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Memorial food drive honors mother, ranch wife

By **Beth Gaines-Riffel**,
Editor

Surrounded by memories and heirlooms of four generations of women in her family, Rita Mills feels the love shared for her kin. A crystal ink well, a collection of cups and saucers, mementos from a 50th wedding anniversary celebration, a sauce pot, a cake spreader, a plate on which to serve deviled eggs, fine china in a hutch. While they may seem to be at first glance, simple tokens of times gone by — to Mills they represent the lives lived, sacrifices made and most importantly, love given.

“She is her mother’s daughter,” Jim Thompson said matter-of-factly about his daughter. “No doubt about that.” And that is just fine by Mills.

Ann Provost Thompson, according to accounts, was an amazing woman. Born and raised in Wabunsee County, she was the ultimate farm and ranch wife.

Adopted along with one of her brothers as a young child, she was raised in the era and learned to cook at her mother’s hip. Even as a youngster, she had a reputation for her domestic skills — going and staying with other families, helping to cook, clean and care for children.

She met her would-be husband, Jim, in high school. At Harveyville, they were sweethearts nearly from the beginning.

She loved life in the country, helping with the many aspects of farm and ranch life — including helping put up hay with the horse and wagon — and maybe more importantly, feeding the hungry crew.

When the hay crews needed to be fed, she had just the right touch — good hearty meals that would fuel them for the rest of the day’s work.

“I don’t think she could cook for less than 12, and for that matter, neither can I,” Mills said affectionately.

Meals on those hot summer days would often include cowboy beans (three-bean casserole), potato salad, cherry salad and Texas sheet cake.

Some of Mills’ most prized possessions include a kitchen pots and wooden spoons that have been handed down from her grandmother. Decorative platters and serving dishes also bring back many fond memories — which she loves to share with those who come to visit the farm. “I use them,” she said pointing to a deviled egg plate. “I often think ‘Oh, but what if they get broke?’ but know that they bring me joy.”

In addition to her cooking skills, the thing Ann was probably most known for was her sense of humor and her infectious laughter.



Jim Thompson and Rita and Mike Mills operate Horseway Farms and Adventures. They will be hosting the second annual Ann Thompson memorial food drive May 15 near Harveyville.

Below: A group enjoys the horsedrawn wagon ride bringing a canned goods donation.



In 2009, over 350 pounds of food was gathered for the food bank operated by the Harveyville United Methodist Church.

“She was a fun-loving person. There was always good times when she was around,” Mills said, as she told the story of the time when she threatened to ride the ATV, complete with none other than a rooster cap on her head and a smile on her face.

She passed away in February of 2008 at the age of 67.

The year following her death, Jim Thompson, along with daughter Rita and her husband Mike, embarked upon a new adventure — focusing on horses and horsepower — teaching folks

about old-fashioned farming methods. They introduce visitors to the farm to their draft team — Vic and Rex who, as a side note — recently worked the Kansas Sampler Festival in Leavenworth giving festival-goers rides to the grounds. Horseway Farms brings visitors to the farm to witness this old-fashioned method of doing

chores and making hay with teams — as well as providing instruction for those who want to learn how to drive their own team of horses.

Last spring, as a way to honor the year of her passing, Rita decided that they would host the first-annual Ann Thompson Memorial Food Drive.

“She never wanted any-

one that she cared about to ever go hungry,” Mills explained. “She always put out these huge spreads of food and enjoyed sharing.”

That first event raised \$200 cash for the fund and gathering over 350 pounds of food for the local food bank — one that operates out of the Harveyville United Methodist Church.

Mills has high hopes for the second event — setting a goal of raising \$350 and 1,000 pounds of food.

The Memorial Food Drive will be held on Saturday, May 15 from 11-3 p.m. at the farm near Harveyville. For a \$2 fee and a donation of two cans of food for adults and \$1 and two cans of food for kids younger than 11, those who want to take part in the day can enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, kids games and sit around a campfire roasting hotdogs. Special prizes are planned for those who bring 20 pounds or more of food goods to be donated.

“At the end of the day we’ll hitch up the little cart and take it into Harveyville Seed,” Mills explained. “We’ll weigh the food and then take it down to the church to unload it.”

The hope of the project is to have a little fun in the country, honor her mother’s memory and help those who might be in need, according to Mills.

For those who want more information or want to donate food goods to the drive, contact Mills at (785) 449-2236

From Harveyville: 4.5 miles north on Harveyville Road to Eight Mile Road, 2 miles west to Bodark Road and ¾ north on the west side.

More information can be found on the Horseway Farms and Adventures website at <http://www.horsewayfarmsandadventures.com/>

Purdue economist believes cattle business is on the rebound

In a few short months, cattle prices have staged a seemingly miraculous comeback. In December, finished cattle were \$80 per hundredweight (cwt.), now they are \$100 per cwt. Calves were \$1.05 per pound (lb.), now they are over \$1.30 per lb.

“Suddenly, owning cattle looks like a stroke of genius,” said Purdue University Extension Economist Chris Hurt.

The reasons for the comeback are clear, Hurt said. The world economy continues to recover, feed prices are lower, red meat supplies are down, exports are strong, and retail beef prices have been low. Now the question is, can it last?

Beef production in the United States so far this year has been down 1%. A

somewhat higher rate of slaughter has been more than offset by lower cattle weights. However, Hurt said there are even more important reasons to explain why cattle prices are so strong.

“U.S. and international consumers are feeling more confident, and they are competing for reduced meat supplies around the globe,” Hurt said. “Foreign consumers want more beef from the United States and from other exporting countries.”

In the first two months of 2010, U.S. beef exports were up 24%. At the same time, U.S. beef imports from competitors like Australia, New Zealand, and Brazil were down 23%. The result of modestly smaller U.S. production with such strong exports and reduced imports

is that beef supplies per person in the United States during the first quarter were down about 5%. Similar data for pork reveal a 6% reduction.

“Retailers have kept beef prices low in early 2010, and this has kept consumers fighting for reduced beef supplies and assisted in the cattle price surge,” Hurt said.

Retail beef prices in the first quarter averaged \$4.23 per lb., which was down 10¢ per lb. from a year earlier. Lower beef prices help to stimulate consumers to buy more beef. Hurt said one of the reasons live-cattle prices are so much stronger is because retailers had not yet moved their retail prices higher.

In the first quarter, as retail prices were down 10¢

per lb., retail margins dropped by 20¢ per lb. “This means that retailers primarily absorbed the higher wholesale beef prices at the expense of their own margins,” Hurt said. “In essence, this creates a period of seemingly strong demand because retail prices do not move up as quickly as wholesale prices.”

According to Hurt, the positive demand benefits of narrow retail margins and lower retail prices will not continue as retailers will be increasing beef prices this spring and summer.

“We can expect to see retail prices move back to record-high levels, which were \$4.46 per pound in the third quarter of 2008,” Hurt said. “In fact, it is likely that consumer prices will set new records this summer

and fall. Given the weakly recovering economy, consumer demand may not appear so robust this summer with record-high beef prices in grocery stores and restaurants.”

Calf prices have increased about 25% since December as a result of much higher finished cattle prices and lower feed prices. Midwest cash corn prices were near \$4 per bushel (bu.) late last fall, but are now below \$3.50 per bu. Soybean meal prices have been about \$35 per ton cheaper this April compared to last December. Bright production prospects for the 2010 crops have also strengthened the desire to buy calves and feeder cattle.

Guest Editorial

Why aren't we all sick?

By Jody Donohue

I suffered through Food, Inc. for the third time on PBS this week.

Every time, I'm astounded by how many mistakes and over exaggerations they made to push their own agenda.

People who don't know any better watch that show and think everything they put in their mouths is going to make them sick. That's what the makers want them to believe as they push their eat local, eat natural, anything from a big farm is bad agenda.

I would challenge them to go back to the source of our food — us. People like you and me who grow our nation's food supply. If our food supply is so dangerous, you and I are living at

ground zero.

So why aren't we sick? The scare tactics used by activists like the food producers use tactics like:

Pesticides and herbicides are ruining our health.

Adding hormones causes men to develop breasts.

Meat eaters will all get colon cancer.

We breed E.coli on our farms and ranches.

Of course, I know that you can do harm to yourself and others if you don't use ag chemicals correctly. I will never forget the day when I was five years old and accidentally breathed in a bunch of ammonia at my grandpa's fertilizer plant. It made me very sick.

I realize there are a lot

of people with serious health issues because of misuse of chemicals.

But if they are that toxic and residues are, as the activists say, so prominent in our food supply, why aren't we all sick? I don't know any farmers with a third eye or who have become radioactive after being in the field.

Not scientific — I know. And I'm not trying to make light of the danger, but if chemicals were so bad we would all be sick.

Now regarding the meat issues.

Farmers and ranchers eat more meat than the average city person. We all have a freezer full of it that came right off our place. We've never had a vegetarian meal at my house.

I haven't seen too many

farm boys looking like farm girls. I have a lot more city friends who are fighting cancer than farm friends who are. And most of the farmers I know seem to have fine reproductive health.

Can you get heart disease? Sure. Everything is best in moderation, but they've missed the memo that the research doesn't support their assertion.

They don't want to learn about E.coli being everywhere in the environment.

They show the pictures of cattle standing in mud and talk about what a breeding ground it is for the pathogen. And they show mud and manure on the animal too. Like we're licking that in every bite of ground beef.

The only time I've seen cattle standing in mud like they show was after a 10-inch rain. And you know what? We were standing in it too. Mud happens.

They say confined feeding and the way we feed corn makes it worse. They never talk about how to cook or wash food to reduce the risk. The farmer carries 100% of the blame for E.coli. And they never talk about strides made to detect and control it.

If it's as easy to get sick from e coli as they say it is — everyone with cattle should be in the hospital.

But again, you and I are around the stuff all the time. We probably have immunity from breathing tiny amounts of e coli in when walking through the barn.

So I'm sure nobody would study instances of e coli in farmers versus the general population. It wouldn't be scientific since we have something going for us that they don't.

But there's nothing scientific about the scare tactics they use anyway.

So farmers and ranchers defy the activists. Stay healthy.

Donohue writes on issues facing ag on her website at www.agropinion.com



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

With the calendar now flipped to the month of May — my mind is filled with upcoming celebrations. One of the most significant is coming up next Sunday when we honor mothers and all that they do for their families.

For the last number of years, it would seem that I have had the privilege of "celebrating" the day with other like-minded mothers. We weren't dining at a fine establishment with table-linens nor omelettes made-to-order. No, in fact, I'm rather certain that the meal was served on a paper plate and probably was wolfed down in a couple of bites between classes.

Yes, I was at a livestock show. Yes, my children probably appreciated my assistance as much on that day as any other. I made sure the "lucky" show shirt was pressed and ready. Boots paired up (Kyle and I wear the same style of Ariats, but not the same size. A mixed set doesn't bode well for the showman) and ready to go. Lunch-fixings packed, coolers filled. Extra safety-pins for exhibitor numbers and a bottle of pain-killer for when the pig, oat, lamb or calf decides that you are in their way and they are coming through. Kleenexes to dry eyes when things don't go quite the way they were planned and hugs and congratulations when the day has been successful. Those are all things that I, as a mother, am responsible for. That said, I can't think of any better way than to spend time with my family doing the thing that we love best.

I would be remiss if I didn't note the things that my own mother has done for me along the way. My mother was a show mom too. We love to laugh at the times that I got frustrated with my own animals — who wouldn't work for me in the show ring because she had spoiled them. I had a couple of steers along the way that if they saw or heard her — they wouldn't work at all for me at all. So much so, that I insisted that she "hide" from the show ring.

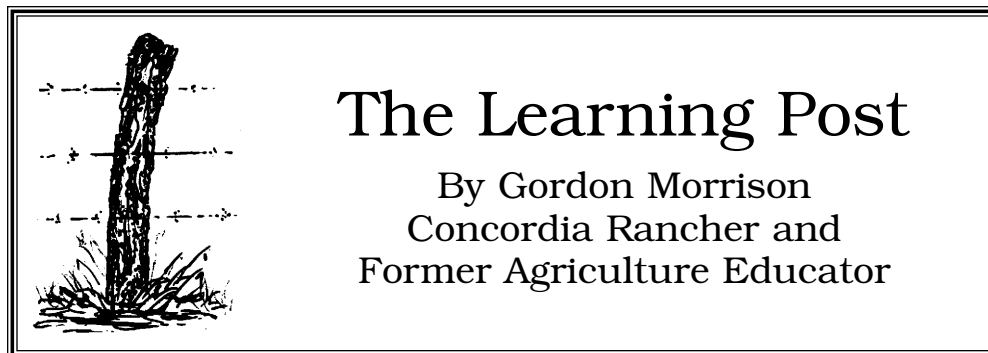
The story on the front page of this week's edition highlighting one mother's ability to feed the masses and her daughter's work to continue that legacy and honor her memory touched me deeply. It reminded me very much of my own mother — who is prone to "feed the world" if she gets wind that you've been sick or have experienced loss in your family. That, or she just really likes you.

I've been the recipient of many of those meals that she can whip out of the freezer and send you on your way. I'll admit, that I can make the very same dish, with the very same ingredients, but somehow it just tastes better when it is made by your mom.

I've been fortunate to have some incredible, wonderful, strong women in my life, and I'm glad that my own daughter has been able to spend time with them as well.

Thanks, Mom, for all you do. You've been through some difficult times and have done it with grace. I hope that I can be half as strong as you when my own challenges come. I don't tell you enough, but you are my hero.

This week, I hope you'll spend some time with your mother — or sharing your memories of her if she has passed away with your loved ones. That's all for now. I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Wisdom — Dr. Don Good

Three hundred and fifty people packed the Heritage Room in the Alumni Center at KSU in Manhattan last Saturday evening. They were past members of the Animal Science judging teams along with their wives and friends. It was a reunion of the teams that judged livestock, wool, poultry, dairy, equine, and meats with special recognition of the teams of 1940, 1950 and succeeding ten-year intervals to the present.

Special tribute was paid to retired professor and judging coach Dr. Don Good and his wife Jane, and a reception was held in their honor prior to the banquet. Dr. Good had been a mentor as well as livestock coach and friend to many of those present. He was bold enough to place the first crossbred steer as Grand Champion at the International show in Chicago in 1969. While he, no doubt, received criticism from some purebred breeders at that time, he did place the best steer as No. 1 — an Angus/Charolais cross. This was the beginning of crossbreeding.

Many of his former student judges stood to express appreciation for the wisdom Don had transferred to them. Some commented that he "called a spade a spade" or would "tell it like it is." If the crossbred steer is best, then one should make it the Grand Champion. Another comment about advice from their former coach was "Don't get entangled in trivia; but back off, take a long look at the majors and then place the class. Don't concentrate on the wart on the animal's neck or the tail setting that may be slightly high."

Because of his keen ability to compare one animal with another and then to place the animal with the most of the best qualities at the top and the animal with the least at the bottom of the class and then most importantly to be able to transfer this keen sensitivity to his team members are the reasons why his teams through the years were able to bring home so many trophies.

He was a great coach with many successes on his record, and the re-

lationship with team members continues to be successful but has changed from that of student-teacher to one of friendship: I'm your friend and you are my friends. Although he is still respectfully addressed as Dr. Good, to many he is now just Don. The "Dr." title is often dropped even though a large building on the campus has his name deeply engraved on it: the "Dr. Don Good Building." He is greatly admired and respected by a host of friends. This is why people came from all over the state and from other states to honor this 88-year-old man who spends much time in a wheelchair.

I visited with Don before writing this column to seek his wisdom. Many of us are concerned as to where our country is headed. Here are some of his comments in answer to my queries.

1. Pray for our country, our president and leaders. We need divine guidance and help to work together for the betterment and future of mankind.

2. Let's stay on the beaten path that is tried and true.

3. We cannot spend more than we make or we'll surely run into grave trouble.

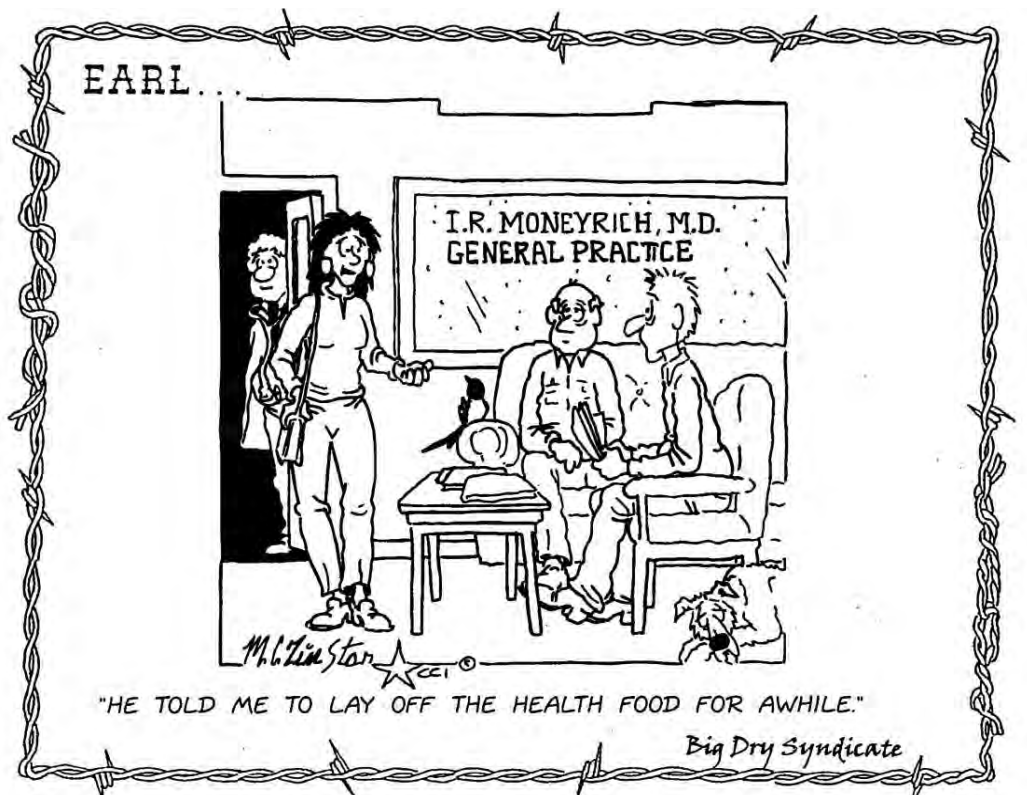
4. Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, pornography ... need to go. We cannot be a great country when burdened with many serious addictions.

5. We became a country of greatness because of our production ability. We need to again be producers with strong work ethics and achievement.

6. (He used the word *perfection*.) We need to continue producing products of perfection — such as cars that don't have to be recalled to make them safe.

7. Don then typically called a spade a spade, saying, "In order to do all this, we may have to vote some of the boogers out."

In all his years, Don has not changed nor compromised on his values. We need to listen to a man whose wisdom has been proven. In livestock terms, he is a proven "sire." His former students are proud.



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High alfalfa weevil populations seen

Alfalfa weevil populations appear to be unusually high this spring and treatments do not seem as effective as in years past, a Kansas State University entomologist said.

"Alfalfa weevil infestations continue to cause concern in southwest, south central and north central Kansas," said Jeff Whitworth, entomology specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "This is the largest population of weevils that I've seen in at least 10 to 12 years in Kansas."

In a typical year, it would be common to find one larvae per two to three stems, he said. This year, however, two to three larvae per stem are common, especially south of Interstate 70.

Whitworth said that inconsistent insecticide results have sparked talk among some producers of insecticide resistance. He, however, believes the large number of larvae is probably due to a combination of a massive infestation that continued to hatch over a three- to four-week timeframe, and variable weather including hot, dry periods and cool, wet periods that likely contributed to the inconsistent insecticidal efficacy.

"Most products provided 60 to 75 percent control, but with infestation levels like we have this year, this may not seem like acceptable performance," he said. "But there is no comparison to untreated fields that have little left to harvest." Whitworth said that larvae in south and central Kansas will likely start to pupate in the next seven days or so, thus feeding and consequent damage will not continue at the same level as in the past three weeks.

"If you have already treated once or twice but are still not satisfied with the control, if you're within 10 days of harvesting, it may be best to just cut a little early instead of re-treating," he said. "If you do treat with an insecticide, always pay attention to the pre-harvest interval (PHI) on the label. If you did treat but there are still a considerable number of larvae feeding in the field, you may want to pay close attention under the windrows after it is swathed. There may be more adults in the fields than in past years and they will feed in new growth until it gets warm enough to drive them from the alfalfa to their over-summering sites."

Cattle market coming around

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Most important is the question of whether these strong prices will continue. Hurt said the answer is yes, but not as strong as is being experienced this spring.

"Per capita beef production should be down about 2% to 3% for the rest of the year, but the smallest of those supplies is expected this spring," Hurt said. "The economic recovery continues to grow momentum in the United States, and that is likely to continue, although unemployment rates will be slow to drop. On the negative side of the ledger, higher retail

beef prices will cut into consumption by this summer and fall."

According to Hurt, finished cattle prices are expected to be at their yearly highs this spring. Summer prices are expected to be in the low- to mid-\$90s, with fall prices moving back upward several dollars. For 2010, prices may average about \$93, dramatically above the \$83 of 2009. Prospects for 2011 should remain strong as well, perhaps moving close to \$95 for the year.

"More cattle will move into feedlots given the strong prospects for finished cattle prices and

moderate feed prices," Hurt said. "If the 2010 crops develop normally, calf prices should be 20% to 25% above last year's levels."

Steer calves averaged about \$1.05 per lb. in the eastern Corn Belt in the fall of 2009. This means they could average \$1.25 to \$1.35 per lb. this fall. While these are the strongest prices since the fall of 2005, they still may not be high enough to encourage cow-calf producers to expand given the much higher costs of production today.

Hurt said it's great to be able to say the cattle industry is back.

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- 1/3 cup peach all-fruit spread (such as Polaner)
- 2 tablespoons peach schnapps

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place egg whites, cream of tartar and salt in a large bowl at room temperature. In a small bowl sift together cake flour, cornstarch and cinnamon. Beat egg whites on high speed with an electric mixer until very frothy. Gradually beat in 1/4 cup of the superfine sugar. Meanwhile in a small bowl whisk together peach spread and schnapps. Gradually beat into whites. Slowly beat in remaining 1 cup sugar until stiff peaks form. Fold in flour mixture in three additions. Transfer batter to a 10-inch removable bottom tube pan, running a knife through batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 42 to 45 minutes, until top is browned, cracked and dry to the touch. Invert pan immediately; cool cake completely.

- Sauce:**
- 3 ripe peaches, pitted & sliced
 - 3 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Toss peaches, sugar and lemon juice in a medium-sized glass bowl. Let stand until cake is cooled. To serve, remove cake from pan; cut into 12 servings. Top each with a few peach slices plus some juice. Makes 12 servings.

- Karen Saner, Burns: LOW-SUGAR FRESH STRAWBERRY PIE**
- 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1/2 to 1 teaspoon powdered Stevia
 - 1 cup cold water
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 3 tablespoons cold water
 - 2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons strawberry gelatin (if using sugar-free gelatin, use 1 tablespoon)
 - 1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced
 - Whipped cream or whipped topping
 - 9-inch baked pie shell

Cook 1/4 cup sugar, Stevia, 1 cup water and salt until dissolved. Stir together 3 tablespoons cornstarch and 3 tablespoons cold water. Add to the sugar mixture and cook until clear. Add strawberry gelatin and cook until thick. Add strawberries and pour into a 9-inch baked pie shell. Top with whipped cream.

- Kellee Rogers, Topeka: CHEESE GRITS**
- 2 cups chicken broth
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1/2 cup old-fashioned grits
 - 3/4 cup sharp shredded cheddar cheese

- 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
- In a pan combine broth and garlic. Bring to a boil on medium high heat. Slowly stir in grits. Reduce heat to low and cook until grits are tender, stirring constantly, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cheese, butter and pepper.

- Gin Fox, Holton: RASPBERRY MUFFINS**
- 3/4 cup butter, softened, divided
 - 1 1/4 cups sugar, divided
 - 2 eggs
 - 3/4 cup milk
 - 2 1/3 cups flour
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 cups fresh or frozen raspberries
 - 2 tablespoons cinnamon
- In a large bowl cream 1/2 cup butter and 3/4 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in milk. Combine the flour, baking powder, nutmeg and salt; add to creamed mixture just until

moistened. Fold in raspberries. Fill paper-lined muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 28 to 32 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean and tops are lightly browned. Melt the remaining butter. In a small bowl combine cinnamon and remaining sugar. Dip muffin tops in butter then roll in cinnamon-sugar. Serve warm. Makes about 12 to 15.

Note: If using frozen raspberries, do not thaw before adding to batter. Blueberries work well too.

Mona Jean Newbury, Junction City:
Reprinted from the 1959 United Methodist Church cookbook. Mrs. Lester Payne

- DATE DELIGHTS**
- 1 cup finely chopped dates
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 egg (well beaten)
 - 2 cups crisp rice cereal
 - 1/2 cup nuts (chopped)
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 cup coconut
- Combine dates, sugar and egg in a saucepan. Place over low heat and cook, stirring constantly

until mixture bubbles and thickens. Remove from the heat and stir in cereal, nuts, salt and vanilla. Cool slightly then shape into balls and roll in coconut.

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BUTTERSCOTCH DUMPLINGS

- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 3 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup milk

Melt together 1/2 cup sugar, brown sugar, 1 tablespoon butter and water in a saucepan. Pour into a lightly greased 8-by-8-inch glass baking dish. Mix remaining ingredients together, stirring just until combined; layer on top of syrup. Bake at 350 degrees for 23 to 27 minutes or until golden. Serves 5.

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Another one from Sandy Hill, Eskridge:

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RHUBARB DESSERT

- Rhubarb
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- (2) 3-ounce boxes gelatin (strawberry, raspberry or cherry)
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 3/4 cup butter

In a 9-by-13-inch pan cut up rhubarb to fill the pan three-quarters full. Mix the sugar and gelatin together and mix in the rhubarb well. Mix the flour, powdered sugar and butter until crumbly then sprinkle on top of the rhubarb mixture evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

cheese, apricots and sugar; beat at medium speed with a mixer until creamy. Cut and discard ends from bread. Cut bread into (6) 2-inch slices cut through top crust of each bread slice to form a pocket (do not cut in half). Stuff cream cheese mixture evenly into pockets. Place in prepared baking dish. Whisk eggs, half & half and vanilla; pour mixture over bread slices. Cover and chill for 30 minutes, turning once. Spray a griddle or a large skillet with nonstick spray. Heat over medium high heat. Cook bread slices on hot griddle for 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Another one from Millie Conger: "This is great for graduations, birthday party, etc."

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- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 cup mini semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup pecans, finely chopped

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
SUGAR & SPICE BACON
3 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons finely chopped pecans
1 1/2 teaspoons pepper
12 thick-cut bacon slices
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil. Place a wire rack in prepared pan. Spray with nonstick spray. In a bowl stir sugar, pecans and pepper together. Rub sugar mixture over top of bacon slices. Place bacon on prepared rack, sugar side up. Bake for 22 to 25 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

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- 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 1/3 cup chopped dried apricot halves
- 3 tablespoons sugar
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- 1 1/2 cups half & half
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- Powdered sugar

Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with nonstick spray. In a bowl combine cream

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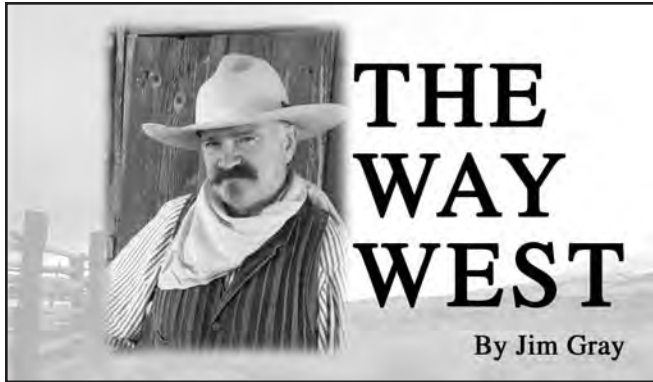


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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

First Herd To Montana

The fictional account of Captain Call describes a man who envisioned ranching in Montana long before the northern range saw cattle. As a novel, Lonesome Dove is acclaimed for telling the tale of a man larger than life. But the vision of cattle ranching in Montana was not just an imaginative tale. Nelson Story was the first man to drive cattle to

Montana and while he didn't intend to become that visionary rancher, fate has a way of making unexpected heroes.

Nelson Story worked as a freighter at Fort Leavenworth in 1856. By 1863 Story was drawn to the gold fields of Idaho and Montana. He struck it rich, taking \$30,000 in gold from a placer mine at the head of Alder

Gulch, Montana. Story had heard of Texans selling beef in Missouri at great profit and in 1866 decided to do the same. At Fort Worth, Texas, Story purchased one thousand head of cattle. (Some accounts say three thousand) and hired an outfit of Texans to drive to Missouri.

The cattle drive was uneventful until the outfit reached the Missouri border where Texas cattle were quarantined from passing into Missouri. Many drovers turned northwest into Kansas hoping to drive around Missouri through Iowa. After making a big arc the herd reached Fort Leavenworth. Knowing the value of beef in the gold fields, Story changed his plans and chose to return to Montana with the cattle.

The Sioux were on the war path in the north. Know-

ing that he would undoubtedly face trouble, Story purchased a supply of government surplus .50-70 Rolling Block Remington rifles for his men and a wagon load of ammunition before leaving Fort Leavenworth.

The experienced freighter also bought a wagon train of provisions and hired skilled bullwhackers. Story's train of hardened frontiersmen, armed cowboys and herd of cattle was actually a moving army prepared for action.

The drive was quiet across Nebraska and most of Wyoming. As the herd approached Fort Reno in northern Wyoming the Sioux made a sudden attack. Two cowboys were knocked to the ground by arrows. The cattle stampeded and in the confusion the Indians drove some away.

Once the men had se-

cured the frightened herd they followed cattle tracks to the Sioux camp. One of Story's cowboys later recalled "We surprised them in their camp and they weren't in shape to protest much against our taking back the cattle."

When the herd reached Fort Phil Kearny Colonel Henry B. Carrington ordered Story to halt his herd. The herd was not allowed to graze on land reserved for cavalry horses. Story was in a fix. His herd could not come within three miles of the fort. The Sioux could sweep down and steal cattle at any time and be long gone before troops could be mounted.

Story saw his chance to leave when the officers held a ball at the post. While he and some of his cowboys attended the ball the herd was quietly moved away from

Fort Phil Kearny. Story's men laid on the southern charm and swung the officer's wives around until about three o'clock in the morning.

By daylight the herd was miles from the fort and hidden from view with a heavy guard. The herd was trailed only at night for several days as they drove into Indian country.

Near Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone one of the men went hunting ahead of the drove. A shot brought Story to the top of a hill just as fifteen or twenty Indians surrounded the hunter's body. Two warriors lifted him between their horses and carried him away. By the time Story and his men could ride to the rescue the unfortunate hunter was found scalped with his body pinned to the ground by arrows.

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DESCRIPTION: Overall the dimensions are 28'x52', which provides 1,456 sq. ft. of living space. This house has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a utility room, and a great room. The master bedroom has a vaulted ceiling with a walk-in closet. The great room features a cathedral ceiling throughout and consists of a living room, dining area and a kitchen. The windows are Simonton double-glazed vinyl clad. Some are tilt and wash, while others are sliding. The bathrooms have tubular skylights and exhaust fans. The house has four ceiling fans along with a whole house attic fan and smoke detectors that are hard-wired. The baseboard and all door casings are solid oak, which have been milled by the students. All exterior doors are thermal insulated. The kitchen cabinets are constructed of solid oak with raised panel cathedral doors, slide out bins, and two lazy-susans. These are all made by Warkentin Cabinets and installed by the students. The bathroom cabinet tops are made of Onyx. The Service entry panel is 200 amps and the house is wired with Cat5e and coax cable for computers, phones, and cable TV outlets.

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Lamb racks up fans with new cuts, hip new attitude

along the trail but the hunter was the only man killed by Indians. Nelson later recalled that when the Indians attacked they would slip to one side of the pony for protection but "those old .50-70s would go right through an Indian pony and the Indian on the other side."

Story's trail herd reached Virginia City, Montana, December 9, 1866. The trail closed up behind him and no more cattle arrived in area for several years.

"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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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — There are fashions in meat, as in all things, but... Are you ready for lamb bacon?

That's just one of the new dishes popping up on menus across the country as chefs experiment with American lamb, a trend driven partly by a concerted effort on the part of producers to shake off lamb's dated image.

"We're definitely trying to approach a whole new generation and make lamb more approachable," said Megan Wortman, executive director of the Denver-based American Lamb Board.

Why lamb now? New Hampshire sheep farmer Jeff Conrad sees the trend as riding the wave of eating local. "People want to know where their food's coming from," he said. Conrad, who with his wife, Liz, runs Riverslea Farm near Epping, has noticed an increase in people buying lamb cuts for everyday meals, as opposed to previous years when he sold mainly whole animals to families looking to have a party.

"Ground lamb? We can't even keep that around," he said.

For chefs, cooking with lamb is something new, giving them a chance to stretch creatively. And if you use the lesser-known cuts — such as the neck and belly — it also can be cheaper, good for budget-stretching, said Matt Accarrino, executive chef at SPQR in San Francisco.

"I've been calling 2010 the year of the lamb," he said with a laugh. "I'd rather have a lamb belly

than a lamb rack. Braised and glazed, long and slow-cooked — it's a very versatile cut. It's much less expensive than, say, the rib chops."

Across the country, Mike Price, chef/owner of Market Table in New York City, has been selling more lamb and fewer steaks, "which I think is a good thing. I'm a big fan of lamb."

With its distinctive taste and slight gamey-ness, you don't need a huge portion to make a statement, which also contributes to cost-effectiveness, said Price.

Of course, in the wrong hands, that distinctive flavor can morph into something rather unpleasant. Accarrino can remember facing gray, tough roasts as a child, often accompanied by equally abused brussels sprouts.

"You've got to let the lamb speak for itself," agreed Price. "Overcooked is overcooked. It's going to be dry and it's going to be tough."

Lamb is showing up at the retail level, too, with more and different cuts available. Many supermarkets now regularly carry ground lamb, which can be the basis for some delicious burgers.

"I feel like we're definitely selling more lamb," said Tia Harrison, co-owner

and butcher at Avedano's Holly Park Market in San Francisco.

Lamb has a long way to go before it becomes a staple in the United States. On average, Americans consume only 1 pound per person annually, and one-third have never even tried it, according to Wortman. Compare that to federal figures from 2008 showing Americans on average ate about 61 pounds of beef, 59 pounds of chicken and 46 pounds of pork per capita.

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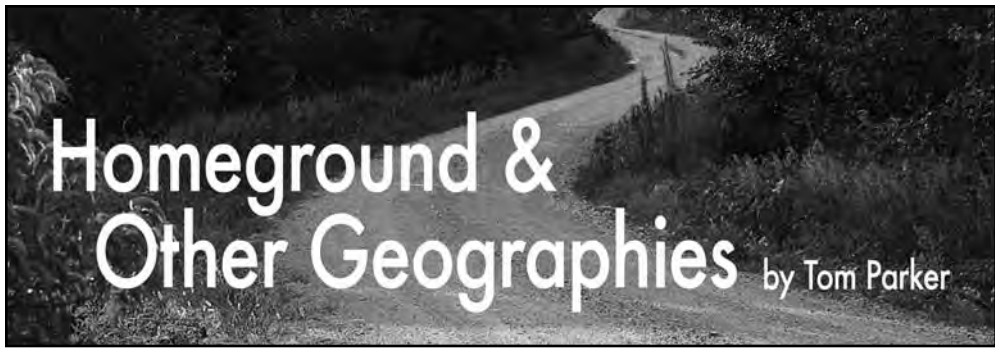
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Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

It all starts here

I love pork. Chops dredged in flour with lots of pepper, a little salt and a hefty dash of ground Chimayo red chile, fried to a crisp golden brown — the other white meat pales in comparison. Country-style ribs barbecued to a sticky mess is another favorite. Without diced and browned chunks of pork, green chile stew or chile verde would have neither substance nor soul.

For special occasions I indulge in my personal best, thick boneless loin cutlets braised in chicken broth, tomatoes, fresh cilantro, onions, bell peppers, green chiles and Mexican spices. Few things in life can top that.

Pork in all its various culinary permutations was definitely on my mind when our little convoy turned into a well-kept farm some-

where east of Clay Center. A production crew was touring several counties in the north-central region of the state to film commercials for the Kansas Farm Bureau and I'd been hired to do the still shots, or, as we called it, "to shoot the shoot." I was new at it and had a lot to learn. Some of those lessons involved time

management or the lack thereof; rigid schedules became fluid, interviews required multiple takes, tame mammals turned taciturn when faced with camcorders, booms and a bevy of strangers, and the miles between shoots stretched the laws of physics.

Other lessons were more personal in nature. In short, I was starving by the time we reached the farm where we would film swine. There might be time to grab a snack at a convenience store, we were told, but maybe not. I've always felt that obesity would no longer be an issue if Americans knew where their food came from. Having once watched a production worker fill membranous sheaths

with a pallid, chunky goo, I swore off sausage for years. A beef packing plant might have turned me vegetarian except for repeated visits to a produce warehouse where I came away covered in rotten vegetables. When it comes to the food we eat, ignorance truly is bliss.

Here, though, I watched three beefy pigs cavort, play, burrow, stomp and run in circles, hamming it up for the camera. As my stomach rumbled, I found myself unconsciously repeating the tired jingles that define our culture of meat. One of the pigs would collapse in a heap, sigh deeply as if utter-

ly content, and give me a pair of baby blues it was impossible to resist. They were so playful, so cute, so endearing, that I couldn't help but be charmed. I also couldn't help but think of pork chops, pork loin, pork roast and pork ribs, usually accompanied by a soundtrack of "Pork, the other white meat."

I had hoped to escape this uncomfortable transference between live mammal and cliché but it carried over to our other escapades. While shooting at a substantial cattle ranch near Delphos — again, with only a rudimentary snack to tide

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COLLECTIBLES, ART: Art inc.: Phillips block print, Thomas Lewis block print; Bashor painting; French Litho; signed Oriental painting; pictures; Jennings bronze figures; clocks; 32 Hummel's; 18 Hummel plates; Dresden dresser lamps; kerosene lamps; Indian piece; majolica pieces; cut glass pitchers & vases; Cambridge; Franciscan pieces; pressed glass; salt & pepper sets; quilts; many paper items; Folk Art doll house; assortment jewelry; tools; books; office equipment.
See last week's Grass & Grain for complete listings.
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COLLECTIONS, SALT & PEPPERS
Including Aunt Jemima, Roadrunner sets; Avon collectibles too numerous to count; collector banks - Citizens National Bank, Emporia Kansas Bank, Conoco tin bank, 30 plus collector; many Emporia collectibles and memorabilia; beer collectibles - Falstaff Light, Old Milwaukee clock, Schlitz glasses; jewelry, turquoise, opals & costume pieces; writing pen collection; stamp collection; thimbles; DeLaval 2" metal Calf. button collections; Presley collectibles; Hallmark ornaments;
 Christmas decorations; picture frames; sports banner collectibles; approximately 30 decanters, KSU and KU plus many others; Playboy magazines dating from 1959.
OTHER COLLECTIBLES, OIL LANTERNS
 Decca child's record player; silverware set; many games; Kachinas German drafting tool; military patches; limited edition Jan Hagar Christmas ornaments; straight razor; Beanie Babies pop bottles; Santa Fe RR picture; horse hames & bits; ice skates; collectible toys and games; Golden books; Wonder books; Texaco Oil yard stick; records; gifts from foreign countries; RR lantern; sad irons; many more items.
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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Items selling on the 15th may only have one item listed from a collection. Every drawer, box, cabinet, trunk, dresser that we opened were full of collectibles. There may be many items not seen until set up time. Come prepared to find many treasures! This sale bill doesn't begin to address the depth of this auction. Lunch will be served by Sacred Heart Church.
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GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled

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April 30, May 1, 2 & 9 — Sports memorabilia at Asaria for KDOR. Auctioneers: United Country-Blomquist Auction.

May 4 — Guns, vehicles, pickup, household, collectibles, linens, shop & yard, Lionel trains at Newton for Mark Fulkeron Estate & Diane Fulkeron, George & LaVerna Schierling. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.

May 5 — Furniture & misc. at St. George for Esther F. Adams. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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

May 6 — Antiques, Newton and railroad collectibles, Nazi & WWII memorabilia, advertising, garden art, shop & misc. at Newton. Auctioneers: Road Runner Sales.

May 7 — Wilson Co. real estate & farm equipment at Benedict for Lee & Bever-

ly 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 8 — Antique & period furniture, collectible glassware, primitives, pottery & crocks at Topeka. Auctioneers: Whitmore Thunderwood Auction.

May 8 — Household, primitives & woodworking, glassware, farm related shop hand tools, tractors, farm equipment near Herington for Walter & Katherine Otte. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhafer.

May 8 — Furniture, collectibles & art at Hutchinson for Yesterday's Treasures. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 8 — Furniture, tools, household, tractor & misc. NE of Rossville for Elizabeth Tholl Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 8 — Farm machinery & equip., cattle equip., irrigation & misc. at Barnard for Mr. & Mrs. Delmar Wolting. Auctioneers: Post Rock Auction.

May 8 — Building materials, sinks, counters, doors,

flooring, baseboard, toilets, lighting & more at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Totally Auction.

May 8 — Cows & 2-year-olds at Garnett for Ratliff Proof of Progress Sale.

May 8 — Household, vehicle, tractors, primitives, tools & misc. at Tecumseh for Estate of Edwin Brown. Auctioneers: Kooser Auction Service.

May 8 — Furniture, glassware & collectibles, household & kitchen, silver coins, tools & sporting goods, hand tools at Lawrence for several estates. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

May 8 — Coins at Tonganoxie for Shoemaker Auction Service.

May 8 — Cars, trailers, trucks, golf cart, tools, misc. equipment, household items at Assaria for KDOR Asset Seizure. Auctioneers: United Country-Blomquist.

May 10 — Barber County land at Medicine Lodge. Auctioneers: United Country-Nixon Auction & Realty, LLC.

May 11 — Chevy HHR LT, furniture, antiques & collectibles at Manhattan for Delorus Wright, John Dunbar. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 12 — Irrigated real estate NW of Concordia for Sallman Enterprises LLC.

Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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

May 12 — Tractors, trucks &

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NOTE: George was in the dog business nearly all his life, the most dog related items we've ever sold. Google kretzauctions.com for pictures. Sale over early afternoon.

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May 22 — 3 bedroom house at Abilene for USD 435, Abilene High School Carpentry Class. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

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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 6 — Tractors, combine, trucks, hay & tillage equip., riding mower, tools & farm related,

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June 8 — Tools & misc. for Kenneth Holechek and mowers & tools for Belton Blosser Trust #1 at Concordia. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

June 10 — Consignments at Newton. Auctioneers: Road Runner Sales.

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.

August 7 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

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

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

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Grand champion market steer at the Wabaunsee County spring livestock show was an entry by Taylor Nikkel. Randell VonKrosigk, K-State Assistant Livestock Judging Coach, served as judge.



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The Border Gap In Understanding

People who live in Chicago, Washington, D.C. or San Francisco inner cities lock their doors at night. They are careful where they travel within the city. They all have friends who have been mugged, had homes burglarized, cars stolen or lives taken. They travel the city in crowds like schools of fish. Their safety, like all prey, is in numbers; the odds that someone else will be eaten instead of them. In rural

communities, small towns, and isolated ranch houses we do not think of ourselves as prey.

During the election, candidate Obama made a very telling comment about bitter, small towns, clinging to their guns and religion. He is from the big city prey mentality. He comes from a place that believes that if we take guns away from ordinary citizens, they will somehow be safer. His com-

ment was interpreted as a slam against small town America, but I will give him the benefit of the doubt. He simply doesn't have any way to relate to those who believe each person is responsible to take care of himself.

The Mexican border, once a cultural bridge, is now a war zone inhabited by killers, smugglers, and drug dealers as bad as any town in Afghanistan. Rural people who live along this poisonous border live with the daily possibility of death and destruction. Thousands of Mexicans have been killed in the drug wars already. The situation, which has been worsening, culminated last month with the murder of a rancher by a suspected

drug smuggler on his way back to Mexico.

He lived in my county along the border. He was known to the neighbors and many Mexican illegals as a generous man. His ranch has been well traveled by illegals for years. His luck ran out. All of us, his neighbors, are saddened but reminded of just how fragile normal life has become where many have put down their roots.

If the president thinks the community is bitter, he just might be right. They are on the front lines in a war to supply recreational drug users their daily tokes or weekly snort. The smugglers are doing quite well. I

hear of no shortages from celebrities and potheads. And, in truth, I would guess most ranchers are ambivalent about dope smokers and drug users. Unfortunately they are trying to ranch on the battlefield where the self-righteous, self-centered stoners, snorters, smokers, shooters and suppliers are fighting The Law.

... bitter, small towns, clinging to guns and religion.

You can see in this Arizona rural community why we cling to our guns. We don't have police cars patrolling our neighborhoods. The nearest neighbor could be ten or twelve miles away

and the criminals pass like ghosts in the night. We use our guns because we are not prey, we take responsibility for our own lives and livelihood. The president's unfortunate denigration of religion as a source of strength is something he probably wishes he could take back. His past church membership speaks for his faith. Suffice it to say when we turn to God for help it is because He has proven to be more reliable than the stream of politicians' promises that continue to pour over us like dirty water sluicing down the drain.

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