced goats to our place — at the time

it was more of a pet for our young son who wasn't big enough to feed bucket calves. Bottle goats were the appropriate substitution.

While I really thought he'd lost his mind bringing these critters home, that changed when I realized their value.

Since that time we have grown our herd and learned a lot about goat husbandry, fencing and the challenges of keeping them around.

Like anything, some of those lessons have been learned the hard way — but I guess that's part of the ride. I enjoy the opportunity to visit with fellow goat producers, who might be new to the business and sharing some of what I've learned along the way. It's not unusual for someone to call in a panic wanting some guidance with a problem that they are seeing. I'm only glad that I can share what I've learned, hopefully sparing them some of the losses we've had through the years.

As with everything, goats aren't the answer for everyone, but I can't help but think that they certain-

ly could fill a niche for the small farmer that has a limited acreage, women who are intimidated by cattle or have limited financial resources to start a new enterprise.

I firmly believe that this is one of the reasons that the meat goat project is on the rise in the 4-H and FFA projects across the nation — that and they are pretty darn cute.

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

"I'd rather be a could-be if I cannot be an are; because a could-be is a maybe who is reaching for a star. I'd rather be a has-been than a might-have-been, by far; for a might-have-been has never been, but a has was once an are."

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New rules for meat businesses

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make their choices with an aim toward keeping prices low. For example, meatpackers might pass by independent ranchers to buy cattle raised under contracts that guarantee processors a lower price.

Iowa hog farmer Chuck Wirtz is torn about the rules. He sells most of his hogs on the open market and feels squeezed by big meatpackers. At the same time, he wouldn't want the rules to restrict the market too much.

"I personally probably get preferential treatment, because I'm rather large," he said, noting that meatpackers will pay him more for hogs if he can deliver several hundred at a time.

Wirtz is worried the new rule could say such a deal is illegal if another farmer is passed over.

Such details have been worked over for months within the obscure USDA agency that regulates competition in the meat industry, called the Packers and Stockyards Administration. The PSA was formed in 1921 to limit the power of big meatpackers that dominated the industry.

Ranchers have long criticized the agency as toothless. A 2006 government report said the agency was slow to bring cases and understaffed. But some hope it will be tougher under the direction of its new administrator, Dudley Butler, a lawyer who specialized in suing poultry companies.

Butler declined to comment on the rules.

The new rules also would determine when poultry companies could require farmers to take out additional loans and improve chicken houses by adding new equipment. Farmers resist the investments because although they might earn more money after the upgrades, the extra income doesn't offset the extra debt and cost of operating the houses.

"Eighty percent or more of the upgrade benefits the company and not the grower. And the growers are the ones who pay for it. And that's unfair, plain and simple unfair," Weaver said.

Richard Lobb, a spokesman for the National Chick-

en Council, said farmers and poultry companies share the benefit when farmers upgrade a house. Birds grow faster, which can allow more flocks a year to be grown on a farm, he said.

Companies such as Tyson Foods, which produces beef, chicken and pork, will be ready to challenge rules they consider too strict.

"We're already in one of the most heavily regulated industries in the nation and take compliance with the law very seriously," Tyson spokesman Gary Mickelson said in an e-mail. "However, we don't believe additional rules are needed to control the relationship between livestock and poultry producers and food companies like ours."

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Kellee Rogers, Topeka, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Contest And Prize

Winner Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
CREAMY TUNA MELTS

- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 12-ounce can tuna, drained
- 1/2 cup cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/8 teaspoon sugar
- 4 English muffins, split & toasted
- 8 slices American cheese

Spray a skillet with spray. Add celery and onion and saute over medium high heat until tender. Reduce heat to low. Add tuna, cottage cheese, mayonnaise, garlic salt and sugar. Cook until heated through, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Place muffins cut side up on broiler pan. Spread with tuna mixture and top with cheese slices. Broil until cheese melts and serve immediately. Makes 8 open-faced sandwiches.

Mona Jean Newbury, Junction City: "This makes a large 3-layer cake and it is very moist."

Reprinted from the 1959 United Methodist Church cookbook. Mrs. Clarence Phelps

CHOCOLATE CAKE

- 1 cup vegetable shortening
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 package German chocolate, melted in 1/2 cup hot water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 egg whites, beaten stiff

Cream the shortening and sugar. Add egg yolks then 3/4 cup buttermilk alternately with the flour. Mix soda with the remaining buttermilk and add the chocolate mix-

ture, vanilla and lastly fold in the beaten egg whites. Pour into three layers pans and bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for approximately 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "Really good and easy."

PIZZA JOES

- 1 pound extra lean ground beef (at least 90%)
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped (1 cup)
- 1 medium green bell pepper, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 2 cups pizza sauce (from two 15-ounce jars or cans)
- 8 burger buns, split, toasted
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 ounces)

Heat a 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high

heat. Add beef, onion and bell pepper; cook 7 to 9 minutes, stirring occasionally, until beef is thoroughly cooked. Stir in pizza sauce and reduce heat to medium. Simmer uncovered about 5 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Fill buns with beef mixture and cheese. Makes 8 sandwiches.

Note: Bulk Italian sausage can be used in place of the ground beef. You'll want to drain it before adding the pizza sauce.

Mary Rogers, Topeka: FETTUCINE WITH SMOKED SALMON

- 8-ounce package uncooked fettuccine
- 1 pound asparagus, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons fresh dill, chopped
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
- 4 ounces smoked salmon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Lemon juice

Cook pasta according to package directions. Add asparagus during last 3 minutes of cooking time. Drain and set aside. Heat cream, dill and horseradish in a skillet over low heat about 1 minute or until hot. Add pasta mixture, tossing to mix. Gently toss in salmon and add salt and pepper. Squeeze lemon juice over top.

The next two are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh: **CHEESE PASTA**
3 cups mostaccioli, uncooked
10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach

- 4 ounces cream cheese, cubed
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 2 eggs
- 8 ounces mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Cook pasta as directed on package. Cook spinach as directed on package and drain well. Place in a large bowl. Add cream cheese and stir until melted. Stir in cottage cheese and eggs until well blended. Add pasta to spinach mixture with mozzarella and mix lightly. Spoon into 8- or 9-inch square baking dish; top with Parmesan. Bake for 25 minutes or until heated through.

"This is good served with rice."

BROCCOLI CHICKEN WITH CASHEWS

- 2 teaspoons oil
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 5 cups broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup Catalina salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1/4 cup cashew pieces

Heat oil in a large skillet on medium heat. Add chicken and garlic; cook 6 to 8 minutes or until chicken is done, stirring occasionally. Remove chicken from skillet and cover to keep warm. Add broccoli and water to skillet. Cover and cook 3 to 4 minutes or until broccoli is crisp-tender and all remaining ingredients except nuts and cook 2 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Top with nuts.

Goat Makes It Into The Meal Lineup

- GOAT CHEESE TART**
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons fine dry bread crumbs
- 4 eggs
- 8 ounces fresh goat cheese (chevre)
- 1/2 cup creme fraiche
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh basil
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh chives
- 1 teaspoon snipped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon snipped fresh lemon verbena*
- 1/2 teaspoon snipped fresh rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon snipped fresh lemon thyme*
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 clove garlic, minced

Preheat oven to 300 degree. Butter a 9-inch quiche dish and sprinkle with the bread crumbs; set aside. Separate eggs. Place whites in a medium mixing bowl; set aside. In a large mixing bowl beat the yolks with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 3 minutes or until thick and lemon colored. Add goat cheese, beating just until smooth and creamy. Add creme fraiche, herbs, salt, and garlic and beat until just combined. Wash beaters thoroughly. Beat egg whites with an electric mixer on medium speed until stiff peaks form. Gently fold beaten whites into goat cheese mixture. Pour into prepared dish. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until tart is puffed and golden brown

and a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Serve warm. Makes 8 servings.

*Note: If you can't find lemon verbena or lemon thyme, substitute 1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel and 1/2 teaspoon snipped fresh thyme.

Recipe from Better Homes and Gardens.

CABRITO LOAF

- 2 pounds ground cabrito
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped bell pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped onion or dry onion flakes
- 1/4 cup shredded carrots
- 1 chopped jalapeño, fresh or canned (optional)
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup croutons, stale bread crumbs or stuffing mix
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder

Mix together all ingredients except cabrito and let stand 5 minutes. Add in 2 pounds ground cabrito and mix well. Pack into loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Remove from oven.

Mix 1/4 cup ketchup and 1/4 cup barbecue sauce and spread over the top of loaf. Bake another 5 minutes and remove from oven. Makes 4 servings.

Cabrito: Young goat meat. Reprinted from freerecipes.com

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Are You Storing Food Safely . . . Tips For Steering Clear Of Foodborne Illness

Whether putting food in the refrigerator, the freezer, or the cupboard, you have plenty of opportunities to prevent foodborne illnesses.

The goal is to keep yourself and others from being sickened by microorganisms such as Salmonella, E. coli O157:H7, and C. botulinum, which causes botulism. Keeping foods chilled at proper temperatures is one of the best ways to prevent or slow the growth of these bacteria.

These food storage tips can help you steer clear of foodborne illnesses.

Storage Basics

Refrigerate or freeze perishables right away. Foods that require refrigeration should be put in the refrigerator as soon as you get them home. Stick to the "two-hour rule" for leaving items needing refrigeration out at room temperature. Never allow meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, or produce or other foods that require refrigeration to sit at room temperature for more than two hours — one hour if the air temperature is above 90 degrees. This also applies to items such as leftovers, "doggie bags," and take-out foods. Also, when putting

food away, don't crowd the refrigerator or freezer so tightly that air can't circulate.

Keep your appliances at the proper temperatures. Keep the refrigerator temperature at or below 40 degrees. The freezer temperature should be 0 degrees. Check temperatures periodically. Appliance thermometers are the best way of knowing these temperatures and are generally inexpensive.

Check storage directions on labels. Many items other than meats, vegetables, and dairy products need to be kept cold. For instance, mayonnaise and ketchup should go in the refrigerator after opening. If you've neglected to properly refrigerate something, it's usually best to throw it out.

Use ready-to-eat foods as soon as possible. Refrigerated ready-to-eat foods such as luncheon meats should be used as soon as possible. The longer they're stored in the refrigerator, the more chance Listeria, a bacterium that causes foodborne illness, can grow, especially if the refrigerator temperature is above 40 degrees.

Be alert for spoiled

food. Anything that looks or smells suspicious should be thrown out. Mold is a sign of spoilage. It can grow even under refrigeration. Mold is not a major health threat, but it can make food unappetizing. The safest practice is to discard food that is moldy.

Refrigeration Tips

Marinate food in the refrigerator. Bacteria can multiply rapidly in foods left to marinate at room temperature. Also, never reuse marinating liquid as a sauce unless you bring it to a rapid boil first.

Clean the refrigerator regularly and wipe spills immediately. This helps reduce the growth of Listeria bacteria and prevents drips from thawing meat that can allow bacteria from one food to spread to another. Clean the fridge out frequently.

Keep foods covered. Store refrigerated foods in covered containers or sealed storage bags, and check leftovers daily for spoilage. Store eggs in their carton in the refrigerator itself rather than on the door, where the temperature is warmer.

Check expiration dates. If food is past its "use by" date, discard it. If you're not sure or if the food looks questionable, throw it out.

Freezer Facts

Food that is properly frozen and cooked is safe. Food that is properly handled and stored in the freezer at 0 degrees will remain safe. While freezing does not kill most bacteria, it does stop bacteria from growing. Though food will be safe indefinitely at 0 degrees, quality will decrease the longer the food is in the freezer. Tenderness, flavor, aroma, juiciness, and color can all be affected. Leftovers should be stored in tight containers. With commercially frozen foods, it's important to follow the cooking instructions on the package to assure safety.

Freezing does not reduce nutrients. There is little change in a food's protein value during freezing.

Freezer burn does not mean food is unsafe. Freezer burn is a food-quality issue, not a food safety issue. It appears as grayish-brown leathery

spots on frozen food. It can occur when food is not securely wrapped in air-tight packaging, and causes dry spots in foods.

Refrigerator/freezer thermometers should be monitored. Refrigerator/freezer thermometers may be purchased in the hardware section of department, appliance, culinary, and grocery stores. Place one in your refrigerator and one in your freezer, in the front in an easy-to-read location. Check the temperature regularly — at least once a week.

If You Lose Electricity

If you lose electricity, keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Your refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours if it's unopened. A full freezer will keep an adequate temperature for about 48 hours if the door remains closed.

Tips for

Non-Refrigerated Items

Check canned goods for damage. Can damage is

shown by swelling, leakage, punctures, holes, fractures, extensive deep rusting, or crushing or denting severe enough to prevent normal stacking or opening with a manual, wheel-type can opener. Stickiness on the outside of cans may indicate a leak. Newly purchased cans that appear to be leaking should be returned to the store for a refund or exchange. Otherwise, throw the cans away.

Don't store food, such as potatoes and onions, under the sink. Leakage from the pipes can damage the food. Store potatoes and onions in a cool, dry place.

Keep food away from poisons. Don't store non-perishable foods near household cleaning products and chemicals.

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Rotational grazing may reduce populations of nuisance starlings

European starlings are the bane of U.S. cattle producers and dairy operators. These fast-breeding birds often flock near farmsteads and feedlots, eating and contaminating livestock feed. They also damage property and equipment; create health and safety hazards; and put stress on livestock, which lowers milk production and raises veterinary costs.

On top of the damage they inflict on U.S. agriculture — at a cost of millions of dollars each year — these noisy, aggressive birds compete with Eastern bluebirds and other native cavity-nesting bird species for nest sites. Dense flocks of migrating starlings also have been blamed for several deadly airplane disasters.

Farmers have tried to get rid of starlings by trapping, shooting or poisoning them. They've tried to drive them away with chemical repellents, loud noises and plastic owls. These practices can reduce damage in some circumstances, but they are often expensive to implement.

Two University of Missouri wildlife experts suggest that another approach might include the use of agricultural techniques that make it harder for starlings

to nest and forage, thereby reducing the number that hatch each year.

"Starlings are much less of a nuisance in their native Europe. In recent decades, starling populations have actually declined," said MU researcher Walter Wehtje. "The main culprit seems to be a change in agricultural practices that has turned many grazed pastures into hayfields that are too thick and tall for starlings to forage in successfully."

"We are interested in determining if there is a difference in starling nest success around pastures that are grazed continuously with those pastures in which the producer has implemented a rotational or patch-burn grazing system," said Bob Pierce, MU Extension wildlife specialist.

"Starlings like to make nests in and around large areas of closely cropped grass that also provide excellent sites for finding food," Pierce said. Continuously grazed pastures provide a perfect place for starlings to root in the ground for worms and bugs, with the added bonus of an all-you-can-eat buffet of cattle feed nearby.

In rotational and patch-burn grazing, on the other hand, cattle munch on grass

in any given area only for a limited time. This lets grasses grow tall enough to make it difficult for starlings to forage. As a result, female starlings have to fly farther to find enough food for their young, so they end up spending more time commuting between nest and feeding grounds and less time gathering food.

"Females nesting in areas with less than 50 percent continuously grazed pasture tend to lay fewer eggs and raise fewer young," Pierce said.

Last year, Pierce and Wehtje recruited volunteers and MU Agriculture Experiment Station staff to build, install and monitor 130 starling nest boxes at three sites in the state to see how different grazing and land-management practices affected the breeding success of nearby starlings.

MU's Forage Systems Research Center in Linn County has pastures primarily grazed on a short-rotation basis, while pastures at MU South Farm in Columbia are grazed continuously. Boxes were also placed at

the MU Bradford Farm in Columbia to see if starlings would nest around fields of row crops.

"Based upon data gathered during the 2009 breeding season, preliminary observations suggest that fewer starlings attempted to breed at MU's FSRC site than did at South Farm," Pierce said.

In addition, Eastern bluebirds and tree swallows bred successfully at FSRC, while the few breeding attempts by these species at South Farm were unsuccessful. These initial findings suggest that grazing practices have the potential to influence bird breeding success.

"Although we need to increase our sample size and keep the raccoons at bay, I think that this is a promising project and I am looking forward to the 2010 breeding season," Wehtje said.

"This may be another reason for using rotational grazing in Missouri," he added. "Not only does it make good economic sense, it also can make life more difficult for starlings."

Artisan cheese makers find niche markets

Sarah Hoffman is among a growing number of producers making specialty or artisan cheeses.

She owns and operates Green Dirt Farm, Weston, Mo., where milk from about 180 grass-fed sheep is made into 8,000 pounds of cheeses such as Camembert or Prairie Tomme, a cheese similar to Gruyere or Gouda.

Hoffman was one of several producers attending a cheese-making workshop hosted by the University of Missouri.

"The workshop covered everything from the business side to formulations, selection of equipment and manufacturing procedures—and most importantly, actual hands-on experience in the art of making cheeses," said Andrew Clarke, MU food scientist.

Participants included beginners as well as people already in the cheese-making business. "Cheese-making is compelling and tough to learn, but it can be taught," said Neville McNaughton, St. Louis-based cheese entrepreneur and workshop instructor.

"There is a tremendous need in the lower Midwest for training of these emerging cheese makers in producing alpine and Italian cheeses," he said.

Missouri has a large number of small farms with dairy operations, making it a promising place for a burgeoning specialty-cheese industry. "Artisan-style cheese-making is suited for small producers—someone who may have a few dairy cows, goats or sheep," McNaughton said.

"With dairy prices depressed, the making of artisan cheeses in small batches will enhance the economic opportunity for families owning small farm operations," he said. "Not only does it provide second income, it also promotes the use of locally produced foods. People like to know that these cheeses come from a local dairy."

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Harvesting rainwater makes good sense for landscape

When it rains we usually are thankful for the moisture. Why then do we design our properties and landscapes to move rainwater away as quickly as possible? Why not harvest some of the rain to help conserve water resources?

Rainwater harvesting is not a new concept, but it is making a comeback in practices such as rain barrel use. Rain barrels are fairly limited in the amount of rainwater they collect, but newer methods are also being used. Bioretention gardens, rain gardens, planter boxes, vegetated swales and green roofs are examples of rain harvesting methods being used in home, business and community landscapes.

Water is a precious and limited natural resource whose value is ever increasing. How we view rainwater run-off is changing.

Traditionally, in urban communities, rainwater is referred to as stormwater and treated as something to be moved off site as quickly as

possible via curbs, gutters, storm drains and pipes (gray infrastructure). Water run-off, from rain and snow melt, is beginning to be viewed as a resource to capture and reuse or allow to infiltrate (soak) into soil through the use of green space features such as rain gardens (green infrastructure).

When this is done, the volume of stormwater run-off from a property is reduced, water is returned to soil to increase soil moisture, and pollutants are filtered. As stormwater flows from roof tops and across surfaces to storm drains, it picks up pollutants such as sediment, fertilizer, grass clippings left on sidewalks, and oil dripped on driveways. Stormwater is not treated to remove pollutants. It is discharged from curbs to storm drains to streams, rivers and lakes, taking pollutants along with it which impairs surface water quality.

Designing and installing landscapes features to harvest rainwater not only con-

serves and protects water resources. It also can save money on water bills, increase property values, conserve energy by cooling the environment, improve air quality by plants absorbing air pollutants, and enhance the aesthetics of residential and community landscapes.

For home landscapes, rain barrels, rain gardens and the use of porous surfaces such as bricks on sand or porous pavers for patios are rain harvesting methods being used. Don't overlook simple roof downspout redirection. In place of water from downspouts being directed to a paved area, redirect it to a planted area away from the building.

Redirecting downspouts to a rain barrel or rain garden is an even better option. Today's rain barrels are screened to keep out mosquitoes and designed to direct overflow away from a building's foundation. To remove water from a rain barrel, spigots are attached near the base for garden hose con-

nections. Although rain barrels are a common way to harvest rainwater, a typical 55 gallon barrel is limited in how much rain can be collected. This is why they are designed for overflow with the overflow being directed to another rain barrel, plant bed, or rain garden.

Rain gardens are fairly shallow depressions of nearly any size with amended soils. They have small berms on three sides and are located where they capture rain from a downspout, lawn, or paved area such as a driveway.

Rain gardens are typically planted to deep rooted native perennials and grasses that tolerate very short periods of pooling water, but otherwise dry conditions between rain events. Most plants used in rain gardens are readily available and currently planted in gardens.

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<p>FALL RIVER RESERVOIR & PASTURE, GREENWOOD CO Monday, April 26, 2010, 7pm AUCTION LOCATION: Sr Citizens Ctr, Fall River, KS 750 +/- ac located 4 mi E of Severy, KS on US Hwy 400 to "X" Rd & 2.25 mi N; offered in 5 tracts; 2-10ac homesites overlooking Fall River Reservoir; 80 ac pasture suitable for homesite; 480 ac pasture; abundant wildlife in area TERRY HART, Seller</p>	<p>"ONE OF THE PRETTIEST PLACES IN THE COUNTRY" WILSON CO, KS - Friday, May 7, 2010, 10am AUCTION/PROPERTY LOCATION: 15001 1700 Rd, Benedict KS Located SE of Benedict KS or 10 mi NE of Fredonia KS; 500 +/- ac in 3 tracts; 2BR, 1BA, 1720sf home, beautiful setting w/bluffs, cave, flowing spring water, 15 ac; 375 ac & 110 ac pasture tracts, cool & warm season grasses, barns, outbuilds; natural gas production. FARM EQUIPMENT: '01 Kubota M-110 dsl tractor w/dlr, pwrshft; '83 JD 2510 dsl tractor; '72 IHC 544 gas tractor; IHC 434 dsl tractor; Travalong 30' GN flatbed trlr w/dovetail, like new; Travalong 24' GN stlk trlr, exc cond; JD 35 rd baler; Reese 8' disk mower; '05 NH 1411 Discbine swather; H&S hi-gas 12 wheel hay rake; add pickups, trucks, Fitson cattle chute, 30' cattle alleyway, hay forks; feeders; water tanks, rd & sq bales hay; several pcs 3pt equip; much more; complete retirement auction. Real estate & large equipment sells at noon. LEE & BEVERLY MARKHAM, Seller Preview: Sun., April 18, 1-4pm</p>	<p>RECREATIONAL RETREAT, WATER, BLUFFS, HUNTING CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, KS Saturday, May 8, 2010, 12pm AUCTION LOCATION: Kansas' Finest Hunting Lodge, 2 mi S of Sedan KS on K99 Located 14 mi S of Moline, KS or 9 mi NW of Sedan KS; 320 +/- ac w/30 ac of lake in Twin Caney Watershed; beautiful rock bluffs; abundant wildlife; offered in 4 tracts; 199 ac pasture; 16 ac woods; 98 ac pasture w/30 ac lake & boat ramp; formerly used by Wichita Boat Club for water skiing; 4 ac homesite w/older 1.5 sty, 2064sf home-great weekend retreat or hunting lodge + barn & cattle shed, garage DARREL & KAREN DAHL, Seller Preview: Sun., April 18, 1-4pm</p>
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Fruit-growing guide now online for midwest gardeners

Starting homegrown vegetables from seed or transplants is one thing. But raising fruit in the back yard is apt to seem more intimidating - perhaps because start-up costs are higher for a perennial raspberry bramble, grape vine or pear tree. Or because achieving good blackberry or apple production can take several years.

"No gardener should ignore the possibilities, though, simply because they think they don't know enough about home fruit production. Fresh-picked fruit from your own plantings can be a delicious and healthful reward for your efforts. Besides, resources are available to help you be successful," said Megan Kennelly, plant pathologist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. The "Midwest Home Fruit Production Guide," for example, is

now available on the Web at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/b940/in dex.html>. Gardeners can consult it online or print out its PDF version.

"The guide is valuable information for anyone in the region who might be interested in growing fruit," Kennelly said, "which includes backyard gardeners, small-scale market farmers, Extension Master Gardeners, 4-H and FFA members and leaders. "Overall, this guide is an excellent resource. It covers everything from selecting varieties and preparing a planting site to irrigating through the growing season and managing pests." The full-color, spiral-bound, 148-page printed version of the new guide costs \$19. It's available through the ordering site at <http://es.tore.osu-extension.org/> under product code 940 and/or the book's name.

"I particularly enjoy the

photos, diagrams and charts. They literally can show you how to prune various types of fruiting plants and to identify insects and disease symptoms. They even help you figure the amount of fertilizer to apply," said Kennelly, who is part of a Midwest, multi-university, fruit working group. She was in discussions with the guide's Ohio State authors at several stages of its development.

Would-be fruit growers also can get help from any county, district or area Extension office, as well as its affiliated land-grant university, Kennelly added. The contact information for those offices in Kansas is available at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/Map.aspx>. A link to K-State's horticulture publications and videos, which include a fruits and vegetables section, is at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/DesktopDefault.aspx>.

Winter canola field days planned

One of the challenges for producers interested in growing winter canola is knowing what varieties or hybrids are adapted to their area. Although university small plot studies are useful, it can be difficult to translate that information to producer fields. For producers and others interested in learning about growing canola in Kansas and about K-State's canola variety performance trials, K-State Research and Extension will host two Winter Canola Field Days April 23 and April 28.

Winter canola is a small-seeded, broadleaf, winter annual oilseed crop with great potential as a rotational dryland crop, said Vic Martin, Kansas State University Research and Extension specialist in alternative crops and forages. Both conventional and

Roundup Ready varieties are available. Current prices are in the area of \$7.50 per bushel.

Sixteen varieties and hybrids were planted by K-State last fall and should be in full bloom for the tours, Martin said. He, along with Mike Stamm, who is a canola breeder for both K-State and Oklahoma State University, will be presenters. Topics include winter canola production practices, managing winter canola in Kansas and currently available varieties and hybrids for Kansas.

Presentations will last about an hour with time to tour the variety trial and for questions.

April 23, 2010, 10 a.m., McPherson County near Marquette. Coming from the east or south, the site is located one mile west of the Marquette exit on

Highway 4. Turn north at the intersection of Highway 4 and Fourth Avenue.

Proceed one mile north to Wells Fargo Road then turn west onto Wells Fargo Road. Travel approximately ¼ mile and turn north into the second farmstead.

Further information is available by contacting Dale Ladd, McPherson County Extension agent at 620-241-1523.

April 28, 2010 — 7:30 a.m., Sedgwick County at Clearwater.

The plots are located on the north edge of Clearwater at the Farmer's Co-op Elevator and located on the southeast corner of West 95th Street South and South 135th Street West.

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Ag Report goes electronic, no paper copy to mail

The College of Agriculture staff at Kansas State University are hoping Kansans will “flip” over the newly released K-State Ag Report. Formerly available as a print publication, the new online format at www.ksre.ksu.edu/agreport will allow for greater distribution and substantial savings.

“There are two reasons that the spring 2010 issue is an online magazine — technology enabling us to reach you in new ways and budget,” said Gary Pierzynski, interim dean of the College of Agriculture and interim director of K-State Research and Extension, in a letter to

college alumni. Stories featured in the Spring 2010 issue include:

Flour Power: When the owners of a local grocery chain wanted to improve their bakery products, they turned to K-State’s Department of Grain Science and Industry.

25 years of Service to Cooperatives: For 25 years, K-State’s Arthur Capper Cooperative Center has been educating students, conducting research and sharing knowledge with leaders of agricultural, electrical and financial cooperatives.

A Strong K-State Tradition: Fifth-generation farm-

ers Kevin and Vera Schultz have strong ties to their community, their family and to K-State.

Keeping in Touch with Family: Newsletters written by C.W. Mullen, assistant dean, and his secretary, Gertrude Wheeler, were sent to students, alumni and faculty serving in the military during World War II.

Multiple Paths: A degree in agronomy prepares students for various occupations.

Students Experience and Excel at Product Development: K-State student teams are learning to research, develop and package new food products.

Student, faculty and alumni awards: Danny Unruh elected new student body president, Art Barnaby and Kim Williams earned national honors, Terry Garvert named Alumni Fellow. Producing the issue electronically offers some new options. Readers can use the “Contact Us” tab to submit comments, class notes and/or change of address.

The magazine Website also includes archived issues and current news releases and updates. “As you all know, budgets have been cut for higher education,” Pierzynski said. “The

College of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension are no exception. For years, we worked to do more with less. Now, due to the larger and deeper cuts, we have to face the reality of doing less with less and changing how we are doing things. So our strategy to move to using electronic publications helped us do that — reduce some costs and find new ways to reach our people. “Throughout our organization, we are seeking and using innovative solutions to continue to serve the people of Kansas. We will continue to be good stewards of

your funds as we continue to work to fulfill our mission of improving the quality of life and standard of living for the people of Kansas,” he said.

The report is available at: www.ksre.ksu.edu/agreport. For those with a high-speed connection, click on the “Read it online now” button to bring up a “FlipBook” version, where you can turn the pages as if you were actually holding the magazine.

Those with a dial-up connection can download the pdf version. It may take some time to download because of the length and number of photos.

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5 1/2 ft. steel posts; fencing supplies; 3 - 12 & 14 ft. gates; 55 gallon fuel tank with hand pump; extension ladder; free standing gas heater; hunting items; bow, reloaders, etc.; 2 wheel trailer; DMI truck bumper, heavy duty; split

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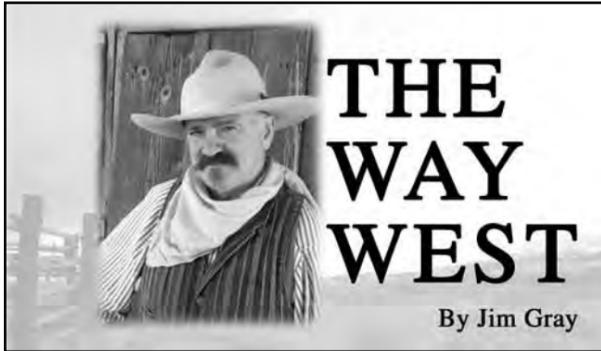
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

The Capture of Big Ike

Horse thieves tended to create quite a stir in the Old West. One of the most famous horse thieves was Dutch Henry Born. But another Dutch Henry was operating in western Kansas at the same time as Henry Born. Born usually operated alone or with one or two accomplices. The Dutch Henry Gang was under the leadership of an hombre by the name of Tom Henry.

While scouting through the country west of Hays some of the gang frightened a herd of horses near Buffalo Station, (Park, Kansas) a Kansas Pacific railroad station near the crossing of the Western Cattle Trail. Hoping

to capture the thieves a man by the name of Webber, and the railroad operator, William Sternberg, staked themselves in buffalo wallows near a picketed horse. One of the outlaws rode right into the trap. Sternberg and Webber ordered the man to halt but being a reckless character, he drew his pistol and offered his own demand. "One of you come up, I will allow no two men on the plains to butcher me!" The outlaw was Big Ike Cramer, one of the most desperate men on the plains. The men held their positions until at the point of two rifles Big Ike finally recognized the uncertainty of his situation

and "threw up his hands."

According to the Sept 6, 1876, Ellis County Star, "The next morning a party of hard looking citizens rode up to where their 'pal' was being guarded, and demanded his release." The huge outfit consisted of seven covered wagons, about seventy loose horses, and about fifty cattle, mostly milk cows.

There were several women and children and fourteen heavily armed men. As soon as Big Ike was rearmed and mounted he flourished his pistols and made fierce threats toward his former captors. Dutch Henry was a strong leader and promptly advised Big Ike to keep cool and seek another opportunity to get even.

Dutch reminded Ike that they were traveling with their wives and children and that they needed to get through the country as quietly as possible. Big Ike indignantly complied and the caravan of outlaws continued north. Agent Thompson telegraphed Ellis County Sheriff, George Bardsley,

who was in Abilene at the time.

Bardsley wired his deputy sheriff, Charles Zaun at Hays City to make up a posse. Ten men answered the call, six soldiers from Fort Hays and four citizens. They were described as men "... of iron will who had gone through many hard fought battles and only smiled when danger threatened..." Horses were loaded on railcars and the posse made Buffalo Station by daybreak the following morning.

The posse surprised the outlaws as they were breaking camp about 16 miles northwest of Buffalo Park. Six men, two women, a boy, and about forty head of mules and horses were captured. One of the captured men told Sheriff Bardsley that the rest of the gang was holed up on the South Fork of the Solomon River.

Leaving three deputies to guard the captives, the posse again set out in pursuit. They soon came upon Levi Richardson who was also looking for stolen horses. The reader may recall a previous column entitled "The

Strange Duel of Cockeyed Frank and Levi Richardson." Richardson was killed in that Dodge City gunfight in 1879.

Richardson had previously crossed paths with Big Ike and knew that he was nearby.

Bardsley sent Richardson back to Big Ike's camp, planning to draw the horse thief into the open. Big Ike was already in the open when Richardson arrived and as he rode near Richardson, the posse charged out of hiding with guns drawn ordering "Surrender!"

Big Ike drew his gun and fired. Sheriff Bardsley returned the fire and the gunshot outlaw fell from his horse. William Sternberg re-

ported the result. "Four prisoners are sitting on the platform while I write — they are manacled and are moodily thinking of prison bars I presume, while they wait for the train to carry them to Hays, and justice, we hope; while Big Ike lays in a tent a few yards away, proving, by his suffering, that the way of the transgressor is hard."

"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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GUNS: Stevens 12 ga. pump shotgun; 22 single shot rifle; Winchester Model 12, 12 ga.; Ithaca 20 ga. pump; Remington 22. **ATF Recommendations will apply, Kansas residents only.**

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES: Round oak table; 5 oak chairs w/caned seats; oak curved front china cabinet; sml. oak chest w/oval mirror; pine cobblers bench/table, chest, end table & trunk; glass top secretary; ladies desk & chair; sml. oak rocker; old metal suitcase; walnut bench; piano bench; porcelain top table; crocks 4 old, Red Wing, 2 w/handles, 4 new; crock bowls; compotes; blue glass; china chocolate set; misc. antique plates; old pitcher & bowl approx. 130 yrs. old; tins; old metal chocolate boxes; lg. iron pot & stand; match holders; watchmakers tools & old movements; marbles; toothpick holder collection, approx. 180 dozens of different patterns, including the following companies, New Martinsville Glass, U.S. Glass, Fostoria, Bavaria, Duncan Glass Co., Heisey, Beatty & Sons, McKee Bros., National Glass Co., Hibe, Wheelock, Flint Glass, Germany, Viking Glass, Jefferson Glass, Nippon, Westmoreland, Northwood, Moser, just to name a few; Hummel's, older marks; Norman Rockwell plate collection, some frames; bird plate collection; Pfaltzcraft dinnerware set, American pattern; silver cruet set; NASCAR model cars; 33 1/3 & 45 RPM records; cameras; misc. glassware.

LOTS OF HOUSEHOLD LOTS OF TOOLS & MISC.

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• 2000 Buick Century, 4 Dr., Leather, New Tires, Loaded, 40,600 Miles (one owner).

ARTISTS' WORKS & COLLECTIBLES: Original Ramon Kelly Charcoal; Acrylic on Burlap by Mason; Original 60' & 70's Water Colors by Asterio; Original 70's Water Color by Wanda Colling; Randy Penner 70's Original Water Color; Randy Penner Print "Spring Plowing"; Robert Woods 1956 on Canvas; Robert Regier 3/6 Print "Flint Hills Journey"; Amanda Manrido Pena signed Indian Print; Arthur Singer Bird Prints; Other Quality Pieces by William S Horten, B. Genster, E. Suderman, Joseph Bohler, and others; Early 1900's Framed Chinese Tapestry, Old Cookie Jar; Razor Straps; Costume Jewelry & More.

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES: Oak 48" Curved Center Glass & Flat Side Glass 3 Shelf China Cabinet; Frigidaire 18.6 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator; Maytag Heavy Duty Washer; Maytag Heavy Duty Electric Dryer; Amana Radar Range; Small Kitchen Appliances; Pine Dining Table/4 Chairs; Kroehler 3 Piece Bedroom Set; 7 Drawer Desk/Chair; Zenith 19" TV Cable Ready; 4 Swivel Rockers; Round Metal Picnic Table/4 Chairs; Wooden Book Shelves; Antique Oak Library Table; Antique Oak Wardrobe; Zenith Universe Radio; 2 Single Beds; 2 - 4 Drawer Chests & More.

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TRACTORS: John Deere 4440 w/duals, 3400 hrs.; John Deere 3010; Ford 801 Power Master; Ford 601 Workmaster.

TRUCK: 1999 Volvo single axle, Cummins motor; 1956 Ford truck; 1960 Ford F-600, 13' 6" bed & hoist.

PICKUP: 1989 Ford F-250 XLT Lariat.

TRAILERS: 1976 Circle H 16' stock trailer; flatbed farm trailer; Continental Cargo 6'x10' enclosed trailer.

EQUIPMENT: John Deere 8300 grain drill; Krause 16' disc; IH 500, 12' plow disc; Krause 3 pt. chisel; John Deere 3 pt. chisel; 7' Bush Hog mower; 5' 3 pt. mower; Ford 501 sickle mower; New Holland hay rake; John Deere 4-14 plow; John Deere 3-14 plow; John Deere 3 pt. spring-tooth; IH 3 pt. rotary hoe; 300 gal. pull type sprayer; slide-in sprayer; 3 pt. sprayer; 6"x32' grain auger; drag harrow; Ford loader; EZ flow.

TOOLS: 3 large air compressors; 5 hp. industrial 80 gal. air compressor; hydraulic press; hot saw; 3/4" drill press; bench grinder; jack stands; shop heater; tool boxes; sm. air compressor; tool boxes w/cabinets; sanders; Milwaukee grinder; sev. hyd. jacks; chains & boomers; chain come-a-longs; drill bits; elec. welder; cutting torch set; engine hoist; pickup tool boxes; clamps; battery charger; hand tools; yard & garden tools; lots of misc. tool items.

HOUSEHOLD: Oak 5 pc. bedroom suite; oak 2 pc. bedroom suite; 5 drawer chest; maple desk; night stands; oak coffee & end tables; lamps; 32" TV; AC/DC TV; oak entertainment center; china cabinet; rocker recliner; Mastercraft sofa & matching love seat; Mastercraft chair & ottoman; solid pine 60" round table, 4 captain chairs & 2 leaves; maple coffee & end tables; misc. dishes; Christmas decor; Mickey Mouse phone; lg. screen TV; love seat sleeper; computer; linens; sev. Mexican blankets; sm. kitchen appliances; camping gear; microwave; misc. glassware; lots of misc. household & kitchen items.

MISC.: Craftsman 18.5V twin lawn tractor; Craftsman 22" weed trimmer; Craftsman 16 hp. mower for parts; elec. cattle waterer; car tow hitch; pickup stock racks; misc. gates; wire wheels; mounted tires; misc. oil products; grass seed; sev. cans of paint; fencing; barrel stand; chrome headcage rack for Ford pickup; new barb wire; steel posts; lots & lots of misc.; too numerous to list.

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Retail staple food prices increase slightly in first quarter

Retail food prices at the supermarket showed a modest increase during the first quarter of 2010, according to the latest American Farm Bureau Federation Market-basket Survey.

The informal survey shows the total cost of 16 food items that can be used to prepare a meal was \$45.54, up \$2.64 or 6 percent higher compared to the fourth quarter of 2009. The total average price for the 16 items dropped by \$1.87 or about 4 percent less compared to one year ago. Of the 16 items surveyed, 14 increased and two decreased in average price compared to the prior quarter.

Shredded cheddar cheese, deli ham, apples, vegetable oil, bacon, boneless chicken breasts and eggs increased the most in dollar value from quarter-to-quarter.

Shredded cheddar cheese increased 62 cents to

\$4.26 per pound; sliced deli ham increased 48 cents to \$4.83 per pound; apples increased 25 cents to \$1.50 per pound; vegetable oil increased 23 cents to \$2.74; bacon and boneless chicken breasts increased 22 cents to \$3.22 and \$2.93 per pound, respectively; and eggs increased 19 cents to \$1.74 per dozen.

"Improved demand for milk and dairy products here at home and from export markets was the driving factor behind higher retail prices found by our volunteer shoppers during the first quarter of the year," said AFBF Economist John Anderson. "Higher retail prices for some meats were due to reduced supplies," Anderson said.

Other items that increased in price quarter-to-quarter were flour, up 16 cents to \$2.26 for a 5-pound bag; whole milk, up 11 cents to \$3.15 per gallon; bagged

salad, up 10 cents to \$2.67 for a 1-pound bag; sirloin tip roast, up 9 cents to \$3.69 per pound; Russet potatoes, up 8 cents to \$2.26 for a five-pound bag; orange juice, up 5 cents for a half-gallon to \$2.98; and toasted oat cereal, up 2 cents to \$2.97 for a 9-ounce box.

Compared to a year ago, eggs increased 16 percent; apples increased 11 percent and toasted oat cereal increased 2 percent.

Two foods declined slightly in price compared to the prior quarter: white bread, down 11 cents to \$1.71 for a 20-oz. loaf; and ground chuck, down 6 cents to \$2.63 per pound. Several items from the meat case decreased in price compared to one year ago: chicken breasts (down 13 percent), ground chuck (down 10.5 percent) and sirloin tip roast (down 7.5 percent).

The year-to-year direction of the marketbasket survey tracks with the federal government's Consumer Price Index (www.bls.gov/epi) report for food at

home. As retail grocery prices have increased gradually over time, the share of the average food dollar that America's farm and ranch families receive has dropped.

"From about the mid-1970s, farmers received about one-third of consumer retail food expenditures for food eaten at home and away from home, on average. Since then, that figure has decreased steadily and is now just 19 percent, according to Agriculture Department statistics," Anderson said.

Using the "food at home and away from home" percentage across-the-board, the farmer's share of this quarter's \$45.54 marketbasket would be \$8.65.

According to USDA, Americans spend just under 10 percent of their disposable annual income on food, the lowest average of any country in the world.

Tracking milk and egg trends

For the first quarter of 2010, shoppers reported the average price for a half-gallon of regular whole milk was \$2.00, up 1 cent from the prior quarter. The average price for one gallon of regular whole milk was \$3.15, up 14 cents. Comparing per-quart prices, the retail price for whole milk sold in gallon containers was about 25 percent lower compared to half-gallon containers, a typical volume discount long employed by retailers.

The average price for a half-gallon of rBST-free milk was \$3.62, up 54 cents from the last quarter, more than 50 percent higher than the reported retail price for a half-gallon of regular milk (\$2).

The average price for a half-gallon of organic milk was \$3.66, up 9 cents compared to the fourth quarter of 2009 quarter - about 80 percent higher than the reported retail price for a half-gallon of regular milk (\$2).

Compared to a year ago (first quarter of 2009), the retail price for regular milk in gallon containers was unchanged while regular milk in half-gallon containers decreased 8 percent. The average retail price for rBST-free milk increased about 13 percent in a year's time. The average retail price for organic milk in half-gallon containers dropped about 1 percent in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the prior year.

For the first quarter of 2010, the average price for one dozen regular eggs was \$1.74. The average price for "cage-free" eggs was \$2.91 per dozen, about 70 percent more per dozen than regular eggs. Compared to a year ago (first quarter of 2009), regular eggs increased 16 percent while "cage-free" eggs were unchanged.

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fume; Royal Doulton tobys; Waterford vases & baseball player; mustache cups; Spode Christmas set; mini glass animals; Seraphim angel collection; Hummel; Lady Di collector plates; perfume bottles; British Castles tea pot; beer steins; Fitz & Floyd canister set

ring; 14K yellow gold peridot; red coral necklace; bracelets; several pieces sterling jewelry.

Beaded purse; linens; figurines incl.: Jan Hagara, Maud Humphrey Bogart; shaving mirror; Phillips 66 advertising; Kennedy collection; magazines inc. (Ladies World 1912, 1928, Needle craft.); German books; post cards; Toys inc.: cast iron Champion motorcycle; Hubley; Tootsie; cast iron elephant; Chrysler Valiant; Charlie Weaver; tin monkey; Down The Hatch; Indian; marbles.

COLLECTABLES

Winchester grain scale; Victorian prints; Aladdin lamp shade; motion lamp; advertising clock; china head doll; German porcelain doll; 2 pc. Indian pottery; Dazy churn; pictures inc.: Custer's Last Stand, Remington, Kincaid, others; Peterboro & Longaburger basket; costume jewelry; 14K white gold

Pacesetter 4 wheel mobility scooter, good.

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Antique Oak curved glass china cabinet, Antique Walnut dropfront desk, Dining room suite with table, chairs, leaves, china hutch, server; 3 - 3 section stack bookcases; antique loveseat (refinished & nice); 2 Lazyboy recliners; couch; Oak stand table; living room chairs; Oak ball & claw foot stand; 2pc sectional sofa; hide-a-bed sofa; 5-drawer chest; coffee table; cedar chest; slate top entry credenza; full size bed; rockers; sofa table with marble inserts; twin bed; blanket chest; sewing stand; end tables; cabinets; 2-drawer sewing stand; Frigidaire refrigerator/freezer; chest freezer; Amana washer & dryer; microwave; Sony Trinitron TV & stand; small rocker; wood arm chair; Kenwood stereo system; Oak stereo cabinet; stereo speakers; floor lamp; vanity chair; unique pole lamp; card table & chairs; 2 banquet type tables; metal shelf; office chairs; retro rug of carpet squares; small Baker's rack; wood shelf; antique store? Counter; 2 - 2 door cabinets; **Collection of 13 an-**

tique trunks-all have been professionally restored including Stagecoach, 4 doll trunks, Jinny Lind, wall trunk & others. Very nice unique collection!

Approximately 35 quilts-VERY NICE; 31 B&G Collector's plates; various other collector plates; 32 pc set of etched stemware (4 sizes); approximately 50 pc set of crystal stemware; cuckoo clock; Aladdin & Rayo lamps; 10 brass Coleman lamps; Fostoria candleholders, footed dish & creamer & sugar; woodcuts; cups & saucer collection; silver tea set; 93pc set Autumn china; Fenton basket & slippers; tin head & other dolls; Fenton candy dishes; ironstone pitcher; Carnival vases; Oriental plaques & plates; salt & peppers; 6 Fostoria juice glasses; Hull vase; 2 Longaberger baskets; collection of frog figurines; large pen & pencil collection; cake plate; teapots; pots; pans; kitchen items; lamps; bells; Angels; figurines; mirror; plaques; figural lamp;

red glassware; punch bowl set; Coke tray; lots of records; baking dishes; Corningware; crochets; tablecloths; towels; cookbooks; ceramic dwarfs; silk screen print; wooden ware; pictures; 2 quilt tops; buttons; pinking shears; quilt blocks; sewing patterns; **lots of yard goods**; thread; sewing notions; Christmas decorations; brass lamps; Kirby & other vacuums; 10 gallon Blue Ribbon crock; 1946 Navy uniform; Army & Navy blankets; sheets; blankets; afghans; bedspreads; assorted cards; cigar boxes; fans; sad irons; golf clubs; electric heater; retro clock; planters; jars; coolers; floor polisher; clothes rack; ironing board; luggage; roaster; cake plates; crockpot; kitchen appliances; mugs; bowls; bread machine; Tupperware; various household items; power washer; aluminum extension & step ladders; lawn cart; lantern; buck saw; nice selection of hand & garden tools; sprayers; miscellaneous.

NOTE: Nice clean Auction!

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Nothing is new

Sometimes while wandering the backroads searching for abandoned houses, imploding barns or other remnants of a bygone civilization to photograph I have to remind myself that those endless miles of prairie were once thickly inhabited. The Anasazi of the Southwest weren't the only ones to fly away like migrating birds though rarely do historians make the comparison. The similarities seem obvious but then I grew up in the shadow of the ancients and recognize the same pattern of ebb and flow, even if the land itself is so vastly different.

Why I should be so attracted to ruins is something

that frankly puzzles me. I've always been more at home in the wild yet I grew up and lived in an urban environment most of my life. Perhaps the architectural remains are in some way more accessible or provide a sort of middle ground between the madness of cities and the unfettered limitlessness of a wilderness that can never be fully conceived but only be experienced. After having experienced both I prefer the latter over the former but find myself in a halfway place between what was and what will be.

So little is left to mark the lives of the early pioneers. Last year while exploring what I call the

Empty Quarter of Washington County I saw in the distance three standing walls superimposed against endless rolling swells of emerald green. After hiking almost a mile I arrived at an old homestead carved from Dakota sandstone, fire-blackened, more cairn than ruin. Circling it left me with an impression of agelessness and a sense that the land had somehow repelled the inhabitants. Except for the relic and a distant barbed wire fence there was no evidence of man's hand

anywhere in sight. That spatial vacuum was as humbling as it was illuminating in that I could easily imagine myself adrift in a time long before the mountain men pushed through on their way to the snowy Rockies.

Recently I came across a quote from A.T. Andreas, author of A History of the State of Kansas, where he lamented the sad fate of some of the failed early frontier towns threaded along the parallel tracks of the Central Branch Railroad. In Waconda, he wrote, an empty two-story stone schoolhouse remained "the city's most conspicuous landmark, like a headstone erected to the memory of a departed life." That it was written in 1873 is all the more astounding.

Dr. Elizabeth Verschelden, whose doctoral thesis We Go To Plant Her Common Schools on Distant Prairie Swells: School-

building Along the Union Pacific's Central Branch 1860-1890 is now part of the Central Branch Research Library in Waterville, said populations of the homestead counties of north central Kansas were in constant flux, with in- and out-migrations closely following the economic and natural disasters of the times. New faces replaced the old but nothing really changed. It was a tough, sometimes brutal existence with no guarantee of success. Nor was it only the inhabitants whose lives seemed so ephemeral — communities sprang up along the tracks but their roots never gained a foothold. The town of Washington was literally wiped out by prairie fires in 1871 and 1872. Other communities such as Summit, Reedsville or May Day have disappeared so completely that they can only be found on yellowed and brittle maps, like a forgotten dialect or a

language no longer spoken. I've heard it said that the depopulation of western and central Kansas is inescapable, that we ought to throw in the proverbial towel and create a Buffalo Commons where nature can reclaim its rightful inheritance. While that may be true it would be shortsighted to chart a future based on a mythic Disneyesque vision of America before the white man. We weren't the first and we won't be the last, something Verschelden's research has aptly pointed out. Today's economic collapses, school budget woes and demographic shifts are identical to those of the mid to late 1800s. In Verschelden's words, "Modern history over one hundred years old." Beneath these ruins dotting the prairie are the unre-membered paths of stone age peoples. Nothing is new, not even our capacity to forget.

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FURNITURE, APPLIANCES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: 2006 Maytag 16.5 cu. ft. upright freezer; Weslo treadmill; oak dining table & 4 chairs; small kitchen table & 2 rolling chairs; 25 in. & other TV's; king size bed, chest & dresser; walnut full size bed & double dresser; oak chest w/mirror, refinished; solid walnut & other coffee tables; lamps; redwood patio set; recliners; swivel rockers; sofa sleeper; love seat; day bed; cookware; coolers; card tables & chairs; old oak commode; dehumidifier; jewelry armoire; jewelry boxes; 2 drawer file cabinets; luggage; old wicker baskets; some antiques; dozens of Louis Amour books; other furniture, antiques, & household items.
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 April 20 — Bar & grill equipment at Salina for Former Coaches Bar & Grill. Auctioneers: Kisser's Auction & Appraisal Services, LLC.
 April 20 — Tractors & parts, tools, garage, outdoor, old & collectibles, household at Hillsboro for Mike & Linda Beltz & Family. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
 April 21 — Tractors, combine, trailers, implements, trucks, ATVs, forklift, welders, shop tools & misc. at Manhattan for KSU Agronomy Dept. Auctioneers: United Country-Ruckert Realty & Auction.
 April 21 — Jackson Co. real estate at Delia for Parr 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, glassware, pottery, primitives, clocks, toys, beer items & signs, books, pictures at Barnes for Mrs. (Dennis) Georgia Oelschlagel. 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 24 — Farm machinery SE of Seneca for George Wessel Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Real Estate & Auction.
 April 24 — Real estate at Holton for Virginia Danenberg Estate. Auctioneers: Wayne Pagel, CAI.
 April 24 — Furniture, collectibles, dolls & toys, glass & china at Salina for Barbara Hilpman. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 April 24 — Furniture, Pflatzgraf stoneware, dog figurines, collector plates, collectibles, riding lawn mower at Manhattan for Mike & the late Rose Anne

Sooby. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
 April 24 — Tractors, combines, trucks, vehicles, boat & machinery near Cuba for Glenn Fisher. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.
 April 24 — Consignments, tractors, crawlers, truck machinery & livestock equipment at Glasco. Auctioneers: Fred Hirsch.
 April 24 — Vehicle, boat, guns, knives, furniture, glassware, watches & collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Gaylon Johnson. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
 April 24 — Real estate, furniture, glassware & artwork, appliances, antiques & collectibles, tools & misc. at Silver Lake. Auctioneers: Simmitt Auction.
 April 24 — Sports memorabilia, NASCAR bobble heads, baseball & football cards & others, knives, belt buckles at Great Bend for Leon Reichuber. Auctioneers: Schremmer Re-

alty, Auction & Appraisers, L.C.
 April 24 — Car, artists' works & collectibles, antiques & collectibles, yard & tools at North Newton for Elda Penner. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.
 April 24 — Automobiles, guns, tools, equipment & outdoor gear, furniture, appliances & household items at Linn for Phil Clark. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.
 April 24 — Tractors, truck, pickup, trailers, equipment, tools, household & misc. at Ottawa for Leo & Mary Ferguson Estate. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.
 April 24 — Restaurant & automotive items at Assaria for KDOR Asset Seizure. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.
 April 24, 25 & 26 — Tractors, combines, headers, grain carts, trucks & pickups, antique & misc. vehicles, trailers, lawn, garden, ATV's, farm & hay equip., planters & drills at Larned. Auctioneers: Carr Auction & Real Estate, Inc.
 April 25 — Furniture & collectibles, guns & coins at Salina. Auctioneers:

Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 April 25 — Car & truck, furniture, hospital bed, household, hand & garden tools at Manhattan for Vincent & Betty Lundin Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
 April 25 — Vehicle, firearms, tools, household & antiques at Abilene for Walter Sims. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.
 April 25 — Antiques & collectibles, 70s VW convertible, coins & glassware at Osage City for Earhart Family. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.
 April 25 — Guns, antiques & collectibles, household, tools & misc. at Ottawa for Gardner Estate. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.
 April 26 — Fall River Reservoir & pasture, Greenwood Co. at Fall River for Terry Hart. Auctioneers: United Country-Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC.
 April 26 — Cattle equipment, tools, machinery & misc. at Council Grove for CGHS Vo-Ag Department. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.
 April 27 — Ottawa Co. land at Minneapolis. Auction-

eers: Farmers National Company.
 April 27 — Tractors, trailers, lawn mower, pickup, pipe, new tires, hay & livestock equip. at Emporia for Robert Bender. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.
 April 28 — Equipment consignments at Spring Hill. Auctioneers: Countrywide Tractor & Auction.
 April 28 — Tractors, trucks, trailers, planting, harvest, haying, farm, irrigation, tree removal equipment, scrapers, motor grader & more online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.
 May 1 — Household, antiques & collectibles estate at Havensville. Auctioneers: Kocher's Auction Service.
 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 1 — Jackson Co. real estate & personal property at Mayetta for James M. Rethman. Auctioneers: Branam's Inc. Real Estate, Dan Harris.
 May 1 — Equipment & farm machinery consignments at Tonganoxie. Auction-

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May 1 — Horse equipment, gun, collectibles, glass & collectibles, mobility scooter at Salina for Paul Pruitt Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 1 — Tractors, combine, truck, trailer, machinery, equipment, misc. & bins at Hillsboro for Harold & Shirley Kasper. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

May 1 — Antiques, collectibles, beer adv. & collectibles, books, furniture & household, tools, yard & garage items at Marion for John & Ella Brose. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 1 — Coins & guns at New Strawn. Auctioneers: Swift-n-Sure Auctions.

May 1 — Hydraulic auto lifts, GM specialty tools, automotive tools & access., go cart official pace car, paint booth, service manuals & books, bulk oil containers, spray mist cooler, office furniture & supplies, shelving units at Beatrice, Neb. for Spady-Runcie Chevrolet-Cadillac, Inc. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs & Hardin.

May 1 — Jet skis, boats & trailers at Wichita. Auctioneers: Newcom Auction.

May 1 — Antique furniture, furniture, antique trunks, quilts, stemware, glass, yard goods, household & tools at Topeka for Harold Johnson. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 2 — Collectibles & coins, crocks, toys at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 2 — Furniture, household, collectibles, shop items & tools at Manhattan for Havenstein Furniture. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 3 — Tractors, heavy equipment, trucks & pickup, machinery, livestock panels & misc. near Hays for Leo & Mickie Dreiling. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

May 6 — Saline Co. farmland at Abilene for Darwin S. McCall & Alberta McCall Trust #1. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

May 7 — Wilson Co. real estate & farm equipment at Benedict for Lee & Beverly Markham. Auctioneers: United Country-Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC.

May 7 & 8 — Modern household & misc., antique furniture, toys, beer signs, glassware & pottery, R.A. Fox prints, other antiques at Enterprise for Harold "Bud" Lemmons Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

May 8 — Chautauqua Co. recreational retreat, water, bluffs, hunting S. of Sedan for Darrel & Karen Dahl. Auctioneers: United Country-Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC.

May 8 — Coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

May 8 — Household goods, antiques, dog collectibles & misc. at Clay Center for Sylvia (Mrs. George) Osborn Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

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

May 12 — Farmland at Abilene for Shane & Silynda Christensen. Auctioneers: Yocum Realty & Auction Service.

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 15 & 16 — Antiques & collectibles at Emporia for a large Lyon County family estate. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 22 — Acreage, home & buildings, farm equipment & household at Mayetta for Francis Frazier Estate & Lola M. Frazier. Auctioneers: Wayne Pagel, CAI.

May 22 — Real estate & personal property SW of Matfield Green for Estate of Brittje Jean Taliaferro & the late Howard C. Taliaferro. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

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 29 — Home & personal property at Marion for Chill Estate. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

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.

June 12 — Collectible cars, tractors & misc. at Topeka for Herb Bolyard Estate & Barb Bolyard. Auctioneers: Wayne Pagel, CAI.



Yard & Garden Tips By Gregg Eystone

Ahead of the Weeds

There is a saying that "Death and Taxes" are unavoidable. Gardeners like to add "Weeds" to that statement. Another way that these can be connected is that a preemergent herbicide or one that kills young seedlings needs to be applied around tax time of April 15. And if it all goes right, death to the weeds will occur.

Preemergents are highly publicized for applications to lawns. In the past, it was the best herbicide method for management of summer annual grassy weeds like crabgrass and foxtail. Many products are available to choose from for the lawn application.

A thick lawn prevents weeds from having space to grow. I try to fertilize, mow and occasionally water to develop a thick lawn. Weeds are few and far between in my lawn so I choose not to apply a preemergent.

Post emergent weed products containing the active ingredient quinclorac

will kill growing grassy weeds. This product can be used to spot treat where a few weeds might take root. It is typically mixed with broadleaf herbicides so that it is effective on many kinds of weeds.

Weed management options for those that sprout in the vegetable garden, flower bed or shrub plantings are less promoted. I still do a lot of weed cutting. One must have a tool designed for cutting weeds. The common hoe is not an easy tool to use for cutting weeds. Get a shuffle hoe, collinear hoe, loop hoe or other tool where the cutting blade is horizontal to the ground.

Like a thick lawn, close spacing of plants will shade and prevent space for weeds to grow. Annual flower beds and techniques referred to as "square foot" vegetable gardening can reduce weeds by planting closely. Annual vegetables and flowers will do fine. I don't recommend planting closer than recommended

for perennials and shrubs.

Mulches are good tools for weed control. Organic mulches will in time improve the soil and aid in plant growth. Application of these prior to June will keep the soil cool and may not be desirable. Black fabric materials which are mainly used in shrub beds does warm the soil quickly in the spring for plant growth where it is exposed. These materials need to be shaded with typically other materials to prevent continued heating of the soil during the summer.

Like taxes, fewer weeds are best and there are several tips to keep them down. 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.

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Michigan pennant Little World Series Baseball; Colorado Rockies baseball; 1950 NY Giants baseball seat coupon; Big Shot Apollo Missile; glass banks; glass candy containers; Japanese umbrella; several small showcases; Beloit, Ks cabinet cards showing store fronts; 1908 Bank Of Scandia calendars; tobacco silks; Kellogg wall telephone; Scottie dogs; assortment costume jewelry; Neb advertising items; KK paperweight & pocket knife; Joe Camel items; dice; keys; bullet pencils; postcard albums; John Deere manual rulers, pens; Nehi booklets; Schlitz & Hamm's beer items; coffee tins (Yellow Bonnet, Sunshine, Red Wolf, Pickwick, McCord, Brady, others); spice tins; KU pennants; fishing lures (Heddon, South Bend, other); fishing rod; rail road items (UP bucket & spout, ATSF cob fork, ATSF fire extinguisher); Hamilton-Brown tin shoe sign; Claxton Fruit Cake Co metal sign; Grangers's Store Glasco sign; other signs; WWI stereo cards; Maleta Forsberg prints; Winchester shells (.44 cal, 30-06, 25-35); gun oil can; Aladdin lamp; other lamps; globe; Reidenhour & Baker Grocery KC tobacco cutter; nude oil paintings; other paintings; political pins; football jersey; men & ladies watches; 10 quilts; 5 pc Roseville; Salina, Russell,

Cawker City, Belleville & Marion Ks china; Willa Cather necklace, hot plate, books & other; Staffordshire plates; carnival glass; Japan luster ware dishes; Glacier park bowl; Chinese figures; milk glass items; Christmas items; blue granite; gray granite; Keen Kutter scale; Griswold skillet; knives; Boy Scout patches & pins; Ducks Unlimited patches & pens; Neb hunting license w/duck stamps (1945-1967); sewing items; vet supply box w/tins & bottles; large assortment of other items.

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1951 Willys Jeep, Original 4 Cylinder Flat Head Engine, 6 Volt System, Soft Top & PTO, (Runs - Great Vehicle For Collectors), Sport Yak II One Man Boat, Minkota Trolling Motor, 870 Remington 12 Ga Trap TB Pump Shotgun, 37 Featherlite Ithaca 12 Ga Pump Shotgun, Harrington & Richardson 12 Ga Singleshot Shotgun, 940 Stevens 20 Ga Singleshot Shotgun, 06 Winchester .22 Rifle, 24 Remington .22 Rifle, (Retooled to accept LR's only), Shotgun Reloading Equipment, German Bayonet, German Dress Bayonet, German Svobda Dagger, Fairbanks WWII Dagger, Kabar USMC Knife, Replica German Youth Knife, German Weyersburg Modelo Argentino 1909 Short Sword, Japanese Souvenir Samurai Sword, Collins & Co US 1962 Machete, Buck Knife w/Sheath.

FURNITURE

Antique Oak Chiffonier, Burl Oak Dresser w/Wishbone Mirror, Oak 4 Drawer Chest, Wooden Frame Futon, Bi-Fold Mirrors, Marble Top End Table, China Cabinet, Oak Table, Lamp Stand, Slatted Plant Stand, Walnut Writing Desk, Pie Safe (No Doors), TV/VCR Storage Cabinet, Singer Sewing Machine Cabinet (No Head), Flex Steel X-Tra Wide Recliner, Padded Seat Dining Captains Chair, Padded Seat Dining Side Chair, Oak Cane Bottom Rocker, Ice Cream Parlor Stool.

GLASSWARE, WATCHES & COLLECTIBLES

Iris & Herringbone Vases & Bowl, Crystal Goblets, Stems & Vase, Cambridge Creamer & Sugar, Blue Shirley Temple Style Pitcher, Pink Fiesta Pitcher, 2-Blue Fiesta Bowls, Jadeite Green Bowl, McCoy (Umbrella Vase, Vases, Pink Band Canister Set, Pink Band Coffee Set & Mixing Bowl), Roseville Vases, Franciscan Pitcher, Gildhan LTC "Cameo" China Set, Mustache Cup, Crock Bread Bowl, Elephant Figurine, Paul Peugeot Hunters Case 17 Jewel Sidewinder Ladies Watch, Elgin Hunters Case

Sidewinder Ladies Watch, Several Silver Plate Items, Rogers Bros Flatware w/Case, Longaberger Picnic Basket w/Liner, Longaberger Baskets, 1880's Leather Bound Bible, 2-Civil War Grand Army Of The Republic Veteran Buttons, WWII Military Patch Collection, 2-CI Floral Door Stops, Triner 3Lb Postal Scale, Enamel On Copper "Fisherman" Picture By R. Kolp, Tolken Calendars, Grundig Tube Radio, Philco Console Tube Radio, Tube Tester, Cigar Boxes, Tins, Hallmark Christmas Ornaments, Kerosene Lamps.

TOOLS &

MISCELLANEOUS

JD3000 Contractors Generator (NIB), Car Ramps, Battery Power Pack, Sheep Shears, 7' Two Man Cross Cut Saw, 4' Disston Saw, Military Field Gear, Military Flatware, Books, Reference Books, Board Games, Wooden Skis, Fishing Lures, Luggage, Canning Jars, Graniteware Canners, Christmas Decorations, THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LISTING AS THERE WILL BE MANY MORE ITEMS TO EVALUATE.

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BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Rock And A Hard Place

It happened to Brett, a country boy in college on a rodeo scholarship. His folks sent him off to college in a well-used 3/4-ton pickup with mud and snows and a grill that looked like the gate on a Russian prison, a 16' stock trailer the color of camouflage, and an antique gas-stingy hatchback coupe.

The story began one early chilly morning when 'Marilyn', as he affectionately named the hatchback, wouldn't start. When this happened back at the ranch

they would push Marilyn up into the back of the stock trailer and haul her to the mechanic 18 miles away in Mountain Home. Not having a push tractor there on campus, Brett strategically placed the opened trailer at the foot of steep grade next to the sidewalk. He set up two stout board ramps and walked back up the hill to get Marilyn.

The campus seemed deserted, Bret observed, as he pushed Marilyn over the edge, jumped in and coasted

down the hill. He hit the ramp tracks and loaded the projectile on the trailer with less than six inches of clearance! "Step One!" he said, much satisfied.

It was then that Step Two reared its ugly head. On the ranch they never needed to actually sit behind the wheel to load her, he remembered ... too late! There was no way to get the door open. There was no space through the window against the solid-sided trailer. "The hatchback!" he thought, hope in his heart. He could see the empty street behind him through the back window. Over he climbed only to find that it would not open!

As the day warmed people began appearing. He heard children talking to a mom nearby.

"Hey, Lady," Brett whispered, trying not to scare her. No response.

"Hey, Lady!" he said, raising his voice.

The mom looked around, grabbed her kids and hurried away from the menacing voice. For 45 minutes Brett tried to catch the attention of passers by. He whistled, banged on the trailer, and rocked Marilyn. Finally by plastering himself against the hatchback window and flailing like a shipwrecked sailor, he caught the attention of a bicycling journalism major.

She agreed to go get help if Brett agreed to let her film his plight and do an interview first. He was cornered and acquiesced. The article was titled, "Carpooling, the Cowboy Way!"

KSRE names summer interns

K-State Research and Extension has named 11 students as 2010 summer interns. The interns will assist Extension agents and staff in planning and implementing educational programs for residents in Kansas counties and districts.

The interns, in alphabetical order by last name, followed by major, school, hometown and (in parentheses) district or county in which they are working work, are: Teauania Charles, family studies and human services, K-State; Wichita, (Sedgwick County); Jenell Cox, agricultural economics, K-State; Chanute, (Johnson County); Lauren Davis, animal sciences and industry, K-State (2009 graduate); Manhattan, (Central Kansas District).

Bridget Doyle, animal sciences and industry, K-State; Hawthorn Woods, Ill. (Kearny County); Lindsey Friesen, journalism and mass communications, K-State (2008 graduate); Newton, (Central Kansas District); Hallie Frobose, animal science and pre-veterinary medicine, Butler Community College; Pemberville, Ohio (Linn County); Kristin Gleason, family and consumer sciences education, K-State; St. John, (Barton County).

Lynn Leuthold, agricultural education, K-State; Manhattan, (Scott County); Hannah Morray, mathematics, K-State; Gridley, (Shawnee County); Rebecca Strong, human ecology, K-State; Fort Riley (Northeast Area Extension office); and Callie Williams, agricultural communications and journalism, K-State; Olsburg, (Douglas County).

AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 1 — 10:00 AM

1003 Batt, MARION, KANSAS

Spec. Bldg. at the Industrial Park SE of John Deere Implement

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES

2 oval & round oak dining room tables, one with claw feet and leaves; many chairs; oak dressers; parlor table; tea cart; Eastlake dresser w/mirror; flow blue vases; jelly cupboard; wrought iron bakers rack; wicker writing desk; Fire King mixing bowls; crocks; Western stoneware; wood crates; trunks; milk cans; rocking chairs; horse tricycle; tin & wood doll houses; baskets; fine china, Johnson Bros., Royal Court & misc.; pictures; Emperor Grandfather clock; drop leaf table; iron bed; lamps; Louisville stoneware; long wooden bench; red auditorium chairs; primitive table; white wicker chair; chairs w/wicker seats, 2 sets of 4; Cuckoo clock; pitcher and bowl; camel back trunks; kid's primitive chair; silverware; autoharp; wooden crates; sled; baskets; lantern oil & electric; lamps; ice skates; Ironstone dishes, platters, plates; candleholders; yellow Depression glass; silver pieces; Ironstone stoneware; Mission Oak dining table; Spode china; collectible glass; horse pictures; original art; prints and paintings.

BEER ADVERTISEMENTS & COLLECTIBLES

Custer's Last Stand Budweiser picture; liquor steins; Coors, Michelob and other beer and liquor collectibles; Schlitz picture with ornate frame; beer mirrors; liquor decanters, train decanter; misc. barware.

BOOKS

Collection of books including Harvard Classics complete set, Best of World Classics, Smalley's Book of Classics; Charles Dickens books; History of Johnstown Flood; Turn of the Century books; cookbooks; many misc. books.

FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD

2 picnic tables; microwave; wooden folding chairs; dresser & vanity; library table; rocking chair; bookshelves; living room chairs; light fixture; king mat-

tress and box spring w/ headboard; 2 trundle beds, 1 wicker; brass bed & mattress and box spring; mirrors; trundle bed; oval table w/leaves; Director's chair; file cabinet; dishes; lots of china; coolers; metal shelving; golf balls; walking sprinkler National Manufacturing Co.; misc. household; folding chairs; oak cabinet; coat rack; couch; side table; oak coffee table; cooking utensils; cast iron pots, pans & Teflon; linens; kid's chairs; ash trays; misc. dishes and household items.

TOOLS, YARD & GARAGE ITEMS

John Deere 6.75 hp. OHV JS63C push mower w/bagger; Stihl FS45C weed eater; Ryobi sander; Ryobi detail sander; Craftsman router; router base; Black & Decker drill; Ryobi finishing sander; Ryobi super sander; Makita finishing sander; Skil 14.4 V drill; Chicago electric sawzall; Black & Decker mouse sander; wood clamps; Black & Decker polisher; wood carving tools; Delta bench top drill; 8' bench grinder; Delta 10" contractor table saw w/extended top; John Deere heavy duty wet dry vac; Rockwell Model 14 band saw; Hagner Multimax scroll saw; Advance carpet cleaner; Mystic brush carpet cleaner; knee kicker for carpet installation; shop fan; electric bush trimmer; professional cleaning equipment; Mr. Heater; floor buffers; Felker Tile Master tile saw; concrete tools; Everstart starter battery charger; squirrel cage fan; Werner 6' ladder; levels; squares; woodworking tools; sockets; wrenches; shovels; fans; sprinklers; buckets; hammers; pliers; chisels; bug zapper; fishing poles; fishing reels, open face; pole holders; bate caster poles; lures; jigs; Coleman lantern; Coleman camp stove; tool box; gun cases; gas cans; yard art; lawn chairs; pony hand clamps; lots of misc. tools & shop items.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: John and Ella were long time members of the Marion Community and owned the liquor store for many years. James and Patricia were avid collectors. There is truly something at this sale for everyone. Here is an opportunity to purchase something from a large collection of 2 estates that has accumulated over 60 years. Come and enjoy the day.

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