



Experts detail wheat condition, expectations for harvest

By Beth Gaines-Riffel,
Editor

With the calendar now turned to June, it won't be long until harvest crews will be firing up in southern sections of the state to begin their annual journey northward. This year the presence of disease may take a toll on the outcome of the final

wheat yield. County plot tours are being completed, including a tour at the KSU Research Center at Hays. That event was held last week and wheat growers and industry representatives heard from several agronomists that laid out their concerns for the 2010 wheat crop.

K-State wheat breeder Allan Fritz told the crowd he's seeing many fields with disease problems, including stripe rust and leaf rust. That includes in varieties such as Jagger, genetically bred for resistance to traditional stripe rust, which have lost that resistance in recent years.

Symptoms include long stripes of small yellow or orange blister-like lesions, typically caused by cool, humid weather. It develops more rapidly when temperatures are below 60 degrees at night, he said. "It's a disease that will turn an 80-bushel yield to a 40-bushel, 50-pound test weight wheat," Fritz said. "It can wipe you out pretty quickly."

K-State Extension plant pathologist Erick DeWolf says because of the shift in the stripe rust race, a number of wheat varieties which were fairly resistant to the viral disease are now quite susceptible. Included in that list are such wheats as Jagalene and the HWWW Danby. "Others are Jagger, Fuller, Santa Fe, Smoky Hills, Hitch and Art. TAM 112 never did have a lot of resistance while TAM 111 and Armour are still looking pretty good."

Wheat breeder Joe Martin paid homage to the variety, noting that, "it's given us 15 good years." Walking through the demonstration plot, Martin pointed out the wheat varieties that included the Jagger parentage were suffering from disease pressure as well.

In recent weeks, crop conditions have deteriorated somewhat, thanks to foliar diseases, insect damage and severe weather. More than 32% of the crop has at least some infestation of powdery mildew, stripe or leaf rust, while about 10% of the crop has some insect infestation. Meanwhile, hail and high winds have ravaged some of the maturing crop, while heat stress is showing up in other areas, says Justin Gilpin, chief executive officer of Kansas Wheat.

"Diseases and high heat stress in areas of Kansas will likely cause a reduction of earlier crop estimates, which were between 335 and 344 million bushels," he says.

The state statistics service says the cool temperatures and additional precipitation slowed crop progress last week, with 81 percent of the wheat crop headed, behind 88 percent both last year and



Jim Shroyer walked through the wheat plots at the Hays Research Center, detailing some of the notable varieties of wheat grown in the Midwest including some of the historical wheats that provided the foundation for the wheat varieties of today.

the five-year average. Three percent of the wheat has turned color, compared to 10 percent for the five-year average.

The agency rated the wheat as 9 percent poor or very poor, 27 percent fair and 64 percent good to excellent.



Dallas Peterson talks about the disease challenges facing the 2010 wheat crop and what research might offer in terms of crop protection in the future.

Kansas farm income above average a third straight year

By Mary Lou Peter

Income for Kansas farmers in 2009 was above average through much of the state for the third year in a row.

In its annual summary, the Kansas Farm Manage-

ment Association reported that average net farm income for 1,477 farms was \$104,781. That figure was down from \$124,617 in 2008 and \$115,312 in 2007, but well above the five-year average of \$89,554. The summary is available on the Web: <http://www.agmanager.info/kfma> and click on Executive Summary.

The Kansas Farm Management Association is based at Kansas State University.

"We had a third good year in a row," said KFMA administrator Kevin Herbel, who noted that farms growing irrigated crops, particularly, fared better than some other operations.

KFMA reports net income on an accrual basis — adjusted for any inventory changes between the beginning and end of the year. They represent the return on the farmer's labor, management and investment in the operation.

Herbel acknowledged that while the data reflect agriculture statewide, it is not a definitive picture of all Kansas farming operations.

About 19 percent of the KFMA-member farms had a net loss last year. About 42 percent had greater net farm income compared with the previous year. Herbel noted that the type of operation, where it is located, management decisions and other factors all play a role in the bottom line every year. "One thing that three years of above-average net income has made a difference in is liquidity," said Michael Langemeier, agricultural economist with K-State Research and Extension. "Liquidity dramatically increased from 2006 to 2009. In fact the 2006 ratio was 2.3 and the 2009 ratio was 3.2."

Langemeier explained that liquidity refers to current assets divided by current liability.

"It's obvious that farmers have taken the opportunity to

invest in machinery over the last three years," he said. In 2008 we were looking at crop machinery investment in the state of \$152 per acre compared with 2009 at \$172 per acre. That's a very large increase that's the result of three good years in a row."

As in every year, farms in some parts of the state posted higher income than others, Herbel said. Operations in southwest Kansas posted the only gain from the previous year, at \$84,462 compared with \$82,605 in 2008. Net farm income in northwestern Kansas averaged \$117,311, down from \$144,839 in 2008, while net farm income in north central Kansas averaged \$88,274 versus \$104,516 a year earlier.

Net farm income in south central Kansas for 2009 averaged \$85,983 — a 35 percent drop from \$132,575 a year earlier and northeast Kansas net income dipped to \$117,854 from \$121,891 in

2008. Net farm income in the southeast part of the state averaged \$119,381 compared with \$133,820 in 2008.

"In 2008 we had both high yields and high commodity prices," Herbel said. "That led to a very high value of crop production per acre in 2008. In 2009, we actually had yields that were higher in pretty well all of the crops from what they were in 2008, but we had commodity prices that were lower — in some cases substantially lower than in 2008."

Some of the high yields and high prices were offset by high production costs in 2008, he said, noting that production costs stayed similar in 2009.

Total expenses in 2009 were similar to those in 2008, although individual expenses were different, Langemeier said.

Total seed expenses jumped 27 percent in 2009, which may be partially explained by farmers switching

to different crops in some instances, the economists said. At the same time, fertilizer and fuel expenses were down in 2009, compared with 2008.

The size of KFMA-member farms grew 2 percent in 2009, compared with the previous year, with close to half of the farms reporting an increase in either owned or rented acres.

"Profit margin for 2009 was 16 percent, down from 2008 and 2007 when profit margins were more than 20 percent," Langemeier said. "But looking at the long-term average, 16 percent is not bad at all. Long-term is probably close to 12 percent."

"It's important for each farm operator to know where they're at financially, and that they use their numbers to make sound management decisions," Herbel said. "Keeping records is most valuable if you're using them to make better decisions."



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

As I walked the field of green, soon to be golden wheat, the plots were marked off neatly, each with a small sign, noting its variety.

Names like Jagger, Scout, Overley, Hatcher, Postrock and Jagalene lead to Karl, 2137, Kiowa, Eagle on back to Turkey and Shawnee. In some ways, it was almost a walk back in time — that is, in the wheat world.

I took the opportunity to attend the 2010 edition of Kansas Wheat Day last week in Hays. One of the annual high-

lights is walking down the neatly planted plots and surveying the wheat being grown — while a casual observer might think that wheat is, well, wheat — that couldn't be farther from the truth. The plots demonstrate so many of each variety's characteristics — how early it matures, the height of the plants, the shape of the heads, the subtle differences in the color green, not to mention the ability to fend off diseases — are all on display for one and all to see and to make note of.

It's not just the current popular seed

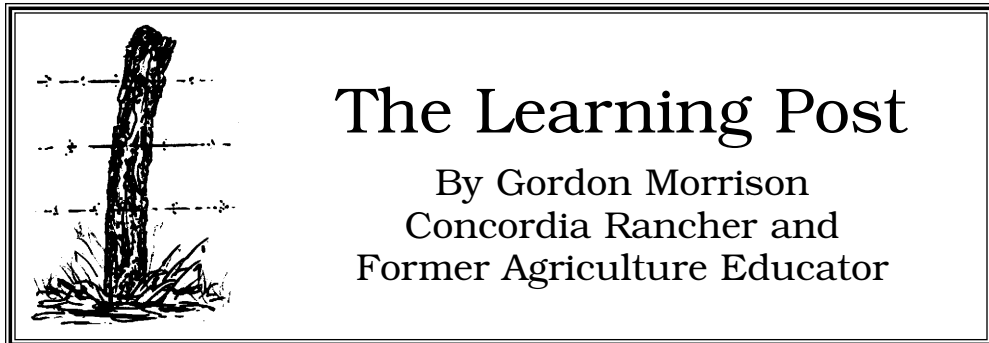
varieties that were on display at Hays, but some of the early parents — those who have paved the way for the plant breeders to make improvements and progress in the crop for the benefit for wheat growers across Kansas and the Midwest. Listening to Jim Shroyer share a little history of the crop — telling the crowd that contrary to the popular story that Turkey was the first wheat brought to Kansas in 1873, it was rather Shawnee wheat that was grown at the Methodist Mission in Fairway in current day Johnson County, that actually was the first introduction of this life-giving grain.

Walking down through the plots, it was also evident to see the progress that modern-day plant breeders have made through the years. As plant breeder Alan Fritz pointed out during his comments later in the session, he told the group that breeders are motivated to make improvements in the crop for the good of farmers and their families, nothing more.

The storm had blown through the research station the evening before the field day, and whether it went down the night before or earlier, the historical varieties, including Turkey, had fallen quite flat in the process, their feathery heads containing fewer kernels of what would eventually turn into golden grain. Quite conversely, the modern wheat stood on strong stalks with heads that showed signs of plumping up quite nicely. It is amazing, what progress can really be made in just over a century of concentrated work in plant improvement.

In the next several weeks, I'll enjoy the transformation of the crop from a grassy green sea to an ocean that waves in the sunlight. With each thunderstorm that builds, I'll hold my collective breath that any storm that blows up doesn't contain any ice that can transform a bountiful harvest to stubble in minutes.

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

A Rare Breed

When I was a lad, I wanted to be a cowboy — to ride horses, herd cattle, break horses, and to be good and fast with a six-shooter. Yes, sir, it was a cowboy I wanted to be, a member of that rare breed of men who tamed the Wild West with cowboy skills and who were devoted to integrity and justice. I would do and be what was right.

Last weekend May and I were in Council Grove for a special celebration — the 70th wedding anniversary of Bobby and Georgie Alexander. The large family of Alexanders, along with many friends, filled their yard to celebrate — eating delectable foods and visiting with relatives and old friends or anyone who would listen. It was a time to honor this unusual couple who had married in their late teens and raised a great family that has expanded to where the picture taking can't show all the offspring.

Bobby became all that I had wanted to be as a cowboy except that I never saw him with a gun. He developed skills with horses and in controlling cattle to the point where on occasion he would pay the entry fee to compete at a rodeo. He has trophies to prove his expertise. He continued to participate into his 50s to win the master's competition. I recall him as not being so fast at roping but almost always sure to catch.

He had a cow herd of his own; and to fill out his ranching enterprise, he managed thousands of acres of pastures for absentee owners. A verbal agreement with a handshake was as binding as a signed legal agreement. It has been imperative that the character and integrity embedded into Bobby's life coincide with the cowboy skills and know-how. One part isn't much good by itself, but together they can produce success and lasting friendships. This was evident Sunday afternoon as more and more people dropped by to help the couple celebrate. They exemplify the membership of that rare breed that I am afraid is slowly but surely being reduced in numbers with the advent of technology, affluence, and expansion. Their homestead displays a modest air about it — not pretentious or showy but strong in what counts most, a great loving family and a host of friends who wish them well.

While at the celebration I met and visited with Dolly, the widow of the "one and only" Dusty Anderson, of the little town of Skiddy. Dusty was born in this community and

spent his entire life there except for the time when he served in World War II. He was with the 6th Ranger Battalion, which was the first American force to return to recapture and free American held prisoners in the Philippines during that war. Dusty was buried in his favorite pasture in a pine box. His horses gathered and milled around at his funeral to pay their respect to their trainer and friend. They seemed to understand what had happened.

I am sure that Dusty, who died in 2008 at age 86, was at the head of the "rare breed" class. He was what I had dreamed of being — a real cowboy. Dolly described him as being a cowboy first, a cattleman, a horse trainer, and a breeder of Quarter and Paint horses. He managed thousands of acres of Flint Hills pastures and called on Bobby and Wayne Alexander to help gather the cattle. He was the first to fly a plane to check the pastures.

In 1969 he married Dolly, and she says he was a great stepfather to her two children. In describing his true vocational passions, she related this incident. One day she asked Dusty to repair the house that desperately needed attention. He informed her in plain words that he was a cowboy and that just maybe she should have married a carpenter or else she should go hire one. He had horses to break and pastures to manage.

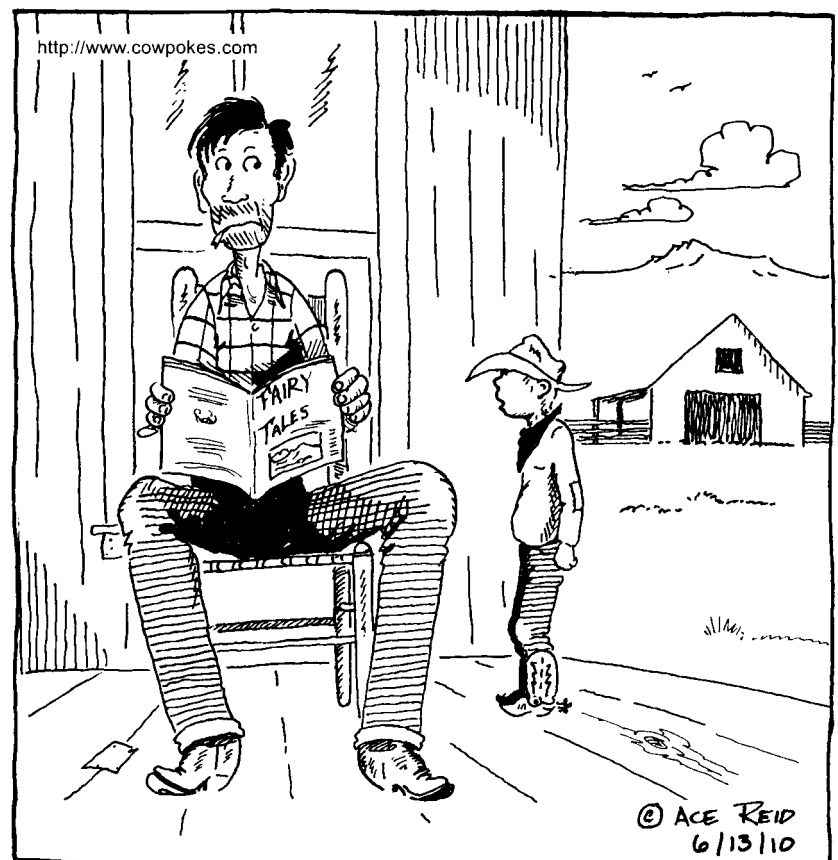
The cowboys that make up this rare breed are growing old, tired in the legs, or dying off. Their skills on the ranches are being replaced by steel chutes, crowding pens, and four-wheelers. It saddens me to see the end of this era, but few are stepping up to take their places. They are surely becoming history and this period will soon be only a fantasy for some of us to wish for.

CORRECTION from last week's column. The first paragraph of last week's Learning Post contained an error. The tank on the four-wheeler should have been a 25-gallon tank. The following is the paragraph reprinted in its entirety.

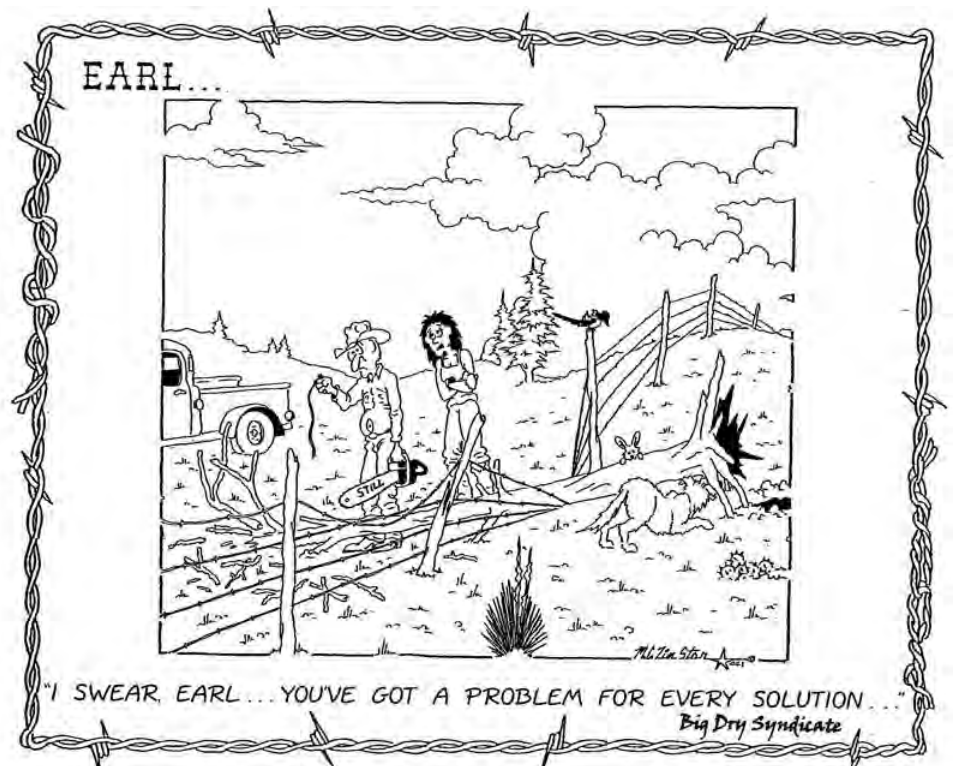
The four-wheeler with 25-gallon tank and a high-powered pump was tuned up last January to get ready for another musk thistle showdown. The rosettes are big enough to see well, so it works best for me to spray out a load in the morning and one in the afternoon or evening. I load up with a quart of 2.4D LUD, a half pint of Tordon 22K, and a few squirts of liquid detergent into the tank of water to make it wetter.

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By Ace Reid



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Strawberry Detractors

Back before the collapse of the United Soviet Socialist Republic we had visitors from Romania tour our feedlot. We explained the program including cost of cattle, feed, maintenance, and cost of gain. "How much will they pay you for your cattle?" they asked.

"We don't know," was the answer. The Romanians did not understand. We explained supply and demand, capitalism, and the free market. It was beyond their comprehension.

"How can you stay in business if you don't make a profit?" they asked, "Under Communism we never lose money."

Of course, it goes without saying that many of their countrymen went to bed hungry ... which brings me to this year's strawberry crop in Florida; headline Tampa Tribune: FARMERS LEAVE STRAWBERRIES TO ROT AS PRICES COLLAPSE!

Through a perfect storm of plant varieties, January freezes, thawing irregularities and simultaneous ripenings, harvest time brought a tsunami of strawberries on the market! Prices plummeted 75%! Farmers are "plowing them under." They have already lost the cost of planting and growing. Add the additional costs to pick,

process and deliver and they just go deeper in the hole.

Wheatgrowers, dairymen and orchardists can understand their pain. But in any tragedy there are vultures. These opportunistic hyenas are railing against the farmers for not spending even more of their money to pick, process and deliver the extra produce to the homeless, the worthy cause and the orphans. "Terrible waste ..." "Senseless ..." they opine. "Just selfish people!" the self-righteous proclaim. "They could at least allow us to go into the fields and pick for free."

These carpet-bagging buzzards, like all the neighbors of the Little Red Hen, lift their voices in retribution, but never a finger in contribution. I could try and explain to them the concept of supply and demand, capitalism and the free market like we did to the Romanians but I believe it would fall on deaf ears.

There was a time when

farmers would have gladly allowed the needy to come U-Pick their berries but now the needy have lawyers and spokespeople who stand between them and the shortcake. The farmer can't win.

To you vocal critics of the strapped farmers who think I am being hard on you, let me suggest that you and your group offer to pay the extra cost of picking and processing. Then together, you and the farmers could deliver food to the needy and the shelters. I expect the farming community would take you seriously if you offered to do your part. Because if anyone abhors the waste of God's bounty and the value of the sweat and toil that puts it on the plate, it is the farmer you are maligning.

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- 1/2 cup soy sauce (Kikkoman is best)
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 4 T-bone steaks (1-inch thick)

In a resealable plastic bag or shallow dish mix the first six ingredients. Add steaks and turn to coat. Refrigerate for 4 hours. Drain and discard marinade (it is better if one turns steak two times). Grill in the usual manner.

Barbara Blatt, Chapman: "I invented this when company shows up unexpected. Try this ... I did today!"

QUICK FANCY HEALTHY BREAKFAST BREAD

- 1 large can canned biscuits
- 1 cup milk or cream
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

Cut each biscuit into 5 pieces. Drop in baking dish. Sprinkle sugar-cinnamon on top. Mix eggs and milk and pour over all. Sprinkle brown sugar over top and bake at 350 degrees until golden brown. Serve with omelets.

Gin Fox, Holton: "Serve

with fruit or a crisp salad for dinner."

ASPARAGUS BREAD PUDDING

- 1 loaf of French bread, cut into 1 1/2-inch slices
- 1 bunch of asparagus, washed, bottoms snapped off & cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 5 large eggs
- 2 1/2 cups whole milk (or a mixture of low-fat milk and cream or half & half)
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt (or half as much table salt)
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped fresh tarragon
- 1 tablespoon snipped chives
- 1/2 pound cheese, grated (try Swiss, cheddar, Monterey jack, or a combination)

Heat the oven to 350 degrees and grease a large casserole dish. Place the bread on a large baking sheet and toast for 10 or so minutes until it is dry to the touch, but not browned. Meanwhile, bring a small pot of salted water to a boil and cook the asparagus pieces for 3 minutes, then drain, rinse with cold water and drain again. Whisk together the eggs, milk, salt, pepper and herbs. Arrange the bread slices in the casserole dish, overlapping as little as possible, then arrange the asparagus over the bread. Sprinkle with the cheese and pour the custard over all, pressing down any bread pieces that aren't submerged. Allow to sit for a half an hour or so, so that the bread can absorb the egg mixture, or else refrigerate it, covered, overnight. Bake in the middle of the oven for 35 to 45 minutes until it is puffed and brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "Here is a fun and fruity salad that's sure to disappear at picnics and family gatherings."

- TART ORANGE GELATIN SALAD**
 (2) 3-ounce packages sugar-free orange gelatin

- Sugar substitute equivalent to 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 cups boiling water
- 6-ounce can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 1 cup cold water
- 20-ounce can unsweetened pineapple tidbits, drained
- 11-ounce can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 cup cold fat-free milk
- 1-ounce package sugar-free instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 cups reduced-fat whipped topping

In a large bowl dissolve gelatin and sugar substitute in boiling water. Stir in orange juice concentrate and cold water. Add pineapple and oranges; mix well. Pour into a 9-by-13-by-2-inch dish and refrigerate until set. In a large bowl whisk the milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Add lemon peel and mix well. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Fold in whipped topping and spread over gelatin. Refrigerate until set. Yield: 12 servings.

NOTE: I used Splenda no-calorie sweetener.

- Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
RAVIOLI SALAD
 9-ounce package refrigerated four cheese ravioli

- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 8-ounce package mozzarella, cut into cubes
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3/4 cup Italian dressing

Cook pasta according to package, drain and rinse well with cold water tossing to cool. In a large bowl combine cooked pasta, chicken, cheese, basil, salt and pepper. Drizzle with dressing and toss to coat.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh, shares the final two:

- LITTLE HAM SANDWICHES**
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 2 tablespoons dijon mustard
 3 tablespoons finely chopped green onion
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 12 mini croissants, split
 1 1/4 pounds thinly sliced hickory smoked deli ham
 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil; set aside. In a small bowl combine mayonnaise, mustard, onions, relish and black pepper. Spread about 1 teaspoon mayonnaise mix-

ture on tops and bottoms of each croissant. On bottom of each prepared croissant, layer ham and cheese and cover with tops of croissants. Place sandwiches on prepared baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until cheese is melted.

STRAWBERRY PRESERVE CUPCAKES

- 1 strawberry cake mix
- 2 cups sour cream
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/3 cup strawberry preserves
- 24 cupcake papers

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line muffin pans with baking cups. Combine cake mix, sour cream, eggs and water. Stir until well blended. Use a small spoon to fill cups half-way with batter. Make a slight indentation in center of each cup with spoon then add heaping 1/2 teaspoonful strawberry preserves. Spoon remaining batter evenly over each cup, covering preserves, until 3/4 full. Bake in oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool completely then frost.

NOTE: I like adding 1 to 2 drops of red food coloring to white icing for powder pink tint.

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Perfect Pancakes — Flapjacks Have Come A Long Way

By: Jennifer Anderson
The modern pancake has improved in taste and texture since the early days when our ancestors mashed up grains and water and baked the mixture on hot rocks.

Pancakes were one of the earliest forms of bread, and thousands of years later they are a cornerstone of weekend breakfasts the world over. While it's easy to make pretty good pancakes, you can go a little further and achieve perfect pancakes with just a few simple moves. If you crave pancakes that are light and fluffy on the inside and golden brown on the outside with just the faintest hint of crispness, we can help you flip these flapjacks out of your dreams and onto your plate.

It's All in the Mix
First, combine dry ingredients thoroughly, breaking up lumps either by sifting them together or by stirring them well with a whisk.

Next, combine all the wet ingredients in a separate bowl. Don't skip this step. Yes, it does dirty an extra bowl, but you must mix all the wet ingredients together before they ever touch the dry ones. Why? Because once you pour the two mixtures together, you're going to:

Stir gently, just enough to moisten the dry ingredients. Over mixing leads to tough pancakes because the gluten in the flour begins to develop as soon as liquid touches it, and the more you mix, the tougher the gluten becomes.

There will be laumps in the batter. Don't worry about them.

How to Cook a Pancake
Preheat your griddle, heavy-bottomed nonstick pan or well-seasoned cast iron skillet to 375 degrees F (185 degrees C), or until a drop of water skitters across the pan.

Lightly coat the hot pan with vegetable oil, cooking spray or clarified butter (regular butter burns too quickly).

Do a test run with one sacrificial pancake and adjust the temperature up or down, depending upon the results. If your pancake is scorched on the outside and raw on the inside, turn down the heat. Note: as head chef, you have the right to eat the test subject. Or not.

When you're satisfied that you've reached the perfect pan temperature, ladle in as many pools of batter as your pan will comfortably hold, leaving a little room between pancakes for comfortable flipping.

Don't Press Your Pancake
A pancake is ready to be turned over when it's dry around the edges and bubbles have formed over the top. You are allowed to peek to see if the bottom is golden brown before you flip it.

While you're waiting impatiently for the second side to cook, resist the impulse to press down the pancake with your spatula. Pressing will not cook it any faster, but will undo all the effort you've made to achieve fluffy, light, perfect pancakes.

Waiting is the Hardest Part
Pancakes are best eaten fresh from the griddle so you can enjoy their crispy, fluffy goodness. This may mean serving them a few at a time, but that just lets people savor your cooking for that much longer.

If you absolutely must keep the pancakes waiting, arrange them in a single layer on a baking sheet and place them, uncovered, in a warm oven. Never stack or cover them — the steam will make them soggy.

Fun with Pancakes
To add a bit of whimsy to the breakfast table, use a turkey baster to squeeze batter into designs, initials and other fun shapes.

Pour batter into nonstick pancake molds or oiled metal cookie cutters for extra fancy forms.

Butter and syrup are classic toppings, but try jam, honey, nut butter, lemon juice, powdered sugar, whipped cream or fresh fruit. Better yet, set up a pancake condiment buffet and let everyone build their own.

Tips for Better Pancakes
Once you've mastered the basics, you're ready to take your batter to the next level.

Beaten, Not Stirred
Give your pancakes the airy texture of soufflés and meringues by borrowing the technique that gives them their cloudlike consistency: beaten egg whites. You can do this with any pancake recipe.

Using the number of eggs called for in the recipe, separate the yolks from the whites. Mix the egg yolks with the rest of the wet ingredients, following recipe instructions to make the batter.

Beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form, then gently fold the beaten whites into the batter and cook the pancakes immediately.

Tiny Bubbles
Another technique re-

places some or all of the liquid in your recipe with a carbonated beverage to make your pancakes very light and tender.

Use plain or flavored seltzer water, beer, cider, ginger ale — whatever you like.

Wait to add the carbonation until just before you're ready to pour the pancake batter on the griddle.

Double Up
This next trick works with any batter that has double-acting baking powder as an ingredient.

Mix the batter and let it rest in the refrigerator for several minutes, or even overnight, before cooking. This resting period allows the gluten in the flour to relax so the pancakes will be tender, and lets the baking powder form bubbles in the batter.

After the batter rests, do not stir it or you will deflate all the bubbles.

Extra Bits
Looking to add a little something extra to your pancakes? Sprinkle chocolate chips, granola or bits of fruit over the batter after you have ladled it onto your pan. This evenly distributes the tidbits and makes it less likely that they will stick to the pan and burn.

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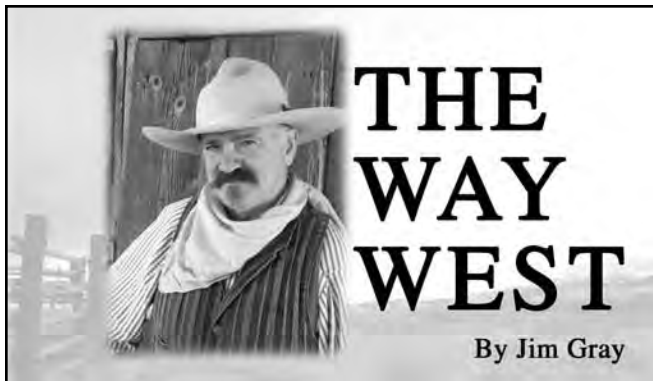
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Frontier Economics – Keep Things Lively or Die

General Sheridan's Winter Campaign against the Plains Indians during the winter of 1868-69 was hailed as a grand success, but taking all those soldiers on campaign had a devastating effect on Hays City business. The campaign just happened to coincide with the loss of the railroad business as frontier entrepreneurs moved on to the "end of the track" at Sheridan as fast as

they could. Hays City's government collapsed in late 1868. Ellis County Sheriff Isaac Thayer suddenly left his job, presumably because he wasn't being paid. He wasn't alone. Several county officers abandoned the bankrupt county. With only one city officer the citizens of Hays formed a vigilance committee to control the "...thieves, robbers and pickpockets."

For reasons not fully understood, the governor refused to appoint a new county sheriff. Instead he warned the remaining county official that he would have to wait for the elections in November.

The vigilance committee went to work immediately. Wild Bill was "elected" on their authority in August. Known outlaws were told to leave town. Joseph Weiss, a former deputy U. S. Marshal, was one of those running with a rough crowd that the vigilantes hoped to "clean out." A tough character by the name of Sam Strawhun was one of his best friends. Both Weiss and Strawhun were ordered to leave town by Postmaster Alonzo Webster, one of the vigilantes. In those days men often took offense at the slightest provocation and being ordered out of town thoroughly offended Weiss and Strawhun. The two en-

tered the Post Office to confront Webster over the subject of their injured reputation. Postmaster Webster was manhandled and when a pistol cleared leather Webster raised his own six-shooter from under the counter. But unlike Weiss, there was no hesitation. Weiss was shot "...through the bowels" as Strawhun ran for his life.

Strawhun gathered some friends, planning to take revenge on Webster at the Post Office. But Wild Bill arrived just as the crowd reached the office. Hickok "swung himself into an easy seat on the counter" and announced that "The boy done right..." The mob dispersed.

But the "toughs" on the frontier weren't about to go away. On the evening of August 22, 1869, a character by the name of Bill Mulvey pulled his pistol and began shooting it wildly, even chasing several people

around a Hays City dance hall. Wild Bill stepped into the dance hall and without hesitation Mulvey put his pistol to Hickok's head. Wild Bill coolly looked behind Mulvey's shoulder and announced, "Don't hit him. He's only fooling." In the instant that Mulvey turned his head Wild Bill pulled his pistols and fired without hesitation. Mulvey never knew what hit him.

Mulvey, like so many of his kind, was known to associate with horse thieves. Outlaws with the "long rope" were operating heavily near Fort Hays and all the military posts in Kansas. Several men were noted to be the ringleaders of a number of bands of thieves. In one way or another they all

worked together, including the Sanderson brothers, who operated out of Hays City, Ellsworth, and Junction City. Pony Donovan worked the Hays City area and far into Indian Territory. Jack Ledford was known from Hays City to Wichita. Deputy U. S. Marshals were constantly on the trail of one outlaw or another.

Sam Strawhun, the survivor of the Weiss killing was suspected of being a horse thief and by all appearances ran with those whose reputation was not in doubt.

On September 27, 1869, Strawhun and a crowd of men entered a Hays City bar known as the Leavenworth Beer Saloon, threatening

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vengeance against the Hays City Vigilance Committee. As the "hurrah" escalated the proprietor sent for Hickok. Several versions are told of what happened next. Whether it was a face to face fight or a shot to the back of the head, Sam Strawhun didn't live to see the sun rise.

November finally rolled around and elections were held in Ellis County. Wild Bill lost his bid for county sheriff to another frontier tough by the name of "Rattlesnake" Pete Lanahan. By the following spring soldiers were returning to Hays City and the local economy began to rebound. John W. Conner, Ellis County Treasurer, declared that the county was once again on sound financial footing and that, "Hays City will be lively this season..." Conner proved to be correct in his prediction for the coming season, and, yes, Wild Bill would be in the middle of it. But then, that will be another story to tell on The Way West.

"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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Good weed weather provokes herbicide reminders

Ample soil moisture and warm temperatures are resulting in rapid corn growth as well as rapid weed development. In order to get the most effective results from post-emergence herbicides, University of Illinois Extension Weed Specialist Aaron Hager offers a few recommendations.

"Before you apply, scout corn fields to accurately determine the crop's growth stage," Hager said. "Adverse environmental conditions can result in corn plants that are physiologically older than their height suggests, so assess the plant's developmental stage by evaluating leaf/collar number in addition to plant

height."

Look for the maximum corn stage listed on the respective herbicide label and do not apply the product if corn exceeds the labeled stage, he added. If tank-mixing two or more products, follow the most restrictive corn growth stage listed on any of the tank-mix component labels.

With the increased occurrence of glyphosate-resistant weed populations and weed species that are inherently less sensitive to glyphosate, tank-mixing products with glyphosate to control these challenging species has become a more common practice.

"Tank-mixing broadens

the spectrum of weeds that can be controlled," Hager said.

"For example, in glyphosate-resistant corn, tank-mixing growth regulators such as dicamba or 2,4-D with glyphosate can improve control of glyphosate-resistant waterhemp and other tough-to-control broadleaf weed species, such as annual morning glory and giant ragweed."

Warm temperatures and relative humidity can also enhance absorption of post-emergence herbicides. Consult product labels when selecting spray additives to include with them, Hager said.

"Some labels suggest changing from one type of

additive to another when the corn crop is under stressful growing conditions," he said. "However, attempting to save a trip across the field by applying a post-emergence corn herbicide with a liquid nitrogen fertilizer solution such as UAN as the carrier is not advisable. Applying high rates of UAN by itself can cause corn injury, but adding a post-emergence herbicide can greatly increase corn injury."

Effectiveness of post-emergence herbicides can be reduced if weeds are stressed before or after the application. Labels recommend avoiding inter-row cultivation within a certain number of days before or after application to avoid reducing effectiveness. While side-dressing corn generally does not disturb as much soil as inter-row cultivation, growth of weeds near to where the applicator knives passed could be slowed for a few days following this type of nitrogen application.

Hager also recommends using caution when applying some herbicide formulations on hot days.

"High air temperatures enhance the possibility of volatilization of certain herbicide formulations," he said. "Vapors are easily moved by air currents and could potentially move out of the treated area and cause injury to sensitive vegetation nearby."

Wheat harvest around the corner, prepare facilities now

Now that Kansas wheat has headed, it is a good time for producers to get their bins ready for harvest, said Kansas State University entomologist Jeff Whitworth.

Whether storing seed wheat or the entire wheat crop, storage areas should be cleaned thoroughly and sprayed with an insecticide prior to filling with this year's harvest, said Whitworth, who is a specialist

with K-State Research and Extension. "This needs to be done several days prior to harvest so that the insecticide has time to work before new grain is put into the bin."

Growers should also make sure that any other grain stored on the farm is free from infestation prior to harvest to reduce the chance of insects from moving from one bin to another, he said. Any infested

grain should be sold, disposed of or fumigated. Even small quantities of old grain can serve as the source of insects to infest this year's grain.

If the grain will be stored

on the farm for more than a few weeks, producers will probably want to consider using a grain protectant to treat the grain as the bins are being filled, Whitworth said.

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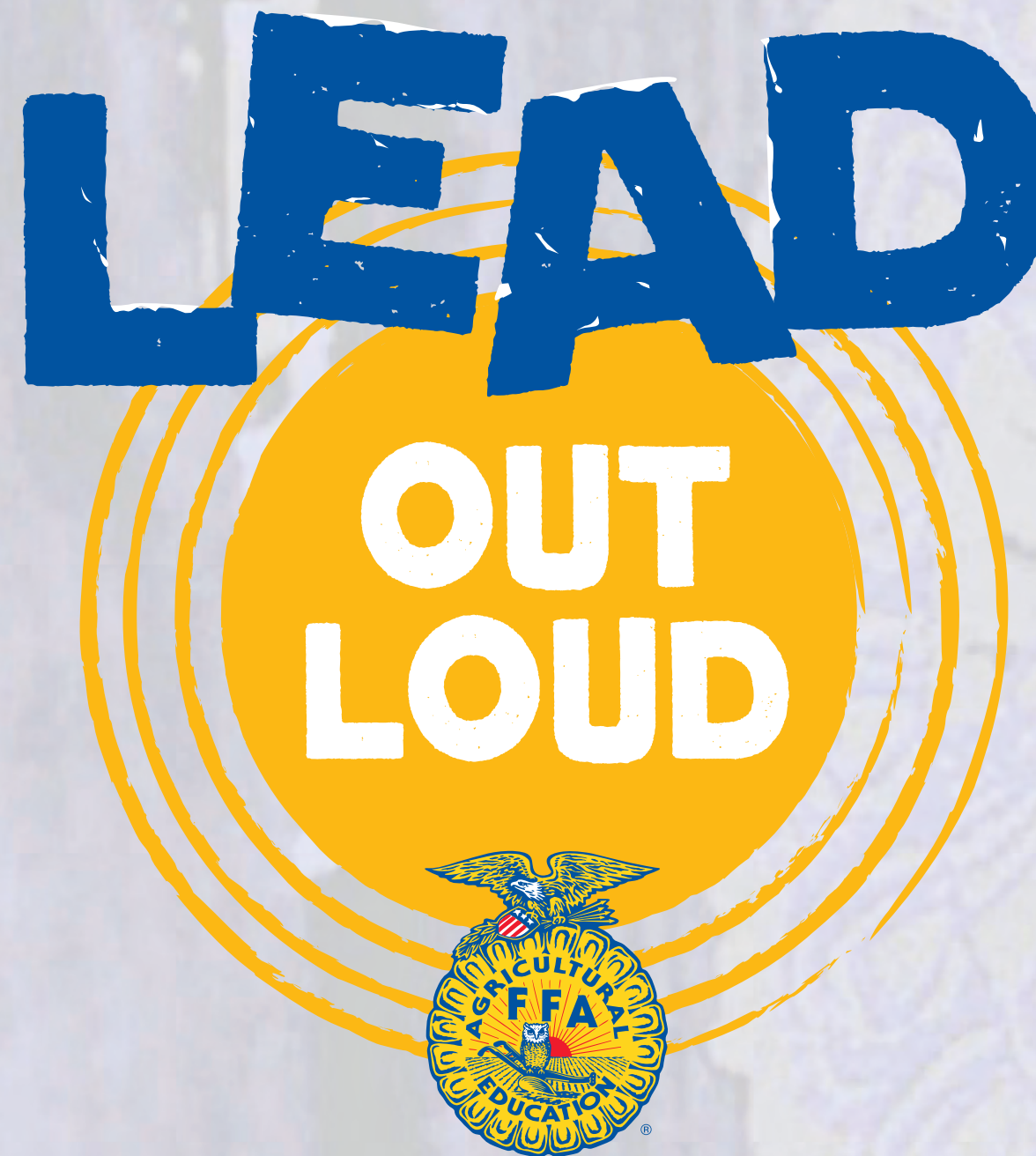
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Crossing the border

The air is no different here in Coolidge than it was in Holly. Identical misty fields stretching to the same boundless horizon, the same darting swallows and swifts, the same sad houses in disrepair, the same empty streets and the same darkened windows. I stare out the bug-spattered windshield through gritty and glazed eyes and see nothing remarkable about any of it, no distinguishing character-

istics other than different names weathering away on aged grain elevators and the welcome to signs, so alike one could be the other and none to tell the difference except the few remaining residents. I've dozed off. With an effort I shift upright, left fingers painfully locked on the binoculars.

"You're going to get whiplash you don't watch it," says the driver.

"Are we—?"

"Yes."

So. I shake my head to clear the cobwebs and watch the last of Coolidge sail past. Through the floorboard I feel the engine accelerate with a smooth thrust of unbridled power. The fields are wet, faceted like a spray of diamonds in the early morning sun. My ears ring.

We've arrived, I thought. We've crossed that imagi-

nary, arbitrary line which casts no shadow. We're back in Kansas, homeward bound.

For the weary traveler, such classification yields an inordinate amount of significance. These are Dun-sany's "fields we know," a designation the English author used to distinguish the familiar, and therefore normal, from the decidedly abnormal lands under the shadow of the Mountains of Elfland. And if we don't recognize these exact fields, if, as is our case, there are hundreds of miles and a half-dozen hours of more of the same before reaching familiar terrain, then no matter, we know the flag under which these fields undulate like grassy swells from a far-off sea. We're home, more or less.

As with the engine, the pulse quickens with a slight electric tingle. The heart

surges as if sensing the invisible demarcation between there and here. Crossing the border injects a perception of arrival, false though it might be, or premature, but after the endless hours and days of traversing foreign lands the change is welcome. More than welcome: vindication.

Unfortunately, the quickening is as ephemeral as the mist cloaking the low-lying areas. Within minutes the unbroken plowed fields lull me back into the stupor from which I'd so briefly emerged. My head sags forward, snaps back. The driver barks a laugh.

"Go to sleep," he says.

But I don't want to go to sleep. I want lucidity for this different Kansas, these fields I sort of know and yet cannot summon a shred of remembrance. Being away for any length of time gives the traveler a clear idea of

the commonality of human existence while disclosing if not exaggerating the differences separating place from place, mud-walled hogan to substandard reservation housing to desolate sagebrush flats sparsely populated and back to Midwest farmstead, a process that ultimately gilds the home-ground with a sort of spectral light found nowhere else. The change moves us possibly in the same ways Arctic terns must feel after traversing the hemispheres from Tierra del Fuego to the Arctic circle and their nesting grounds on the windswept tundra, or any of the other migrants who weave the air on paths they alone can chart.

I used to feel an overwhelming sense of home-coming when crossing into New Mexico, my ancestral home with its glorious light and turquoise skies that so

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pewter & china tea sets; chrome & leather 10' bar w/4 stools, nice; matching modern hurricane lamps; modern oak dining table & hutch; antique Ingraham mantel clock; Seally lift chair; antique dresser & chest; antique parlor table; washer & dryer; antique mahogany dining table; Sanyo table top TV; Werner 6' step ladder; 3 sets of dishes; modern oak tea cart; large selection of household & kitchen items, lamps, fans, cloth & sewing; TOOLS; jewelry; records, etc.

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enchanted Georgia O'Keefe, D.H. Lawrence and others, but there was little of that emotional bonding this trip, a fact that at first stunned me. Following the initial shock was a day or two of fruitless self-analysis that eventually gave way to simply living the moment as we looped through Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. That so many of the miles involved sites imbued with family history only deepened the sense of estrangement, leaving me yearning for what was lost.

In a way I hadn't anticipated, Coolidge triggered a response. Not merely recognizable, it was also a replacement, a successor rather than a substitute. Like Dorothy after her adventures in Oz, I studied our surroundings in a new light, and then settled back into the passenger seat, eyes and ears alert. We had many miles to go and it did not matter.

"There's no place like home," I thought. "There's no place like home."

Beef geneticist Ronnie D. Green has been named University of Nebraska Vice President and Harlan Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Green, Global Technical Services senior director at Pfizer Animal Health, will begin his work at the university July 19 pending approval by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

"I see this as a phenomenal opportunity to serve the people of the state of Nebraska and beyond," Green said. "The global possibilities for the institute at this time in its history are remarkable. The Global Water for Food Institute and Nebraska Innovation Campus are two noteworthy projects that will make a lasting positive contribution to the state and the world. The opportunity to be a part of those ini-

tiatives as well as to continue to evolve the important research and outreach of the university is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to help transform our world."

Green has most recently served as senior director, animal genetics global technical services for Pfizer Animal Health. From 2003-08, he was national program leader in Food Animal Production at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service after serving as vice president of cattle operations and assistant vice president and director of genetic operations for Future Beef Operations. From 1994-2000 he was professor of animal science at Colorado State University and assistant professor of animal science at Texas Tech University (1988-94). He also is the incoming 2010-11 president of the American Society of

Animal Science.

Green earned a bachelor's degree in animal science at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a master's in animal science at Colorado State, and a Ph.D. in animal science at UNL. He was a graduate assistant from 1985-88 at UNL.

NU president James B. Milliken said Green's combination of private-sector and academic experience makes him a good fit for the position.

"Dr. Green brings important experience, both at USDA and in the private sector, as well as a strong background in the cattle industry and a respected academic career," Milliken said. "His background and experience will serve the university well in a position that depends on effective engagement among the university, state and federal gov-

ernment and the private sector."

UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman said the search advisory committee identified several highly qualified candidates, and he thanked the committee for its work, particularly chairs Roger Wehrbein, president of the Agriculture Builders of Nebraska; and Stephen Baenziger, UNL professor of agronomy and horticulture.

"As part of the search committee, I know that we have world-class talent in Ronnie Green," Wehrbein said. "He is so committed to the successful future of Nebraska agriculture, and I am pleased that he is willing to take on the responsibilities and opportunities that come with this significant role."

IANR vice chancellor and president John Owens will return to faculty ranks June 30. Owens has been vice president and vice

chancellor since January 2001.

"Ronnie Green knows production agriculture, he understands the science of agriculture, and he is familiar with the University of Nebraska," Perlman said. "He was the clear choice of the various stake holders, both within and outside the university, who have a strong commitment to the success of the Institute. I am very pleased we were able to convince Dr. Green to take this critical position."

Green, his wife, Jane Pauley Green, and daughters Kelli and Regan reside in Sutton and plan to have a home as well in Lincoln, where sons Justin and Nate are UNL students.

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The Picket Line

By Ralph Galeano

Springtime

It's finally here and it sure is a welcome change. Hay is running short and feed bills are mounting. Pretty soon the critters can go out and forage for themselves. Those few blades of green grass popping up are like money in the bank when you consider the financial relief of not having to send payments to the feed store every month.

Everybody's happy at this time of year. The days are getting longer and the weather should be more tolerable in the months ahead.

Hopefully, we'll have enough moisture for those few blades of grass to turn into tall green pastures. The end of winter brings people out of their hiding places and into town. The merchants are happy to see people back in town and coming through their doors. The music of cash registers ringing brings smiles to even the doarest shopkeepers' faces. It seems like winter lasts forever but when the hint of spring arrives it's all but forgotten.

Late spring is a special time in the country. It's a

new beginning. New life is popping up everywhere. The smell of the land is so fresh and clean, it makes life seem like a great new adventure is about to begin. And what a great adventure it is. New babies are welcomed to the world and mothers nuzzle and encourage them to partake of that first taste of life. The sound of a new calf sucking when it gets its first taste of mama's milk is music to our ears. When you hear the loud nursing noise the excited calf makes after discovering the fountain of

life, it always brings a heartfelt smile to our face. What's prettier than the look of wonder on a calf's face when it pops its head out after that first meal and its muzzle is smeared in fresh milk that didn't make it to the right place?

One thing that is sure to equal the joy of watching a calf nurse is being lucky enough to witness the birth of a foal, and shortly after, have the privilege of watching that foal undertake its momentous task of standing for the first time. It is truly a wonder of God's green earth. You hold your breath waiting for the colt to take its first breath and feel a wave of joy when it does. Tension drains away when you know it lives and breathes.

Four long legs, seemingly way out of proportion to the small body and head, are sticking out everywhere. Will it stand or will you have

to help it? Be patient and let Mother Nature's design have a chance to work on its own, you instruct yourself. The colt stretches its legs and tries to pull itself up with its front legs. You watch and know it has to get all the legs working to accomplish the task. It looks impossible but by and by the colt figures it out and is soon standing and wobbling around its mother.

When it finds that treasure of milk and goes to work, our final phase of watching is complete. All is well in the world and a new creature has made its glorious entrance and begins life on earth.

Springtime usually means there's a new batch of colts to get started. Yearlings need to start kindergarten and the older horses get a taste of what their lot in life has in store for them. Some accept the demands we put on them with not too much

rebellion and others take a lot more time and care to get them to go along with what we ask of them.

Each one's different and figuring out why some are getting F's instead of A's and trying to look at things as you think they might be looking at them is time well spent. Am I going too fast with this colt? Do I have to introduce this blanket or rasp farther away and let him get used to it before touching his hide or hoof with it? Maybe if I let him teach himself that it won't hurt him things will go easier and he won't be so wild eyed the next time I bring something new into the equation. So with some, we have to go a lot slower and others, we can move right along.

That's what spring is for. It's a getting ready time. A time to get things started for the long run. A warm up period before the real work be-

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This in between time from winter going to summer gives us time to get all the maintenance work done on equipment that we'll be using in the months ahead. It's a chance to fix those problems that we never had time to fix before. You can tackle everything that you put off waiting for the weather to ease up and make the job more tolerable.

Fixing fences and repairing water lines goes a lot easier this time of year and being outside catching up on

things brings a certain amount of pleasure. It starts you on the path of cleansing the cobwebs of winter from your soul.

Your heating bill goes down but your tractor's fuel bill goes up with all the field work ahead. No problem, it's just money and somebody has to support OPEC. I've always wondered how so few Americans can support so many other countries and not run out of money. I'll have to keep wondering because I don't have the answer.

I'm just glad spring is here and I can get on with all the things I need to get done whether I want to or not.

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Program planned in Abilene to cover history

The Dickinson County Historical Society will be hosting its 16th Annual Memories of the Prairie Lecture Series. The 2010 series will begin Saturday, June 5 at 7 pm at the Heritage Center in Abilene.

The first program will be Oceans of Kansas by Michael Everhart from Derby, Kansas.

Kansas has been the source of many important fossils. From giant marine lizards to flying reptiles and birds with teeth, many important discoveries of now-extinct species came from the rocks of western Kansas. Despite the worldwide fame of Kansas fossils, relatively

few Kansas know anything about this important Kansas resource. Oceans of Kansas will take you back to a time when the state was covered by an ocean and ruled by giant marine reptiles that were larger than most dinosaurs.

Everhart has been an Adjunct Curator of Paleontology at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays since 1998. He is an expert on Late Cretaceous marine fossils of western Kansas and served as a senior science advisor on the 2007 National Geographic IMAX film, Sea Monsters, in addition to documentaries on Creatures of the Deep and

Oceans of Kansas-A Natural History of the Western Interior Sea.

Both titles were honored as Kansas Notable books. Mike is also the creator of the educational website, "Oceans of Kansas Paleontology." He joined the Kansas Humanities Council Speakers Bureau in 2010

For more information please contact the Heritage Center at 785-262-2681

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Hunting enthusiasts plan two food drives

Hunt 4 Hunger — a group of Emporia area volunteers organized to promote outdoor activities, teach safe hunting, and provide wild game to the needy — will hold two charitable events in June. On June 3, the group will collect canned and other nonperishable goods at the Flint Hills Rodeo in Strong City. All donations collected will go to local food pantries.

On June 11-12, the group will host a “Clean Out Your Freezer Day” for Emporia and surrounding areas, with drop-off locations at Walmart, Country Mart South, and Bluestem Supply in Emporia. Drop-off stations will operate from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on June 11 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 12. Hunt 4 Hunger is asking residents of Emporia and surrounding communities to clean out their freezers and donate food that is nearing expiration dates. All food donated and collected will be given to local food pantries and the Salvation Army to help those in need. Nonperishable items will also be accepted.

Hunt 4 Hunger was established in the summer of 2007 by a small group of friends who shared a love of hunting and outdoors and had a desire to give to the those in need. The group strives to educate others on the importance of hunting safety and conservation, while providing enjoyable activities to local communities.

For more information on Hunt 4 Hunger, go online at www.hunt4hunger.net, visit them on Facebook, or phone Chuck Gardner at 620-343-0225.

Stall design may impact well-being of gestating sows

In an effort to establish welfare-friendly guidelines on how to effectively manage gestating sows, researchers at the University of Illinois are studying the impact of stall design on sow behavior and well-being.

“Sows have changed,” said Janeen Salak-Johnson, U of I associate professor of animal sciences. “We need to change with them. Our research shows that modifications of stall design may have a positive effect on sow behavior and well-being.”

In this study, sows were evaluated in a standard gestation stall and a turn-around gestation stall. A turn-around gestation stall pairs two sows together with a shared divider that allows one sow to turn around at a time without difficulty.

Researchers compared the behavioral differences of housing sows in standard

or turn-around stalls for 30 days prior to placing some sows in group pens and leaving some sows in stalls for the remaining gestational period.

Preliminary findings show that slight modifications to stall design impact measures of well-being, particularly behavior and immune status.

“Sometimes behavior is the best adjustment an animal can make in a stressful situation,” Salak-Johnson said. “Making modifications to the gestation stall may allow sows to adapt more easily to stressful situations without experiencing negative consequences.”

From a behavior standpoint, researchers observed that stall design modifications also resulted in differences between sow groups. Sows in standard stalls sat more, while sows in turn-around stalls lay more. Oral-nasal-facial activity (ONF) increased in sows in

turn-around stalls as they approached gestation. However, sows in standard stalls engaged in less ONF overall and remained consistent in the amount of ONF they displayed throughout the gestational period.

In previous studies, immune status has been affected more by day of gestation rather than actual treatment. However, U of I’s research indicates the stall design treatment may impact sow immune status. Sows in turn-around stalls had greater lymphocyte activity which indicated a more stimulated immune response.

“This is one of the first sets of data that has shown an immune response to stall types,” Salak-Johnson said. “The next step is to figure out what these differences mean and which response is better for the sow.”

An activated immune system could imply either a sow’s biological defense to

stress or a sow’s readiness to fight off infection if challenged with a pathogen.

Salak-Johnson and her team are interested in discovering the positive physical components of each stall type and combining the positives together in order to make housing recommendations.

“If you really want to find the best option, you need to see research results that prove one housing option is better than the other,” she said. “Right now, that information doesn’t exist. People want to throw sows in group pens to avoid certain behaviors such as ONF. However, ONF may actually be better for the sow.”

Researchers are also detecting differences between sows housed in standard stalls before moving to group housing and sows housed in turn-around stalls before moving to group housing.



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Kubota L3430 dsl. tractor, FWA, 3 pt. w/Kubota LA513 loader, 136 actual hrs., bought new 2005; Independent 6’ rotary mower, 3 pt.; TSC 1-R cultivator, 3 pt.; Atlas 5’ box blade, 3 pt.; TSC 6’ blade, 3 pt.; 2 Snapper front deck “Yard Cruiser” 15 HP zero-turn mowers; Huskee 16-42 riding mower; pull behind 8 HP, 36” garden tiller; Sears Suburn 11 HP L&G tractor; 1991 Ford XLT Lariat F-150, 83,200 miles, 5.0 V-8, AT; Miller Thunderbolt 225 elec. welder; Sears 2 1/2 HP, 10” radial arm saw; 8 fishing poles, some tackle; antique stand table; antique small carpenter’s box; stone crock, 15 gal.; 6 metal lawn chairs; Whirlpool washer & dryer; glass front record cabinet; Chrome Craft dining table w/6 chairs; blonde 2 piece bedroom suite; several straight back chairs; White & Singer sewing machines; 5 guns sell 1st at 10 AM; assortment of kitchen items; clear glass; what nots; records; Christmas decor; sewing, etc.; selection of hand, shop, garden tools; ext. cords; elec. motors; lumber; tin; wire, barrels, etc.
NOTE: Very partial listing. Storage areas unopened at listing. Something for everyone, from household, collectibles to farm.
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Position Includes:
• Attending farm Shows & membership meetings to visit with producers, gain membership, and discuss industry issues (5%)
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• Updating and Maintaining Membership Database/ Send out renewals (20%)
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AUCTION
SATURDAY, JUNE 5 — 10:00 AM
500 S. Fisher — MCPHERSON, KANSAS
(Located across the street west of the Light Capital Ball Park)
Colleen Shields had a talent for painting and crafting and a knack for collecting. This sale has many nice collectible items for you to purchase. Plan to attend!!
COLLECTIBLES & ANTIQUES
Gray Granite: Lots & Lots of gray granite ware incl. large & small coffee pots, pans, bowls, kettles, skillets, colanders, funnels, graters, roasters; Tan, green, blue granite ware items; Red & white granite ware; Lots of crocks, crock jugs, bowls & pitchers; Collection of chickens, various sizes; Chicken on nests; Watt bowls; Large Watt apple bowl; Spackle pitcher; Shawnee vase; Cast iron dog penny bank; Kerosene heater, lamps & lanterns; Old books; Washboard; Marigold carnival glass dish; Green & pink depression; Hand painted plates & bowls; Taylor Smith & Smith chicken pattern china set; English Abbey plates, cup & saucers; Old pictures & frames; Lots of tins, cans & tin containers; Spice tins; Colored Pyrex bowls; Old salt & peppers; Fiesta ware; Cambridge bell pitcher & other bell pitchers (large & small); Old nut choppers; Cattail dishes; Wall plates; Cookie jars; Redwood handled utensils & other old utensils; Lots of collectible miniatures, figurines & knick knacks; Costume jewelry; Copper can; 2) Large copper chickens; Ice cream stool w/wire legs; Old wood rocking arm chair; 2) Cream cans; Steel wagon wheel; Old scythe; 2) Wash tubs; Milk crate; 2) Bird cages.
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GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled
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June 1 — Nemaha County bottomland, CRP & timber at Centralia for Harold & Mary Ann Brokamp. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

June 1 — Mitchell County real estate, tractors, trucks & other, collectibles, household SW of Beloit for G. Edwin Jordan Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 1 — Vehicles, household, mower, craft items & furniture at Abilene for Frances Wilson. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

June 2 — Restaurant, real estate & equipment at Randolph for Fleetwood Grille. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 2 — Jeep, lawn tractor, mower, tools, antiques, glassware, household at Great Bend for Mike & Pattie McGurk. Auctioneers: Schremmer Auction.

June 3 — Commercial real estate at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Wayne Wischropp.

June 3 — Antique furniture, music instruments, small collectibles, lamps, guns & knives, calendar, glassware, toys, books, silver & pewter, pottery at Emporia for Clifford & Gloria Stewart. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

June 3 — Electronic related items for computers, office furniture at Kansas City, KS. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service.

June 4 — Primitives & collectibles at Delavan. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

June 5 — Real estate with home at McPherson for Steve Lowe. Auctioneers: Triple K Auction & Real Estate.

June 5 — Northern Dickinson County real estate at

Manchester for Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Hauser. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty.

June 5 — Coins, guns, tractors, farm equipment, tools, antiques & collectibles at Washington for Robert (Ray) Marsteller. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik.

June 5 — Antiques & collectibles, toy trucks & farm equipment, household, furniture, pickup, newspapers, ball cap collection at Marysville for Tom & Dixie Talbot & Others. Auctioneers: Don Prell, Steve Prell & Dave Bures.

June 5 — Real estate, tractor, farm equipment, salvage items, game bird equipment at McPherson for Steve Lowe. Auctioneers: Triple K Auction & Real Estate.

June 5 — Tractor, machinery & garden equipment, tools, household, guns & other W. of Gypsum for Lyle & Avonne Swisher. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 5 — Furniture, sporting goods, antiques & misc. at Wakefield for E. Jim & Darlene Todd. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

June 5 — Household & antiques at Clay Center for Carl & Doris Swenson & Others. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

June 5 — Consignments at Keats for Keats Lion's Club. Auctioneers: Gannon Auctions.

June 5 — Jet skis, boats, trailers, golf carts, 4-wheelers, etc. at Wichita. Auctioneers: Newcom Auctions.

June 5 — Antiques, collectibles, Precious Moments, glassware, furniture, guns, coins near

Great Bend for Marilyn Hoyt. Auctioneers: Schremmer Auction.

June 5 — Furniture, antiques, primitives & collectibles at Portis for Charlene Roll. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

June 5 — Tractors, truck, trailers, machinery, shop tools, livestock equip. & misc., household furniture & handicap scooters, guns at Wheaton for Mrs. Daryl (Sherry) Graf. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

June 5 — Dozer, tractors & loaders, RVs, ATVs, silage equip., trailers, trucks, hay equip., machinery, livestock & fencing, tools at Effingham. Auctioneers: Hoffman Auction Service.

June 5 — Tractor, mowers, tools, household, guns, etc. N. of Overbrook for Mr. & Mrs. Herb Glenn. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

June 5 — Farm equipment, trucks, tools, iron, guns, antiques, household & misc. W. of Neodesha for David Gorton Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall & Mark Garretson.

June 5 — Collectibles, antiques, household & yard items at McPherson for Colleen Shields Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

June 5 — Furniture, appliances, tools & misc., glassware & collectibles at Council Grove for Wayne R. Criser & Private Collector. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

June 5 — Tractor, tiller, car, pickup, van, tools, automotive items, furniture, appliances, collectibles & household at Lawrence for Vincent Eckman Estate. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

June 5 — Household, guns, coins, tools & misc. at Topeka for Leonard Lenhart. Auctioneers: Kooser Auction Service.

June 5 — Collectibles at Tracy, MO. Auctioneers: J&J Auction, LLC.

June 6 — Tractors, combine, trucks, hay & tillage equip., riding mower, tools & farm related, household, appliances at Basehor for Hank Porter Trust. Auctioneers: Sebree Auction, LLC.

June 6 — Johnson County real estate, trucks, skid steers & tractor, concrete finishing tools, antiques & collectibles & misc. at Stillwell for Mr. George Covell. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb Realty, Webb & Associates.

June 6 — Furniture, appliances, glassware & collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Maureen Miller Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 6 — Antique furniture, antiques, collectibles & household at Manhattan

for Milt & Bette Anderson. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 6 — Die cast model race cars, collectibles, tools, furniture, tractors, car, etc. at Osage City for 4 Area Sellers. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

June 7 — Home (real estate) at Zeandale for Jack D. Chrest Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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

June 8 — Tools, misc., mower, trailer & tools at Concordia for Kenneth & Bessie Holechek & Beldon Blosser Trust #1. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

June 8 — Home (real estate) at Manhattan for First Federal Savings & Loan of Olathe. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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June 9 — Loaders, tractors, trucks, pickups, trailers, cattle & farm equipment N. of Scott City for DK Cattle-Dwight Krebs Estate. Auctioneers: Berning Auction.

June 9 — Tractors, airplane, trucks, vehicles, trailers, farm, harvest, haying & construction equip., skid steer, trenchers online only (www.bigiron.com) Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

June 9 — Furniture, glassware, collectibles, costume jewelry, tools, lawn & garden at Manhattan for Doris Vaughn, Georgia Wertzberger. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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

June 10 — Equipment & trucks at Kansas City, KS. Auctioneers: Graves CIF Auctioneers.

June 10 — Geary County real estate at Junction City for Falcon Ridge Properties.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 — 10:00 AM
MORRIS COUNTY 4-H BUILDING, 612 US HWY 56
COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS

DIRECTIONS: 1 mile East of Council Grove on US Hwy. 56. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES
Howard Miller Grandfather clock, oak case, excellent condition; oak dining table with 4 chairs; 2 oak glass top small end tables; 2 oak bar stools; 2 walnut platform rockers with ottomans; 1 cane sided occasional chair; 1 floral sleeper sofa, like new; walnut bookcase; walnut record cabinet; RCA Color Trak Plus color TV; end table; Panasonic stereo with 5 CD changer; walnut bedroom set, full size bed, chest of drawers, dresser with mirror and bench, excellent condition; wicker blanket chest; computer desk; lamps; patio furniture, table with 6 chairs, very nice; single bed, very clean; Kenmore washer & dryer, white, very good; Vornado fan.

TOOLS & MISC.
Craftsman 6hp snow blower, like new; Buffalo bench grinder; metal work bench; electric hedge trimmers; hoses, shovels rakes, etc.; pliers, screwdrivers, wrenches, etc.; baking dishes & pans; various kitchen items; Seagram drinking glasses; various cook ware; various kitchen appliance; bedding and linens.

GLASSWARE & COLLECTIBLES
Ft. Hays State College Toby Pottery mug 1930; small safe from Victor Safe & Lock Company; Lone wolf print with frame; Hanson scale; 1962 Railroad poster; brass railroad lock; kerosene lamp; various pink depression pcs.; Fostoria American pcs.; S&P shakers; blue & white stoneware pitcher with leaping deer; Western Stoneware mixing bowl; 4 Davy Crockett mugs; 2 Davy Crockett bowls; 2 Watt mixing bowls; Shawnee Little Bo Peep pitcher; Shawnee Granny Ann Teapot; Shawnee S&P shakers; Nippon vase; Nippon match holder; 4 Little Big books; Wedgwood bowl; Missouri Pacific fork; Northfield Hotel-Northfield, Mass. Print; Fenton pink vase; various pcs of Fenton; 2 Lucille Ball TV guides- 1950's; Niloak pcs.; metal cigarette dispenser; costume jewelry; 1930 ceramic Mickey Mouse pincushion w/o cushion; glass punch bowl set; 2 Federal Amber mixing bowls; various glassware; glass mixing pitcher with top; red fired on measuring cup; various pcs of pottery; Peters Primer box; Amber Twin globes table lamp; vintage camera & radio; stamp collection; 1970's Hallmark Christmas decorations; Hall Musical wind up jug; various ashtrays; 3 Little Pigs Walt Disney toothbrush holder; Evenflo measuring glass pitcher; quilt; bell collection; several stain glass pcs.; Ocean painting signed by Underwood Baker; Emerson Electric fan, old.

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57+/- ACRES GEARY COUNTY LAND

AUCTION

THURSDAY, JUNE 10 — 7:00 PM
2323 N. JACKSON — JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: East of Milford, Kansas (Take Highway 77 to Milford exit, turn West towards Milford on 12th Street. 24.21 Acres are on the on North side and 32.8 Acres are on the on South Side. (WATCH FOR SIGNS)

REAL ESTATE: Two tracts of land as follow:
TRACT 1: 24.21 +/- Acres of platted land (See Legal) or can be Crop land.
TRACT 2: 32.8 +/- Acres of Crop Land

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
TRACT 1: Lots 1-13 & 40-49 Sec. 18, Twp. 10, Range 5 and Lots 14-39 Sec. 17, Twp. 10, Range 5, Milford, Geary County, Kansas.
TRACT 2: North 1/2 Northwest Quarter West of US-77 in Sec. 20, Twp. 10, Range 5, Milford, Geary County, Kansas.

TAXES:
TRACT 1: \$223.38
TRACT 2: \$311.92 Taxes for 2009 and all prior years will be paid by the Sellers. 2010 Taxes will be pro-rated to closing.

TERMS: 10% DOWN DAY OF SALE. Balance due when Merchantable Title and Warranty Deed are delivered. Closing and possession on or before July 29, 2010. All Buyers inspections are to be done prior to the auction. Sale is not contingent on the Buyer obtaining financing. Acreage amounts are based on county and FSA records and are deemed reliable, but are not guaranteed. Broker and Auctioneers are representing the Seller. **For Information contact Jay E. Brown, Broker and Auctioneer 785-223-7555. Escrow Fee will be divided equally between the Sellers and the Buyers.**

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Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

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.

June 12 — Consignments at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Auctions.

June 12 — Real estate, household, antique tractors, collectibles & shop items at Vermillion for Robert F. & Rosalie D. (Timmy) Lee. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

June 12 — Antiques, collectibles & furniture, boat, yard shop & misc. at Abilene for Mary Reich Estate & Wayne Rutz. Auctioneers: Thompson & Shivers.

June 12 — Personal proper-

ty S. of Waterville for Roger & Deb Pishny. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

June 12 — Antiques & general household at Clay Center for Ruth Cooper Estate. Auctioneers: Vathauer Auction Service.

June 12 — Tractor, combine, head, machinery, trucks, pickup, van, lawn mower & misc. farm items, old pedal tractor, toys, antiques & collectibles, household goods SE of Odell, Neb. for Daneiel E. Spitsnogle Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

June 12 — Tools, mechanic tools, antique car at Hope for Earl Risser Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

June 12 — Antiques, collectibles, tools, tractors, pickups, guns, etc. E. of Carbondale for Mrs. Lila "Charles" Shepard. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

June 12 — Vet equipment, cattle equipment, furniture & equipment, power tools, antiques & collectibles, dog runs & misc.

at Clyde for Doc (John) Ferguson. Auctioneers: 5A Auction Service.

June 12 — Pickups, livestock trailer, roto tillers, antiques, appliances, hand & elec. tools, furniture at Great Bend for Charles Doeden Estate. Auctioneers: Schremmer Auction.

June 12 — Backhoe, tractor, mowers, tools, windmill, lumber, household, antiques & collectibles at Belvue for Molly Ledebor. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 13 — Large coin auction at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 13 — VW Beattle, pickup, tools, household, collectibles, furniture, etc. S. of Osage City. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

June 13 — Real estate, furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Berta Beck Estate & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 18 — Marshall County real estate, home at

Marysville for Grace A. Burton Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate & Auctions.

June 19 — Collectible toys, pickup, household goods, collectibles & misc. at Beatrice, Neb. for Kenneth D. Chirnside Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

June 19 — Personal property N. of Vliets for Jannett (Mrs. Dick) Argo. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

June 19 — Modern furniture & appliances at Delavan for Laverne Allen Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

June 19 — Furniture, antiques & misc. at Wakefield for Dolores Loud. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

June 22 — House (at Abilene), vehicles & household at Abilene for John D. Copenhaver Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

June 23 — Morris County real estate at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

June 25 — Construction equipment at Salina. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

June 26 — Tools, trailers, furniture, '47 antique truck at Solomon for Jack-

ie Hockstatter. Auctioneers: Thompson & Shivers. July 8 — Saline & Dickinson County real estate at Salina. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

July 17 — John Deere dealer closeout at Burlington for Caldwell Implement. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

July 17 — Farm machinery & misc. W. of Oak Hill for Evan Ade. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom. August 7 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

August 7 — Charolais fe-

male sale at Randolph for Fink Beef Genetics.

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

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

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CATTLE EQUIPMENT

18 - 10' portable corral panels w/Trailer, Squeeze Chute, Priefert head gate, calf pullers, calf crates, Dehorners, Masticators, Bull nose leads, Spare parts for a Priefert chute, Several bags Tuff Flex ear tags (multiple colors, numbered and blank), ear tagger tools, Hog paddles, Dehorning Saw, Slip Chute Horse Stall.

FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT
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stand, Surgery lamp, Washer & Dryer, Small Coronado refrigerator, Kenmore refrigerator (18 cu. ft., brand new), other misc. items.

POWER TOOLS

Makita Cordless light, Handyman drill bit set, RYOBI Precision Sander, goggles, squares, Handyman 14.4v drill driver, Skil router, Craftsman nail gun (18 ga. 2 in 1 nailer), Makita cordless drill, 60x20 work bench, board clamps, Duracraft 3 sp. Drill press, Craftsman 1/2 hp 9" band saw, DeWalt Radial Arm saw, Delta Miter saw, Master Mechanic 10" Table Saw.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

2 antique Oto scopes, OM Franklin Bull Clamp tool, Horse-drawn JD plow (first plow sold in Jewell Co.), Horse-drawn One Row Planter (J5"), Complete Buggy, Sled Buggy, Single tree Harness, 2 buggy lamps, Antique Wheel mower, Antique tongs, Old Medicine bag kit, Sharp & Steel Dental Kit in canvas wrap, Indianapolis Rolltop Desk, Detroit Automatic Scale Co. platform scale, 1998 Gary Hawk "Caring Hands" framed print, School Bench from 1800s, Meyer wood pulley, Stone Mason Tool set (was used to build the first wing of the State House and state hospital), Antique smoking stand, harness collar mirror, Old Kerosene Heater, 3 old trunks, Old wood stove #419.

DOG RUNS & KENNELS

2 dog cages, Portable stainless Kennel - 3 compartment "48"x30"x65", 4 dog cages 46"x60"x8", 48"x56" gates, 8 Stainless Kennel doors 32"x32", 4 dog runs, 2 single kennels 38"x32"x30" (Stainless on wheels).

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

42' semi box trailer (Storage Unit, still on axles), Propane overhead heater, Mantis Tiller, 2 Wheel dolly cart, Cremator, 2 small saddles, Old pictures, Flea & Tick collars, other misc. items.

Selling for KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

16 folding chairs, 11 white cushioned chairs, 4 square wood tables, 5 round top tables, 2 camp fire kettles, 3 Pepsi crates, 1 Coca-Cola crate, 1 card table, 1 footlocker, large magazine rack, 3 - 16 oz. Coke bottles (full), 1 big mirror.

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