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## Get ready for safe, effective harvest

June and July are typically two of the most dangerous months for Kansas farmers. That's because these are the months when harvest-related injuries involving combines and other harvest machinery are most common.

A properly serviced combine is much safer and more efficient to operate. Safe operation and maintenance of combines should not be taken lightly and an organized, methodical plan for preparing the combine is the safest approach. Use the operator's manual to refresh yourself; do not attempt to rely on just memory for the jobs to be done.

Be sure to give the hydraulic system a thorough pre-season checkup. Leaky hoses and connections are a safety hazard, as well as wasteful of hydraulic oil and energy. Always use a piece of sheet metal or wood to locate hydraulic leaks, not your bare hands. Hydraulic fluid under pressure can cause serious injury. This type of work also calls for eye protection.

Always use safety blocks or the stops on hydraulic cylinders when working under raised equipment. Combines and combine headers are very heavy, and hydraulic systems can and do fail. When they do, the header will come down quickly without warning.

Most adjustments to combines should also be made when the machine is not running. Be sure to make these adjustments only when the ignition keys are in your pocket.

However, there are some adjustments which need to be made when the combine is running, and the operator's manual will tell how to do them safely. There are at least two pinch points for every chain or belt drive system. Since belts might be tight, and chains don't slip, injury is certain when fingers are caught in the pinch points, so be careful. Also, remember to immediately replace every shield or guard that was removed.

Distances can be very close when unloading combine grain tanks on the go. Be sure to safety-check the steering and brake systems. Safe steering and braking are also important when moving combines from field to field.

When harvesting is going to continue into the late night hours, the field lights will generally get maintenance attention, but safety lighting for moving the machinery on the road after dark is also important. Are the flashing hazard lights, clearance and tail lights functional? The SMV (slow moving vehicle) emblem must be visible from the back, as well as the clearance lights to indicate the machinery width.

Many combine fires start with the wiring harness, so check the wiring frequently. Be sure wires are protected by rubber grommets where they pass through holes in the metal. If rodents have chewed on wiring insulation, be sure to replace damaged lengths carefully. Remove and replace only one wire at a time to prevent confusion and mistakes.

A fully charged fire extinguisher and a fully equipped first aid kit should be on the combine and easily accessible from the ground.

A clean combine or tractor cab is much more pleasant to be in and can make long hours less stressful. Start the season with clean filters and a recharged system. Also, keep the radio communication system working and up to date to help provide a smooth harvest.

The quality of job you do is directly related to your comfort and safety. Your family will be glad you took the extra time.

## Water dogged



The heavy rains late last week were not at all welcomed by wheat farmers or those trying to put up hay. For that matter if your corn or beans were underwater, as they were in some locations, you didn't much fancy the down-pour either. For cattlemen who wanted ponds filled, or the farm dogs that enjoyed a good frog hunt, the rains were just a little gift.

*Photo by Kim Hofmann, Red Cow Photography*

## Program addressing vet shortage, graduates five

Several rural Kansas communities are getting a new veterinarian this year through a state program created to help ease the shortage of veterinarians who work in rural Kansas.

The 2010 graduating class of Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine included the first five graduates of the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas. The program was passed by the state Legislature in

2006 to provide a financial incentive to bring new veterinarians to rural areas.

Program participants are eligible for up to \$20,000 in loans per year to pay for college expenses and advanced training. Upon completion of their Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, each student is required to work at a full-time veterinary practice in one of the 91 Kansas counties with fewer than 35,000 residents. For each year the

student works in rural Kansas, \$20,000 worth of loans will be forgiven by the state. Students can work a maximum of four years through program, receiving up to \$80,000 in loan waivers.

"The funding from the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas is going to alleviate some of the pressures off of us to find the high-paying jobs needed to repay our student loans," said Trent

Glick, one of the new graduates of the program. "We're able to go to a rural community and maybe take a little less money so we can still pursue our goals."

Glick, who is originally from Pittsburg, has accepted a veterinary job in Oberlin.

Each student in the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas is re-

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## Take safe steps to cleanup following flooding

Those left with storm-damaged or flooded homes and businesses need to be cautious cleaning up the mess, an Extension specialist said.

Large swaths of the state have experienced flooding in the last few days, as roads, culverts, bridges and dams have given way after heavy rains, sending rivers and streams over their banks.

Although it's important to clean up flood damage as soon as possible, several safety issues are key, said Shirley Niemeyer, housing and environment specialist in the university's Institute

of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"It's important to use great caution when assessing and working on damaged structures," Niemeyer said.

It's also important for home and business owners to contact their insurance companies to determine the extent of coverage and what records, photos or examples are needed.

"Electrical safety is most important in floods," Niemeyer said. "Watch for electrical shorts and live wires. Also, make sure electrical service is disconnected and any outside gas

lines are turned off before attempting to do any work in the house."

When it is safe to enter, an electrician should check wiring and appliances for safety before using electricity.

"Equipment and wiring that appears to be safe soon after flooding may fail prematurely and cause a fire or shock hazard," she said. "Replacement often is the best option."

It's also important to clean up household items to prevent mold and odors after water damage, she said.

When cleaning the

home, wear protective clothing, hard sole shoes, rubber gloves and an N-95 or a HEPA air filter mask for extra protection against contamination and particles. Also, be sure exposed skin is washed frequently.

It's important to check the siding and roof for damage to keep further moisture out of the house, Niemeyer said.

"There are places that we don't think about where water may have gotten," Niemeyer said. "Crawl spaces, wall cavities and floor joist areas may need to be dried out, especially

if there was extensive water damage.

Mold can start growing in 24 to 48 hours, especially next to anything cellulosic, such as paper or wood. To minimize mold and mildew, run a central air conditioner, dehumidifier or fans to accelerate the drying process. Make sure the electrical system is protected with ground fault circuit interrupters at the outlets, Niemeyer said.

Water-damaged furniture and household linens need immediate attention to prevent mold, mildew and odors. To begin the

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# Guest Editorial

## Know When To Speak Up

By Shannon Linderoth,  
Associate editor,  
Dairy Herd Management

Sharing your opinions about a specific event such as the airing of alleged animal abuse documentaries/undercover videos or the release of a film or news report that contains negative messages about the food system may seem like a proactive move to shore-up support for agriculture. However, it could also create controversy where none existed, giving the issue a platform and a larger audience than you ever intended — or the issues deserves.

It's a fine line we walk, and it's easy to misstep. While it is essential to not be caught unaware, it's equally important not to generate unwarranted atten-

tion.

Therefore, knowing when to share your opinions with non-farmers on hot-button topics like animal welfare and food production may be the difference between reducing community concerns and fanning the flames of discontent.

So, when should you take action? Try this advice that stems from the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin — it fits any facet of our agriculture industry:

Listen. Monitor conversations to see if people in the community are expressing concern. For example, have friends or neighbors approached you about the issue? Is it being talked about at the local coffee shop, grocery store, PTA

meetings or church functions? Has the issue surfaced in the local newspaper, or on local television and radio talk shows and newscasts?

Use sound judgment. There is no need to draw attention to the topic if no one is talking about it. Even if the subject comes up once or twice in close circles, it still may not deserve a response. We're close to the situation in agriculture — and defending our industry is near and dear to us, but we must try to put things in perspective and context. Just because another farmer is talking with you about the latest controversy doesn't mean the general public is giving it a lot of thought — but pay attention to conversations around you to be

sure. Meanwhile, conduct your business in a manner above reproach.

Respond. If the subject comes up among non-farm friends and neighbors with increasing frequency and you feel the conversation is taking root in your community, and particularly if it gets media attention, it's time to quickly implement a communication strategy. This includes actions like letters to the editor, contacting reporters for follow-up coverage from the ag perspective and offering to speak at various community functions. Make sure your local media and government officials know they can come to you as a trusted resource. And share your message in as many one-on-one conversations as possible. Be sure to coordinate your efforts with your fellow farmers and ag professionals as much as possible.

Regardless of the circumstance, engage in honest, civil and value-based conversations. Don't focus exclusively on science and economics — it sounds trite, but people really don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Start with the fact that you care and that you use science to reinforce and evaluate your decisions so that your business remains successful and animals continue to receive top-flight care and attention.

Still, you must know your facts and be able to state them confidently and as simply as possible. Nobody knows your business and your industry better than you do, so brush up on your talking points, minus industry jargon, and think about the message you want to communicate. If you're not sure what to say or how to say it, there are plenty of industry groups that offer help and training with this. Get it; it's time well-spent.

Avoid negativity or complaining; instead focus on the positive care you offer, and the healthful products and services you provide. Respond to the tough questions, and if you don't know an answer, that's okay. Find out, then follow-up to keep the dialog going.

Sincere conversations will help earn credibility, trust and build important relationships so the next time these issue arise — and there will be a next time — key members of your community will be willing to listen to you and get the facts from a farmer or ag professional rather than an activist with an agenda to push.



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

I've been pondering what I'd put in this space, in this issue for nearly a month now, and just so you know, it's not been easy. I thought about recapping how many columns I've written, and recapping some favorite ones, but decided that was too predictable. And maybe a little cheesy. I guess what I'm getting at, is the fact that I'm trying to say good-bye.

On July 1 I will be starting a new chapter in my life. I will be leaving Grass & Grain to accept the role as director of communications for Tabor College in Hillsboro.

Just as wheat harvest comes along — with much anticipation for the grain to turn golden, the weather conditions to be favorable and a flurry of activity to get the job done, when it finally does wrap up, farm families can look at the freshly harvested fields, complete with the patchwork of tire tracks left behind in the stubble and feel the satisfaction of a job done well. I could say the same thing for my time here at Grass & Grain.

It's hard to believe that it's been 17 years since I first stepped into the job. I can remember the excitement of being able to actually use the college degree that I had earned and that I was embarking on an adventure to highlight Kansas farm and ranch families and provide information that readers would hopefully find useful and accurate. I'm sure, looking back, I was more than a little intimidated with the task at hand when I took the role as a twenty-something. Thanks to a lot of good connections, mentors and subjects, I can look back on the experience and be pleased with the outcome. I consider it an honor that I've been able to connect with farm and ranch families and that you've invited me into your homes and businesses each week.

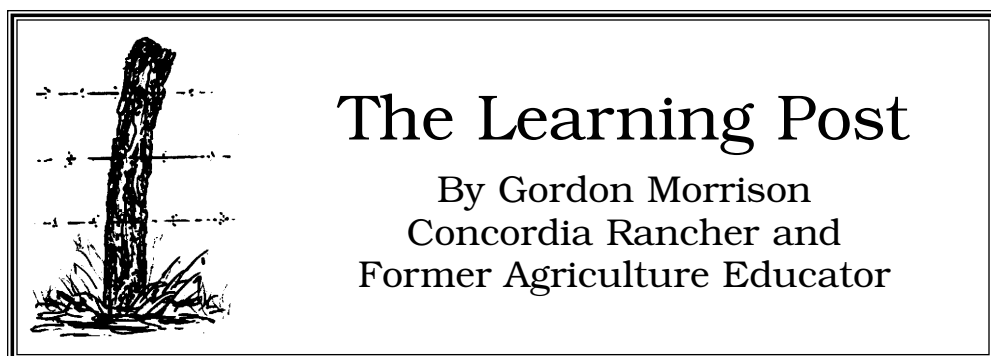
I've always considered this space to be a "kitchen table" kind of conversation. Sometimes there is an important message to share; other times just a fun reflection. I've gotten up on my soap box and ranted about something gone awry, given friendly reminders about farm safety and shared some of my own thoughts about friends and family.

While it is a bittersweet moment that I conclude this chapter, and I will miss the regular interactions with farm families and the circuit of farm businesses, I felt that the time was right to take a post that will allow me to have more time to spend with my family — including my three children, who have been mentioned regularly in this space as well — nearly growing up in front of my readers eyes.

My oldest, Karl, now 14 will be a freshman this fall. It doesn't quite seem possible. With the childhood days quickly waning, I want to cherish every minute possible with my brood and by taking a new position much closer to home will enable that to happen.

So thanks for a great ride. The pleasure was certainly all mine. We've made a new hire to fill the position. Donna Sullivan will take the helm starting next week and I'm confident that you will find her as interested in telling the stories and providing the important information to Grass & Grain country as I have been during the last 17 years. So, I won't be "chatting" with you next week "Over the Barn Gate" but will be joining you instead on the other side of the pages.

**We all get report cards in many different ways, but the real excitement of what you're doing is in the doing of it. It's not what you're gonna get in the end — it's not the final curtain — it's really in the doing it, and loving what I'm doing. — Ralph Lauren**



## Run Up Your Banner (Flag)

Yesterday was Flag Day. At a patriotic concert on the weekend, we were reminded of this; and when I checked the calendar, I saw a tiny U.S. flag and the words "Flag Day" printed in the box for June 14.

In 1863, the greatest Civil War Battle was fought from July 1 to July 3 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The Union forces of 90,000 men under General Meade engaged the Confederates with 75,000 men under General Lee near this little town. On the third day of the battle, General Lee decided to attack the Union army head on, even though those forces held the high ground and had a rock fence to hide behind. General Lee's forces had an open field and the slopes of Cemetery Hill to traverse. Lee's fellow officers strongly advised against such a suicidal mission, but Lee persisted.

In what is famously known and referred to in history as General Pickett's charge, Pickett and his men moved out at the command to charge the Union soldiers protected behind the rock fence. The Union army's artillery force had loaded their big guns with ball bearings and all sorts of metal. They fired into the mass of advancing southern troops as they charged across the open field and up the slopes. Swaths of men were hit by all this shrapnel, leaving huge holes in their ranks.

General Pickett's strategy was to get their colors (the Confederate flag) on the rock wall. He thought if that could be accomplished the men would see it, take heart and continue fighting until victory was theirs in spite of their devastating losses. The young man carrying the flag made it to the rock wall and stood upon it for all the troops to see but was immediately shot. General's Lee's forces suffered over 20,000 casualties (killed, wounded, or taken prisoner) that hot, humid day of July 3.

Historians say this failed charge was the turning point of the Civil

War. General Meade allowed the southern troops to pick up their wounded, leave their dead, and retreat to Harrisburg, 35 miles away, then on to Virginia. He could have captured the entire force, but he nobly allowed them to escape to fight another time. How sad.

I refer to this story in history to point out the impact of being inspired by a flag, one that represents an important cause to which one is dedicated and willing to die for if need be. The lad carrying the flag instead of a gun was to be the key man in Pickett's charge. His intended message was "Let's rally around the flag, boys."

I suggest to you that all of us are flag bearers. When we lift our flag high for others to see, those of like minds can see it and rally with us. Our flag will probably not depict a military unit; it may represent a political party, a business, a stand on health care issues or freedom of speech and religion, or it may simply advertise products or services. Most of us have a flag to represent our causes. I have, no doubt, raised my flag through this column in expressing thoughts and concerns about our government and the direction our country seems to be going. In so doing, others have seen my flag and have responded to let me know that many of them have like interests and concerns.

I would encourage each of you to raise your flag. This may be an inducement to others to rally with you for moral support or an exchange of ideas as you share common concerns. An example is the Tea Party Movement of grass roots folk that is gaining momentum as they raise their flags.

It is easy to converse with others who see our flags of like interests. Don't be shy. Raise your flag in your own unique way and see how others will rally to you. You probably won't be shot for it, so do it. Let's win a victory together.

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# Vets sent to underserved regions of Kansas

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quired to participate in additional activities beyond what is required for their veterinary degrees. The scholars spend their summer breaks learning about foreign-animal disease preparedness, natural disaster preparedness, rural sociology and public health.

"I have been able to see different parts of the United States and see how different levels of agriculture and the livestock industry is utilized. It gave me a greater appreciation for rural America," said Brock Hanel, Courtland.

Hanel is planning to work in his father's practice in Courtland. Lannie Hanel earned his veterinary degree from K-State in 1971.

Jessica Whitehill-Winter, Latham, hasn't accepted a position yet because she is expecting a baby in August. She plans to interview for jobs and then start working after the baby arrives.

"The Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas has allowed me to pursue my career as well as my dream of raising my family in a small community like my parents did for me," she said. "I have sent resumes to a 90-mile ra-

dius from where my Mom and Dad live. It's great to be able to go back home and have the financial assistance from the program, but it's also very nice to know I'll be serving an area that needs it."

New K-State veterinary graduate Nick Luke plans to work in Beloit, his hometown. He said the advanced training provided by the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas will be very useful.

"This program has brought us in contact with people who have been involved with researching and responding to foreign animal diseases," Luke said. "We've made connections with the people who are going to be running the response programs."

Program graduate Kyle Berning, Lakin, agrees with Luke.

"Going to Iowa our sophomore year and taking part in the regional U.S. Department of Agriculture surveillance testing center was a pretty good experience," Berning said. "Some of the diagnostics and sample taking that we practiced the last four years will definitely come in handy."

Berning has accepted a veterinary position in Scott City.



# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## Lizard Abuse

1 APR 2038 HEADLINE: X-HSUS FILES SUIT AGAINST GEICO FOR LIZARD ABUSE!

(AgP) Attorneys for the Extreme Humane Society of the United Suers (X-HSUS) have filed suit in the San Francisco Court of Steals, Deals, Repeals and Conceals against Geico (Government Engineered Insurance Conspirators) for Mistreatment, Mental Anguish and Misrepresentation of Reptiles. Conjugal charges involve Impersonation of the British (a protected aboriginal group in western European Socialist Republic) and using humor for frivolous purposes.

"It's been a long time coming," said Sly d'Siever, executive director of the X-HSUS. "After we protected the horses, eliminated factory farming, outlawed fishing, interspecies cow milking, aquariums, zoos, circuses, the study of Marine Biology, farming salmon, shrimping, crabbing, lobstering, and hunting of any kind, reptile protection was the next logical choice."

According to the Department of Social Intervention, the current generation is

only vaguely aware that America once had an abundance of food at modest prices. There were no long lines around the block, no waiting for hours to buy the legally approved organic staples of wheat, beets and leafy spurge. As shortages began, government produce vendors were allowed to count weevils, nematodes and fecal contamination from wild livestock toward the protein content on the label.

When asked about the likelihood that the court would actually agree to hear their case, because it is well known that the lizard in the

commercial is not real, Sly replied, "Simple. We have learned from years of experience that it is not the abuse and mistreatment that has furthered our financial and prosecutorial success, it is the 'illusion' of abuse and mistreatment!"

OFF THE RECORD

Reporter: "But the lizard isn't real."

Sly: "Kids don't know that. They grow up to be adults that don't know that."

Reporter: "You've sure done a good job of pulling the wool over their eyes, so to speak."

Sly: "Careful. That joke is illegal under the Animal Defamation Act."

Reporter: "What's next?"

Sly: "Off the record? Companion animals. We've eliminated personal ownership, dog and cat shows, the Iditarod, greyhound racing, bird or Frisbee retrievers, purebred raising, training for livestock work, security,

drug sniffing, helping the blind, the old, the disabled, the selling of any kind of animal for any purpose (Animal Slavery Act). Only alternative oral or topical all-natural treatments are allowed on animals but no physical or medical restraint is permitted during administration. No housebreaking, either. No ear, tail, or claw trimming, and no neutering. Reproduction is a natural act.

"It is our conviction that companion animals, as such, should be as free as a mustang, as a bird, as a rodent...as a fire ant. Look how well rats and roaches have done since the elimination of pesticides, insecticides and genetically modified foods! Ours is not to question why, ours is but to do or die!

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Winner Shareon White, Solomon: "My son, Jere Rehmert, is married and the father of 3. He loves to cook, and especially likes to invent new recipes. The following recipe is one of the family favorites and serves a large crowd at potluck dinners."

**JERE'S PASTA MEDLEY**

- 2 pounds cooked spaghetti (drained) or any pasta of your choice
- 2 packages Italian seasoning (1 dry & 1 mixed per directions)
- 1 can diced tomatoes & chilies
- 3/4 cup frozen corn
- 3/4 cup frozen peas
- 4-5 stalks celery (diced)
- 1 small onion (diced)
- 3/4 cup diced green pepper (red or yellow if more color is desired)
- 3/4 cup diced cucumber
- Dorothy Lynch dressing

Cook spaghetti, drain and cool. Move pasta to a large plastic bowl (that has a lid) and add the package of Italian seasoning (mixed per directions), and all vegetables. Stir well. Add dry package of Italian seasoning and add approximately 1 cup of Dorothy Lynch dressing, or to taste. Cover and chill overnight.

NOTE: Jere says, once in awhile he sprinkles on Parmesan cheese for a different flavor.

Janet Henning, Berryton: "Enjoy getting the Grass & Grain and reading all of the articles/auctions etc. but especially enjoy the recipes. This recipe is very easy and so good."

**SPINACH-MUSHROOM SALAD**

- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/3 cup sugar or Splenda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 pound fresh spinach

- 1 small container fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 3-4 green onions, chopped
- 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1/2 to 1 jar real bacon bits
- Gorgonzola cheese (optional)
- Mix the canola oil, vinegar, sugar (Splenda), salt, dry mustard, and pepper in a container and set aside. Mix together the spinach, mushrooms, green onions, and eggs. Just before serving, add the bacon bits and cheese and last, add the dressing.

Sandra Norris, Abilene: **AMISH YUM-A-SETTA**

- 2 pounds extra lean ground beef, browned & excess fat drained
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can light cream of celery soup
- 16-ounce package no-egg noodles, cooked
- 8 ounces fat-free cheddar cheese
- Combine beef, onion and brown sugar in a deep dish. Layer meat mixture, soups, noodles and cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 10.

Mona Pennington, Ottawa: "This recipe is a family favorite. Worth the extra time for the topping."

**BANANA CRUMB MUFFINS**

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 large bananas, mashed
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup butter, melted

- Topping:
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
  - 1 tablespoon flour
  - 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1 tablespoon butter

Mix the flour, soda, powder and salt together and set aside, then mix bananas, sugar, egg and butter together and add the flour mixture; mix well. Pour into greased muffin pan or use muffin cups. Add topping to each muffin, bake at 375 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "This is good with toast or coffeecake."

**RICE PUDDING**

- 3 cups milk
- 1 cup minute white rice, uncooked
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Combine milk, rice, sugar, raisins and salt in a saucepan and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to medium and simmer 6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Beat eggs and add vanilla. Stir in some mixture into the eggs and pour back into the hot mixture. Stir constantly a minute or so on low until thickens. Do not boil. Remove from heat and let stand 30 minutes.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: **GREEN PEA SALAD**

- 4 slices bacon, crisply cooked & crumbled
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- 10-ounce package frozen peas, thawed
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Combine all ingredients together in a mixing bowl. Chill before serving. Serves 6.

Mary Rogers, Topeka: **POTATO & PEPPER SKILLET**

- 6 slices chopped bacon
- 1 cup shredded potatoes
- 1/4 cup chopped onions
- 6 beaten eggs
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 green pepper rings

Cook bacon and drain reserving bacon in skillet. Add potatoes and onions and cook 7 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in eggs and top with cheese and peppers. Cover. Bake 350 for 20-25 minutes or until center is set.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: **BLACKBERRY POUND CAKE**

- 1 stick butter
- 1 1/3 cups blackberries
- 1 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Set oven at 350. Lightly butter a 5-by-9-inch loaf pan and line with parchment leaving a 2-inch overhang on all sides; butter parchment. In a food processor puree blackberries with 2 tablespoons sugar. In bowl, whisk together flour, salt and baking powder. In a large bowl beat butter and 1 1/4 cups sugar until light and fluffy, 5 minutes. Add eggs and vanilla and beat to combine. With mixer on low add flour mixture in 3 additions alternating with sour cream beginning and ending with flour mixture. Transfer half the batter to pan and dot with 1/2 cup blackberry puree. Repeat with remaining batter and puree. With a thin blade knife swirl batter and puree together. Bake until golden brown and a toothpick comes out clean — about 1 1/4 hours. Let cool in pan on a

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## Educating Consumers About Food Handling, Cooking Would Boost Safety

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University meat scientist James Marsden says he hears it over and over again — that there's a need to better educate consumers about proper food handling and cooking. Such an effort could go a long way in minimizing the risk of foodborne illness.

"Ideally, food manufacturers should reduce the risk of foodborne pathogens, even in raw foods, to minimize consumer risk," said Marsden, who is a regent's distinguished professor in K-State's Department of Animal Science and Industry. "Consumers can certainly reduce that risk further by following safe food handling practices and proper cooking."

In 1994, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Inspection Service began requiring that all raw meat and poultry products be labeled with Safe Handling Labels. However, that effort, plus other consumer education initiatives, have had limited success, he said.

Food manufacturers and university researchers have poured years and money into making foods as safe to eat as possible. And that goes a long way toward making foods safer for consumers, Marsden said. But there's still an ongoing need to educate consumers about safe food handling and preparation practices.

Marsden, who worked in the meat processing industry for many years before taking on the role of university professor, provided five suggestions for how consumer education could be improved:

1) Food safety messages for consumers should be concise, consistent and mindful of reasonable consumer behaviors.

2) Safe food handling labels should be updated to be product-specific and to provide more details. For example, a label for ground beef could include more detail about preventing cross-contamination and a recommended minimum cooking temperature.

3) Because food safety is rarely taught in schools, government and industry food safety education should target younger consumers using Internet-based messages, taking advantage of YouTube, Facebook and other sites frequented by teens and young adults.

4) Advertisements with food safety messages should be programmed on the Food Network, using celebrity chefs and familiar actors.

5) Food safety messages should be included with product information for appliances and cookware, targeting consumers of all ages.

Food safety is everyone's responsibility — from the producer to the processor to the consumer, he said.

"For raw meat and poultry products, the solution lies with safe foods produced using non-thermal pasteurization technologies, such as UV/Advanced Oxidation technologies and antimicrobial spray treatments, combined with safe preparation and proper cooking."

Marsden said. "Consumer education can and should play an important role in that solution."



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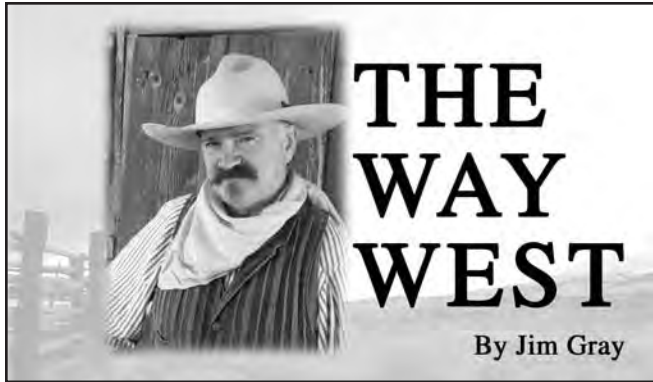
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# THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

## “Skinning” The Governor

Gambling on the frontier was not just a game to while away the time. The sporting fraternity took its gambling seriously. Often a newcomer might appear to be an easy mark, only to walk away with an accomplished gambler's holdings. One such man was a wealthy Leavenworth merchant who appeared at the Dodge City gambling tables as reported by the Dodge City Times, March 24, 1877. The merchant, Thomas Carney, claimed to be in town buying hides and bones for a St. Louis firm. Later developments would confirm that his real business in town was to entice a few of Dodge City's, "...unsophisticated

denizens into the national game of draw poker, and fleece them of their loose cash.”

Mr. Carney was no ordinary merchant. He had been Governor of Kansas for one perilous term: 1862 -1864. During his administration guerilla warfare raged between Missouri and Kansas, requiring the organization of a force of one hundred fifty fighting men, known as the Patrol Guard. Lacking state funds to support such a force, Carney supported the Patrol Guard with his own money. Each man received a dollar a day for his services and the use of his horse. Rations and forage were provided by the federal government.

Ever the promoter of the Kansas economy, Carney

joined influential political leaders to form the Topeka Live Stock Company in 1867. The men hoped to attract Texas drovers to market their rangy Texas Longhorn cattle in Kansas. The endeavor did not materialize, but a young Illinois cattle buyer independently established a market at Abilene, Kansas, that very summer and the Chisholm Trail was born.

Consequently, on a particular spring day at Dodge City, “The Governor’s reputation and dignified bearing soon enabled him to decoy three...business men into a social game of poker, ‘just to kill time, you know.’...The game proceeded merrily and festively for a time, until, under the bracing influence of ex-

hilarating refreshments, the stakes were increased, and the players soon became excitedly interested.”

The men that Carney had “enticed” into his friendly game just happened to be three of the most familiar knights of the green cloth in Dodge. Bobby Gill, whose real name was Robert Gilmore was known among the sporting crowd throughout the Kansas cattle towns. He was often in the middle of trouble. Charles Ronan was known to be a fine billiard player as well as a “hand” with the cards, and Col. Charles Norton was al-

ways good for a game.

Interest heightened considerably when Col. Norton threw a \$100 bill on the table. His cards may have been good but Governor Carney was holding the best hand he had seen in a long while, four kings and the “imperial trump,” commonly known as the joker or cutter. In his excitement Carney mistook his joker for an ace, giving him a sure probability of holding the best hand at the table. Elated, the Governor added his gold watch and chain to the pot, which Col. Norton

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calmly matched and raised with his own valuables. To stay in the game Governor Carney was pressed to ante up with his shirt studs, cuff links and money clip. Having reached his limit, Carney threw his Four Kings and Joker on the table with his left hand and, "...affectionately encircled the glittering heap of gold, silver, greenbacks and precious stones, with his right arm, preparing to rake in the spoils."

His celebration was exceedingly short-lived as Col. Norton spread as calmly as a lamb, four aces before the governor's eyes. The Dodge City Times, with amused observation, described the scene. "...at that moment a sight met the old Governor's gaze which caused his eyes to dilate with terror, a fearful tremor to seize his frame, and his vitals to almost freeze with horror...Slowly and reluctantly he uncoiled his arm from around the sparkling

treasure; the bright, joyous look faded from his eyes, leaving them gloomy and cadaverous; with a weary, almost painful effort he arose from the table, and dragging his feet over the floor like balls of lead, he left the room, sadly, tearfully and tremulously muttering, 'I forgot about the cutter.'

No one came right out and said it, but it appeared the three Dodge City gamblers had "skinned" the high and mighty Thomas Carney in a put up game. The Times concluded the report with, "Gov. Carney is not buying bones and hides in this city any more."

"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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## Ranchers should prepare to deal with heat-stressed cattle

With temperatures heating up, cattle producers need to take steps to protect their herds from heat stress, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln beef specialist said.

The approaching high temperatures, coupled with last week's heavy rains, could cause hot, humid conditions in the next week or two. This weather could cause cattle to experience heat stress, especially if there is little wind and the cattle have not been exposed to these conditions before, said Terry Mader, beef specialist at UNL's Haskell Agricultural Laboratory near Concord.

"Cattle do not handle heat stress as well as humans," Mader said. "Sunny days with temperatures above the mid-80s can be stressful, particularly if there is no wind and humidity is above 50 percent."

Providing cattle with plenty of water is probably the best way to prevent heat stress, Mader said.

"The cattle don't have to be thirsty, but as cattle drink water and pass it through their body, it removes a lot of heat in the

process," he said.

Cattle normally take in about 5 to 6 gallons of water per day, but that amount can triple when temperatures rise.

In an emergency, cattle can be sprayed with water to cool them down.

"Once you start doing that, though, you have to keep doing it," Mader said. "By spraying them and using evaporative cooling, you limit the animals' ability to adapt to the heat. That's why this is an emergency step."

Producers should have an emergency plan for accessing water in case water supplies are low or cut off, Mader added.

In addition, producers should avoid handling cat-

tle when it's hot and never process after 10 a.m. Cattle body temperatures can rise 0.5 to 3.5 degrees during handling.

Producers should feed cattle most of the day's feed several hours after the day's peak temperature, in the late afternoon or evening. Avoid filling cattle up with feed late in the morning when added heat generated by digestion will peak around the hottest time of the day, Mader said.

Cattle yards should be clear of any structures that restrict airflow. Cutting down vegetation around pens and moving cattle away from windbreaks can all help. Building earth mounds in pens also can in-

crease airflow by preventing cattle from bunching together. Spraying water on the mounds will cool the pen surface and help cattle to better manage the heat.

Producers should watch their cattle for signs of heat stress. Cattle will begin walking around the pen in search for cooler spot and start to slobber. They will raise their heads to make it easier to breathe because their respiratory rates will reach above 100 breaths per minute.

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## Getting On

Fall time in most western states is synonymous with round-up. BLM wants cattle off public lands before hunting season begins. Usually the season starts in October, so the work has to begin early to ensure all the cattle are on their way home before the first shots are fired. Cattle from different ranches are turned loose on the range to mix and mingle.

Gathering them from mountainous country in the fall can take weeks. The country varies from the high peaks above timberline to lowland swamps, rivers and creeks. It takes lots of riding to beat the brush to find and start every last critter toward the cow camp and sorting pens. Cow camp is usually in a central location

on the range with a big array of corrals, pastures and pens where the cattle are sorted after the gather.

Riders from the different outfits that have allotments for their cattle on BLM land all take part. They need several horses to work the round-up and those horses need to be good and tough. Take ten ranches with cattle on a particular range and that can add up to 30 or 40 horses in a camp pasture at the same time.

The riders may work 12 or 14 hours a day riding the range day after day and a fresh horse every morning saves a lot of wear and tear on any one mount. Each horse needs a little rest so a rider usually has 2 or 3 in the cavy.

Every horse is not always a great horse. Some are trained better than others and usually you can find a few unsuited for the job. Local people like to send green horses along with the riders for schooling. Wet saddle blankets can do wonders for their young horses.

Riding in the mountains alone is serious business. Riding in the mountains alone on a green, inexperienced horse or a bad tempered horse is not exactly my idea of fun. You'll be going places that sometimes put you in danger and you'd like to know that you can trust your horse. He needs to be sure-footed with stamina and a cool head.

It seems like when you're alone in a deep, dark

canyon or high up on the edge of steep cliffs you always wish you were riding your best horse but at the time happen to be on the worst one in your string. Thoughts like, "I hope he can make this jump" or "Please don't slip now, it's a long way to the bottom," pop up in your noggin.

Down in the heavy timber, the way looks impassable but you've trailed cows that went into the thickest part of the woods. "If cows can get through that thick timber, a horse should be able to follow them," you reason. But you always seem to be on a young or stubborn horse when those situations arise. If a horse panics or bucks you off in bad country, you could be in deep trouble, especially if

you've been hurt. The worst case scenario is your horse running off and leaving you stranded a long way from camp.

When you know you'll be riding alone, try to use your best horse. Pick one that's trustworthy and remains cool in bad situations. Depending on your string, that's not always possible, so take a little time to work all your horses in preparation for riding alone.

You have to be able to catch your loose horse whether you were bucked off or simply dismounted. If you've treated him mean, figure on spending lots of time trying to catch him. If you're on the range or just taking a pleasure ride, you'll probably be walking home.

Respect him but be firm and kind and then he'll probably let you catch him. If you're overly rough and spur and slap him with the reins when it's not necessary, he'll not look forward to seeing you and will probably stay clear when you try to catch him. He knows that when you are afoot he can easily stay out of reach. One way to stay in the good graces of your horses is to always finish your work with them as friends. Think about that one. Get it right and chances are better that you'll be able to catch them.

I worked with a top hand from Texas one year on a gather. He said, "You should be able to get on them when they're bucking."

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I only had to do it once and I'd rather not do it again. We were sorting cattle at cow camp in Montana's Gravelly Mountains. I was riding a half Arab mare with a nasty disposition. She belonged to the ranch I was working for. During a break in the work, I rode out of sight to take care of personal business. I dismounted on a sagebrush covered side-hill and not trusting the mare, held on to one rein. When I tried to get back on, she wouldn't let me. She was adamant about not letting me mount. She wheeled around trying to kick or bite me every time I tried to get on. I was doing a jig trying to hang on to her and avoid her assaults on the steep slope. My spurs were tangling up in the sage and I nearly fell under her several times. I

had to do something fast or she was going to get away from me. I managed to get in tight and get a hold of the horn and a foot in the stirrup when she went to bucking. In desperation, I managed to get in the saddle and stay with her. Once she knew I had control, she settled down and we went back to the sorting pens.

That was a long time ago and I don't think I could ride another one now with one foot in the stirrup, one foot bouncing on the ground and one hand on the horn, all the while holding a death grip on one rein.

After that incident, I took extra time to develop better ground manners in my horses. Getting on is never more important than when you're alone. Spend time making your horse stand still when you want to mount.

A good way to start is to put the reins over his neck and just stand next to him. Make him stand still. Use the offside rein to keep him in place. If he tries to walk off, use enough back pressure on the rein to hold him still. Get him used to you standing beside him without mounting. When you see he's comfortable with you standing close to him by the saddle, mount up and just sit on him without asking for movement. Keep repeating this until both you and the horse are comfortable when you step in the stirrup and mount. It will pay off when you're alone and need to depend on him to get home.

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## Check your septic tank regularly

It's a good idea to check your septic tank after periods of heavy rainfall, such as the spring and fall rainy seasons.

"Sludge and scum levels should be checked annually," said Bob Schultheis, a University of Missouri Extension natural resource engineering specialist. "Depending on the tank's size and number of people in the house, the tank usually needs pumping every two to five years."

During heavy rains, the restrictive clay soils in some regions cannot accept more wastewater from the increasing number of rural homes, he said. Using water conservation measures in the home will help reduce the likelihood of absorption field

failure, especially in wet weather.

It is fairly easy to tell if a septic tank system has a problem. Sinks will drain slowly. Toilets won't flush right. Sewage may surface in the backyard.

Bacterial contamination will build and may result in family members becoming ill.

To avoid such problems, owners should test their water annually through their county health department, he said.

Treating septic tanks

using yeast, enzymes or other additives flushed down the toilet is not recommended. Some additives are damaging to the soil or groundwater. Others are unlikely to pollute groundwater but interfere with the settling of the solids in the septic tank, Schultheis said.

Additives that dissolve solids in the tank often just move them to the absorption field and plug it, forcing expensive repairs.

"Instead, pumping the tank on a regular basis is recommended," he said.

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at Neodesha. Auctioneers: Real Estate Center.  
June 26 — Glassware, riding mowers, tractors, campers, tools & misc. at Lawrence for The Richard Davenport Trust. Auctioneers: Paxton Auction Service.  
June 26 — Ranch style home at Waterville for the Gracia Nightingale Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.  
June 26 — Collectibles, household, furniture at Waterville for Gracia B. Nightingale Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

June 26 — Appliances, collectibles, furniture, toys, household, jewelry at Topeka for Frank R. & the late Alice Alberta Carpenter. Auctioneers: Duane McEwen Auction.  
June 26 — Auto lift, furniture, household, antiques & collectibles, landscape rocks, hitch plow at Silver Lake for Rex & Helen Pottorf. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.  
June 26 — Pickups, tractor, livestock equipment, lumber near Carbondale for Mrs. Lila "Charles" Shepard. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.  
June 26 — Farm toys, buckles, model airplanes, woodworking & mechanic tools & more at Newton for John Unruh Estate, Cindi Unruh. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.  
June 26 — Metal machine

tooling, farm machinery & equipment, guns, fishing, shop tools & misc. at Durham for Dewey & Yvonne Pennington. Auctioneers: Crane Auction.  
June 26 — Coins, guns, antiques & collectibles, antique furniture, vintage rugs & linens, tools, household & misc. at Ottawa for Dick Walker. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.  
June 27 — Furniture, appliances, guns, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Maxine Lathrop & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.  
June 27 — Guns, antique furniture, glassware, household, tractor at Seneca for James & Margaret

Pallesen. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.  
June 27 — Tractors, mower, antiques & collectibles, household & misc. at Williamsburg for Heather Horne. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.  
June 27 — Stock trailer, rifle, truck toolbox, mower, air compressor, snow blower, furniture, household, livestock, horse, pet & show products at Westmoreland for Westy Trailblazers 4-H Club. Auctioneers: Ron Hinrichsen & Vern Gannon.  
June 28 — Barber County real estate at Medicine Lodge. Auctioneers: United Country/Nixon Auction & Realty, Inc.  
June 28 — Tractors, loaders, trucks, trailers, hay

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June 29 — Complete inventory of craft store at Manhattan for Ben Franklin Craft Store. Auctioneers: Totally Auction.

June 29 — Lawn mowers, tools, appliances, dolls, household at Clifton/Vining for Thomas & Kelley Haynes. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik & Greg Askren.

June 29 — Equipment & supplies, vehicle, loader, office supplies, roofing supplies at Salina for Jayhawk Roofing. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

June 29 — Monte Carlo, alum. boat & trailer, motors, mowers, tools, furniture, household, collectibles at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 30 (bidding starts to close) — Surplus equipment online only (www.purplewave.com) Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

June 30 — Three Manhattan homes at Manhattan for Milt & Bette Anderson Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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July 1 — Grass, CRP, pond & hay equipment at Elk Falls for Larry Cline. Auctioneers: United Country-Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC.

July 3 — Home at Greenleaf for the Leon Talbot Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

July 3 — Tools, outdoor

items, collectibles & household at Greenleaf for the Leon Talbot Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

July 3 — Consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

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

July 8 — Real estate, native grass, timber, wildlife & home at Waverly. Auctioneers: Tri County Real Estate.

July 9 — Farm machinery & farm related consignments at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

July 10 — Real estate at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Auction.

July 10 — Furniture, antiques & misc. SW of Agenda for Dale E. Vrana Estate, Douglas G. Simms, adm. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

July 10 — Vehicles, machinery, tools, antiques & household at Cuba for Jack & Sharon Scott. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

July 10 — Crocks, primitives, antique furniture, jewelry, souvenir spoons & silverplate, drug store items, dolls at Abilene for Mary Jean & Warren Wilson (Chisholm Trail Antiques). Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

July 11 — Toys, Vaseline glass, antique glass & porcelain, kerosene lamps, linens, Hallmark ornaments, books & pictures at Abilene for Mary Jean & Warren Wilson (Chisholm Trail Antiques). Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

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 Adee. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.

July 17 — Lake Wabaunsee home & lot W. of Eskridge. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

July 24 — Pickup, mower, furniture, antiques & misc. at Concordia for Virgil & Ruby Larson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

July 24 — Real estate, machinery, antiques, tools & household N. of Morrowville for Vernon Slagle. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

July 24 — Consignments E. of Atchison. Sale manager: Scotty Hall.

July 31 — Real estate, household goods, tools, yard items & misc. at Clay Center for Lawrence & Maxine Habluetzel Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

August 4 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.

August 7 — Harley Gerdes

consignment auction at Lyndon.

August 7 — Household, car & riding lawn mower at Clay Center for John Thompson Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

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

August 21 — Household, furniture & collectibles at Bennington for Dan Startzman. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.

September 4 — Tractors, antique tractors, trucks, combines, tillage, industrial and livestock equipment at Minneapolis for Merl Pardee. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.

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

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

November 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

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

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"This is a great new tool," said Kansas climatologist Mary Knapp. "It may be of special interest in the Johnson County area where urban flooding is a problem."

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Numerous model airplanes w/gas engines & remote controls; woodworking and mechanics tools; sandblaster; John Deere model 110 lawn tractor w/belly mount mower; lawn equipment; John Deere manuals; Hesstons memorabilia; oak crank wall phones; porcelain head dolls; and many other items.

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# Flood damage should be cleaned up with care

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cleaning process, air dry all items outside in direct sun, if possible. Materials that could warp or fade should be dried in the shade.

As for materials such as floor coverings and furnishings, it's generally recommended to discard fibrous or porous materials, such as carpets, as they are hard to completely clean. Hard, non-porous surfaces usually can be cleaned, Niemeyer said.

Success with cleaning carpets and rugs also depends on the extent and type of water damage.

"Clean water, including regular plumbing leaks or rain water through an open window, may be easier to deal with, while carpets and pads contaminated with sewage, flood water or runoff water should be discarded," Niemeyer said.

Carpets soaked with clean rainwater in a small area may be saved, she said. They should be steam-cleaned by a professional carpet cleaner skilled in flood-damaged carpets.

"If you must attempt to salvage carpet contaminated with clean rainwater yourself, discard the pad," she said. "Do not replace carpet and new padding until the flooring and floor

joists are thoroughly dry."

To aid in drying, remove subfloors and open up the floor joist area, Niemeyer said. Drying out subflooring, joists and wall cavities can take up to weeks or months. Moisture meters can help determine the moisture content of wood and other materials and to make decisions about when to replace wallboard (drywall) and flooring.

"Wall cavities often are overlooked and not thoroughly dried out, creating a good environment for mold growth," she said.

Moldings, baseboards, drywall and insulation also should be removed well above the apparent water line. Drywall and fibrous or porous insulation should be thrown away. In addition, moisture can seep into other materials. Allow the cavity to thoroughly dry several weeks to months before replacing any type of drywall or wall covering.

"This is critical for preventing mold growth," Niemeyer said. "Keep humidity levels between 30 % to 50 % RH."

"Keep a vigilant eye out for any signs of odors, moisture or mold growth and run a dehumidifier to control moisture levels," Niemeyer said.

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