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Parkinson's wheat harvest tour leads to Beloit farm family

By Bill Spiegel

Throughout Kansas, combines are rolling through golden fields of wheat, harvesting the grains that a hungry and growing world will consume in the form of breads, rolls and tortillas. As one of the state's major industries, agriculture — and wheat in particular — is a major cog in the Kansas economy. Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson knows this better than most. As a youngster, his summers were spent on his grandparent's farm near Scott City, helping his family bring in the crop. With a strong heritage of wheat production in his blood, Parkinson's annual tour to Kansas wheat fields during harvest, then, is an opportunity to connect with some of the state's top wheat producers.

Parkinson visited the farm of Mark and Bob Hewitt near Beloit on June 21. Rain showers the previous night kept the Hewitts from harvesting during the Governor's visit, but he was able to learn more about the Hewitt's family operation, meet members of the family and walk through the wheat fields with Mark Hewitt, the fourth generation of his family to farm in Mitchell County.

The Hewitts' fleet of harvest machines features three combines, two grain carts with tractors and semi-trucks to haul grain into town. It takes 10 days for Mark, his uncle, Bob and a support staff of five to complete the harvest of about 2,500 acres. Members of the Hewitt Family, Beloit, met with Gov. Mark Parkinson and Ag Secretary Josh Svaty during harvest near Beloit on June 21.

This year, rain has taken its toll on harvest progress, grain quality and yields. "I think yesterday my yield monitor in my combine



Rain showers Sunday night prevented harvest action on Monday afternoon. Mark Hewitt and his daughter, Caleigh, showed Gov. Parkinson how to "hand-thresh" the wheat to see if it is ready to harvest.

ranged from 23 to 73 bushels per acre. We're thinking the majority of our fields will be in the 35-50 bushel per acre range," Mark says.

In this day and age, 35 bushels per acre will hardly be enough. The cost of ingredients needed to grow a wheat crop are expensive, and the price farmers receive for their grain has fallen from a record high \$12 per bushel in 2007, to \$3.70 in Beloit on June 23. "If our wheat isn't 50 bushels to the acre or better we are disappointed typically. We're too early into right now to it to really know whether we should be happy or whether we're going to be saddened by the outcome is," he adds.

Further complicating matters is this harvest season's fickle weather. Widespread showers have slowed harvest progress in many areas of the state, and high humidity levels are forcing

farmers to the field later in the morning and quitting earlier in the evening.

Meanwhile, thousands of acres of wheat have already been destroyed by hailstorms, flooding or high winds. For a farmer to get paid, he or she needs to get combines into the field and to get the wheat harvested as quickly as possible.

"Obviously, we need the weather to straighten out and get after it so we can get it cut," Mark Hewitt says.

Governor Parkinson agrees. Agricultural commodities have been one of the few bright spots in the state's economy. A prosperous wheat harvest is not only a boon to farmers and area communities; it plays a key role in easing the state's budget stress.

"Wheat production is extremely important to the state, for a number of reasons. It's our number one product," Parkinson says.



Bob Hewitt, Mark's uncle, has participated in 74 wheat harvests. At age 80, Bob "still works just as hard as an 18-year-old," according to his nephew.



A family photo with Gov. Parkinson and Secretary of Ag Josh Svaty (second from left), includes: Cade, Caleigh, Conner, Marne and Mark Hewitt; Charlene Hewitt-Yager and Bob Hewitt.

Water, water everywhere

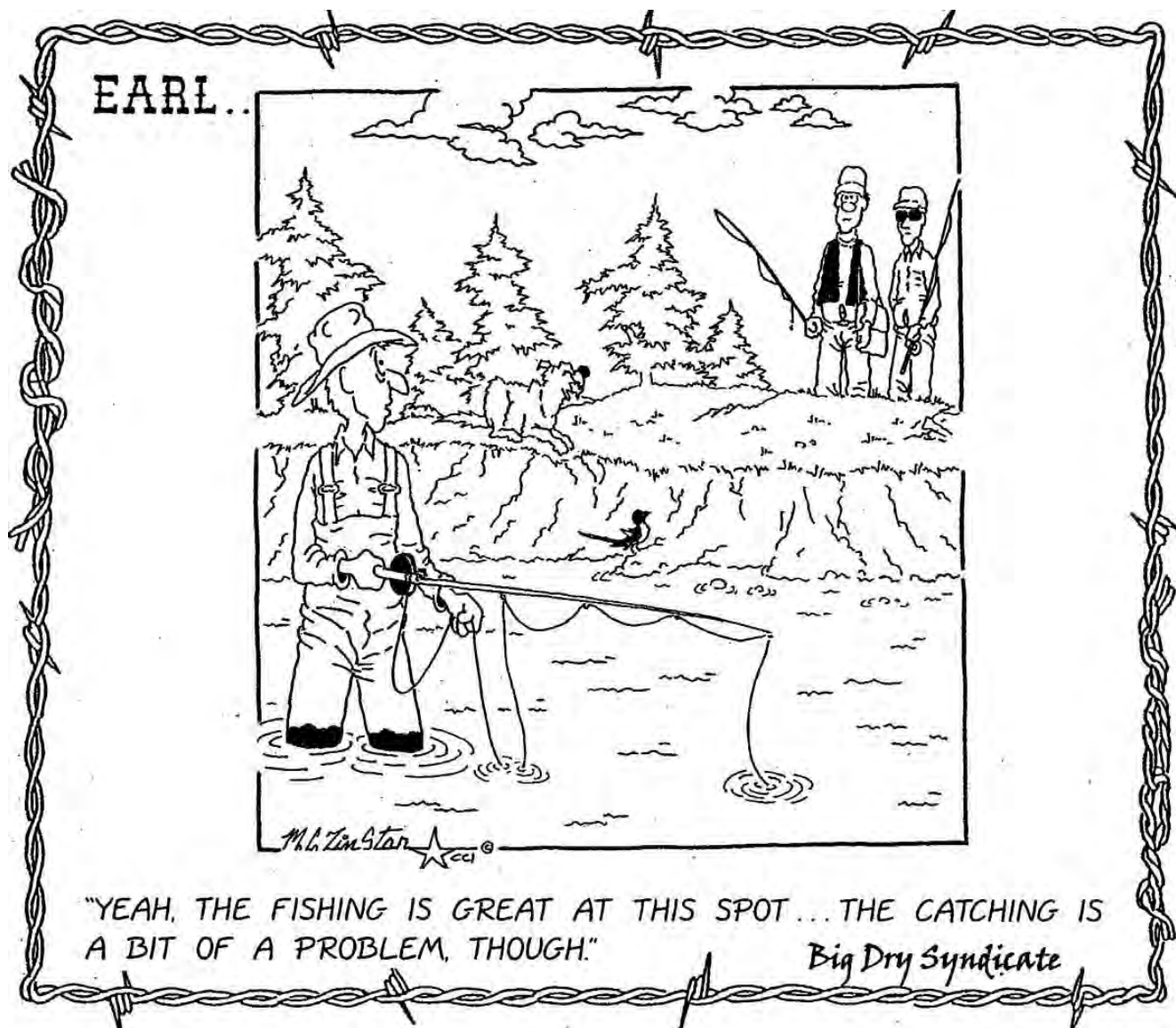


It was difficult this week to determine where the Big Blue just north of Blue Rapids stopped and farmground started as the river ran out of its banks after the recent storms pounded northern Kansas.

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Guest Editorial



By Jody Donohue

The husband of a friend is unhappy at work.

He's reading the want ads, talking to headhunters, reaching out to friends and colleagues. All the usual things one does when searching for a new job. He and his wife took a drive last week and when they reached the country, he had an epiphany.

Maybe he should take up farming.

How hard could it really be?

How much stress could farmers have? Cows don't talk back. How hard could it be to grow a row crop? It's just like growing tomatoes in the back yard. Caring for pets is just like taking care of livestock isn't it?

You just need a tractor, get some land and go to work. Isn't it that simple?

My friend has heard me tell many stories about life on the farm. She knows it's not that simple.

We had a good laugh picturing her husband — a guy who is exhausted after mowing his lawn and who calls someone every time a repair is needed around the house — trying to keep machinery running, weeds sprayed and fence fixed.

He's an actuary and manages lots of projects in multiple cities. I have no doubt that he puts in as many hours as a farmer does on a daily basis. And I'm sure his co-workers cause a little more stress than the cows and pigs do on the farm.

But working long hours and managing stressful situations, are the only things we could come up that qualify him for life on the farm.

His decision to consider a farm career got me thinking how many of our city cousins must think this way.

They don't see the hours

that go into getting a crop in the ground. They don't see all the different things that can drain profit from the food that we produce. They don't understand that the annual vacation is often a trip to the state fair. And he has no idea of the real overhead it takes to get started even on a small scale.

Working in Kansas City, I often cross paths with people who tell me they're envious of country life I get to enjoy. Until today, I've never stopped to think about what they picture when they envision my life out of the city. I think they picture the wide open spaces, a little red barn, a horse, and not much else.

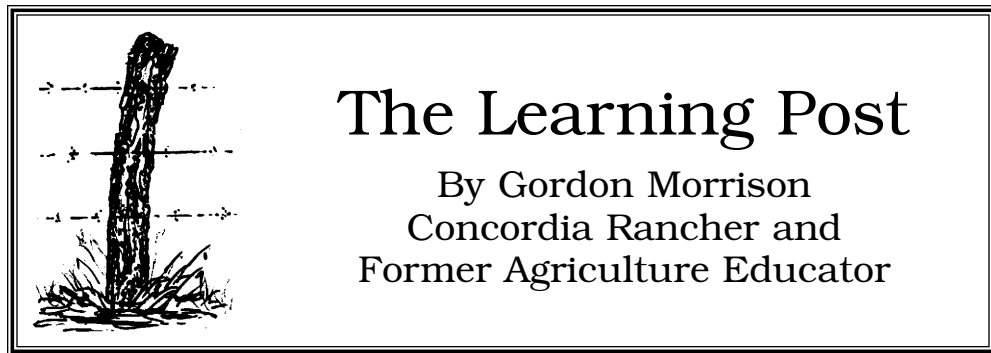
It seems absurd to us that anyone would think our lifestyle or profession is easy, but they do. This is part of why our industry is under attack right now. Farming isn't considered a profession by many outside of our ranks.

We don't talk about the need to be part veterinarian, meteorologist, entomologist, mechanic and chemist just to do what we do every day. We can't ever minimize the expertise that it takes to manage a farm or ranch.

Lots of people think you can farm with no education, no training, no experience. Why is that?

Millions of people have no knowledge of the art and the science that is food production. Most of America has forgotten why people moved off of the farm in favor of jobs in the city. They want to move to a simple life in the country. They have no clue that it isn't that simple.

Donohue and her husband ranch near Fredonia. More information is available at www.agropinion.com.



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

The Village Blacksmith

When putting up the first cutting of hay this year, the hitch on the baler broke with seventeen more acres left to bale. One of the two big channel irons that come to a V-shape to form the hitch broke, causing the other channel iron to bend into a mangled mess. I wondered who could repair it so we could get it going again.

Then I thought of the machine shop at Scandia, where I had taken some repair jobs a few years back with good results. I smiled as I recalled one incident there. In 1977 I began raising wheat for certified seed near there. My 806 International tractor had a big nut that needed to be removed. I could not get it to budge, so I took it to the shop there. I had left the wrench of the right size at the farm, and I left to go pick it up. When I returned to apply the wrench, the nut was so loose, one could almost turn it with his fingers.

While I was removing the nut with ease, I saw Ole and his son Hans, the blacksmiths, watching me closely as I unscrewed it. I knew something was fishy. They were playing a trick on "the professor," which is what they sometimes called me in jest because I was teaching at Cloud County Community College at the time. They later confessed to putting heat to the nut to free it up but saying nothing about it so that I would think I had done the job by myself. Each time I returned to the shop with a job, I enjoyed reminding them of the trickery, and we would have a good laugh.

Ole passed away many years ago, but Hans still works at the shop. I know he is wanting to slow down and even retire, but the farmers in the community won't let him. They still bring their broken stuff in

to him to repair by using the cutting torch, welder, forge, or whatever is appropriate. I knew Hans would be the best guy to fix my hitch if he would do it. When I called him on the phone, he told me to bring it in and he would look at it. After he examined it, I heaved a sigh of relief when he said, "Unload it." The next day he had it ready to go back onto the baler. It fit perfectly and was reinforced so that it should last forever. I examined the weld beads; they were excellent for a stick welder.

I like to watch the old westerns on television such as Gunsmoke. Every town had a blacksmith, who was essential to the life of the community. He was kept busy shoeing horses, beating out plowshares, repairing harness on double trees, or working on windmills. He could do it all. Now that tractors have replaced horses in farming, a repair part can often get one going again. However, when I get in a bind, I give Hans a call, hoping he will say, "Unload it." My wife has suggested to me that in this day and time, a more appropriate title for Hans is that of machinist; but with my leanings toward nostalgia, I am inclined to use the term blacksmith.

For challenging, creative jobs, Hans has designed miniature steam locomotives that run, built tons of big wood-burning stoves, and refurbished many old cars, all of which are sold for top dollar and often go to faraway places. I marvel at the expertise of this fellow who would like to retire, but the community says "No," and the guys keep bringing their problems to him.

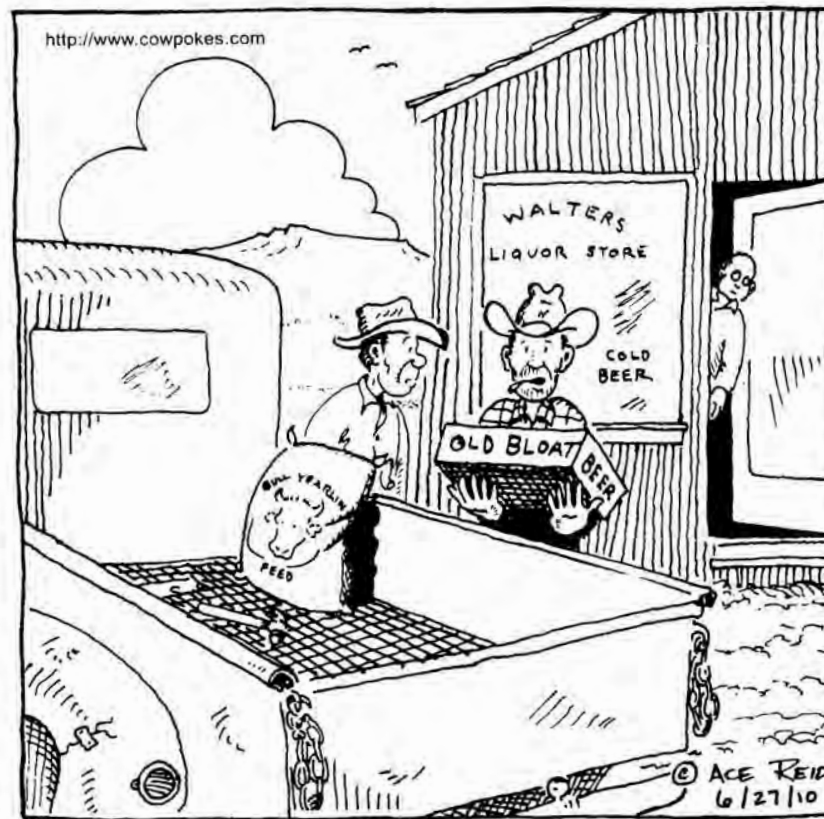
I still remind him of the trick played on me at the shop when I was a want-to-be-farmer. It's good to have friends.

The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others.

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CRP could become energy factory

The search is on for the best energy source to heat our homes and power our vehicles of the future, and fuels from plants, also called biomass energy sources, are among the options researchers are studying.

Among the many questions still to be answered, however, are what crops will work best and on what land should they be grown?

What Land to Use?

"Growing energy crops on prime agricultural land is not a sustainable option because it can compete with food production and increase concerns about land clearing," said Kansas State University soil scientist Humberto Blanco. "One of the most viable options for growing energy crops can be the use of marginal and abandoned lands. Lands currently enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are potential candidates for growing cellulosic biomass that can be turned into fuel," said Blanco, who is a researcher based at K-State's Western Agricultural Research Center at Hays.

He, along with K-State Research and Extension

agronomist Alan Schlegel, have recently synthesized published information on the impacts that converting CRP lands to grain crop production and "energy crops" may have on soil quality, soil carbon sequestration, and water and wind erosion. Schlegel is based in Tribune. The CRP was established under the Food Security Act in 1985 to reduce water and wind erosion of soil on marginal or degraded croplands. Landowners voluntarily enroll their land in the CRP for 10 to 15 years and receive annual payments in addition to 50 percent cost-share provided by the program for establishing standard conservation practices on the land enrolled.

Of the states with acreage enrolled in CRP, Texas ranks first, followed by Montana, Kansas, North Dakota, Colorado and others. The largest concentration of CRP lands is in the Great Plains, which comprise about 45 percent of the total land area in CRP. CRP-enrolled land area represents about 8 percent of the farmland in the United States.

"The benefits of CRP for reducing water and wind

erosion have been widely recognized," said Blanco, and studies also suggest that CRP has made soils a sink rather than a source of atmospheric carbon — an added bonus. But wouldn't growing dedicated bioenergy crops on former CRP land reverse the good that the CRP accomplished in reducing erosion and sequestering carbon? Not necessarily, Blanco said, adding that it can depend on the energy crop grown and other factors.

Which Crop?

Corn stover — the leaves and stalks of the corn plant — is under consideration as one of the main feedstock sources for producing cellulosic ethanol, Blanco said. But indiscriminate and large-scale removal of crop residues such as corn stover can harm the soil and the environment. In addition, corn is an annual crop that requires planting every year.

For that reason, scientists are also looking for sustainable alternatives that would not involve removing crop residue for biofuel production, he said. "Unlike crop residue removal, growing perennial grasses and trees has the

potential to provide many ecosystem services including water and wind erosion control, soil organic carbon sequestration, and improvement of soil properties which supplying feedstocks for cellulosic ethanol production," he said. The researcher indicated that growing perennial warm season grasses on retired CRP lands for production of biofuel feedstocks may be an alternative to converting them into grain crop production. Unlike conversion of CRP to grain crops under conventional tillage, growing perennial warm season grasses would maintain the soil and environmental benefits from CRP, Blanco said.

He suggested two options for the management of CRP lands, which could result in a net increase in soil organic carbon sequestration, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and improved soil and water quality. "The first

option is to intensively manage the existing CRP lands with proper biomass harvest frequency, cutting heights, and additions of manure" Blanco said. "This would preserve the existing grass mixtures in the CRP lands. Because returning CRP lands to crop production can be difficult, due to the large accumulation of plant residues on the soil surface in some CRP lands, enhanced management for biomass production might be a better alternative to cultivation of CRP lands."

"The second option is to plant native warm season grasses or monocultures of perennials into the existing CRP lands," he said. "Re-cropping CRP lands with grasses such as switchgrass is a possible option. Depending on the region and climate, short-rotation woody crops or fast-growing trees such as hybrid poplars and willow can also be grown on some CRP lands."

Studies have shown that ethanol yields from perennials grown on marginal lands can be greater than yields from corn stover, he added.

"Because of their greater effectiveness for controlling soil erosion than grain crops, perennials may allow application of larger amounts of manure without increasing risks of water pollution," Blanco said. "Growing dedicated energy crops (e.g. switchgrass) on former CRP lands under intensive management can provide biofuel feedstocks and sequester soil organic carbon while improving soil properties and reducing water and wind erosion."

He acknowledged that scientists are a long way from having definitive answers to the myriad questions surrounding biomass energy production, including the type of land on which such production should occur.



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***** By G&G Area Cooks *****

Connie Spain, Berryton, Wins Grass & Grain Recipe Contest And Prize For This Week

Winner Connie Spain, Berryton: "I got this recipe from Penzey's Spice catalog. It has very nice texture and excellent chocolate flavor."

CAST IRON SKILLET CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 cup sugar (I used Splenda Blend 1/2 cup)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup cold water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift the dry ingredients together two or three times to incorporate the cocoa. Sift into skillet and make 3 wells in dry ingredients. In one well add oil, in another add vinegar and add vanilla to third well. Pour cold water over all and stir well with a fork. Bake 25 minutes. When removing from oven remember to use a hot pad as handle of skillet will be hot. When cool, frost (I used canned vanilla frosting).

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
"Chose this recipe when looking for a quick, fruity side dish."

VERY CHERRY SALAD
21-ounce can cherry pie filling
15 1/4-ounce can fruit cocktail, drained
3 bananas, sliced

Mix together all ingredients in a large bowl. Chill 2 to 3 hours before serving. Makes 8-10 servings.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:
MEATLOAF

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 3/4 cup oatmeal
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1/4 cup onion (chopped)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup tomato juice

Mix all together and put in loaf pan. Bake at 340 degrees for 1 hour or until baked well. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
RASPBERRY LEMONADE
10-oz. package frozen raspberries in syrup, thawed
2 cups fresh lemon juice, about 10 lemons.
2 cups water
1/2 cup sugar
4 cups lemon-lime flavored carbonated soda
In a food processor put raspberries and process until smooth. Strain mixture discarding solids. In pitcher combine raspberry puree, lemon juice, water and sugar, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Just before serving stir in soda. Serve over ice.

Peggy Tholstrup, Salina:
"We have a lady in our church that has grandchildren that she makes this recipe for. When she calls the mixture Lutheran Sandwiches, they will eat them, but, if she calls them Funeral Sandwiches, they will not eat them. (We do use the recipe to make the sandwiches at our funerals at our church.) Printed with their approval; new hard-cover cookbook

from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Salina."

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3 lbs. lunch meat (bologna)
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1 quart Miracle Whip
1 medium jar pickle relish
2 medium soft margarine
2 large bags potato chips
4 loaves bread (3 wheat & 1 white)
3 cakes
4 salads

Request the above items. Prepare meat sandwich spread with the meat, eggs, Miracle Whip and pickle relish. Spread soft margarine and meat salad on the bread to make sandwiches.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
PEACH CRISP
29-ounce can sliced peaches, undrained
1 package yellow cake mix
1/2 cup melted butter
1 cup coconut
1 cup chopped pecans

Arrange peaches in an ungreased 9-by-13-inch pan. Sprinkle the dry cake mix over the top. Drizzle with butter, sprinkle with coconut

and pecans. Bake at 325 degrees for 55-60 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for 15 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh, shares the next two:
COFFEE ICE CREAM PIE
9-inch pie crust
1/4 cup finely chopped cashews
Filling:
1 quart coffee ice cream, slightly softened

Topping:
1 cup hot fudge topping, warmed

Make pie crust and sprinkle cashews over bottom of crust. Bake (as directed). Cool completely on cooling rack. Carefully spoon ice cream into cooled baked crust, smooth top with back of spoon. Cover and freeze about 2 hours or until firm. To serve remove pie from freezer and let stand 10-15 min. Top each serving with fudge topping.

TROPICAL CAKE
1 yellow cake mix
3.4-ounce package instant vanilla pudding
1 1/4 cups lemon-lime soda

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Small Decor Changes Can Lift Your Mood

(NAPSA) — Simple changes to your home decor can make a big difference in your mood and attitude. "The right living environment can motivate, inspire and empower you and everyone who walks through your door," notes design expert Stephen Saint-Onge.

What's more, sprucing up your home doesn't have to cost a fortune. Here are some tips to turn your old space into a new haven:

Declutter and design. For a quick design makeover, consider tackling your countertops. According to a recent survey from She Speaks, more than half of women say embarrassment over their cluttered countertops is the No. 1 reason they don't invite guests into their kitchen. A great solution to clear the clutter is to organize items into glass jars. You can even fill the jars with colorful foods or kitchen accessories to help brighten up the space. To emphasize this look, surround the jars with simple

black or white picture frames filled with images that play off the color. Saint-Onge suggests showcasing your children's art or even postcards from your travels into simple frames for an instant face-lift.

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Treat yourself. Splurge on simple things to complete your new space. Consider a new lamp to make your space brighter, a new collection of everyday dishware or a fresh coat of paint



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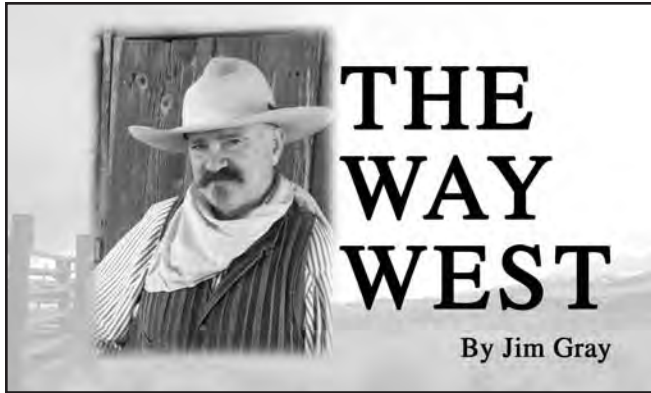
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The Moffitt Massacre

In the early 1860s trouble with Indians in Kansas usually amounted to an occasional clash between traders and individuals or sometimes a small band of young braves. Cultural differences brought about most of the friction. Indians were seen as beggars, demanding food and gifts when entering a camp. Indian culture thought of it as hospitality. Stealing horses was part of their cul-

ture. Young men stole horses to gain prestige within the tribe. But the invading European culture saw horse thieving as a dire offence to be dealt with severely.

The conflict eventually ignited into war when soldiers responding to an earlier theft of livestock attacked and killed a chief in western Kansas. The Cheyenne, Arapaho, Kiowa, and Sioux combined to raid trading

posts and mail stations along the Santa Fe Trail and Fort Riley Military Road in Kansas and the California-Oregon Trail in Nebraska. The Army responded, placing the Seventh Iowa and the Eleventh Kansas Volunteer Cavalries in headquarters on the edge of the frontier at Salina. A split log stockade was erected for the military presence. The Fort Riley Road to Santa Fe was soon open. Soldiers were stationed at the Smoky Hill Crossing (present day Kanopolis, Kansas) and at the mouth of Walnut Creek on the Arkansas River (present day Great Bend).

Encroaching settlement of favored buffalo hunting lands was another source of friction with the Indians in central Kansas. Settlers were building cabins along the Saline River west of Salina. John and Thomas Moffitt,

along with John Houston and James Tyler shared such a cabin about forty miles northwest of Salina. They had returned to Salina during the Indian raids in May but were anxious to get on with building new lives on the banks of the Saline River.

The Moffitt party was definitely bucking the odds when they set out for their cabin on July 1, 1864. Tensions remained high on the plains. The Governor of Colorado declared martial law on July 5th. Two days later, General Curtis moved to protect travelers on the overland trails. All available troops were pressed into service as escorts. The Smoky Hill Crossing was designated Fort Ellsworth and the Walnut Creek Crossing, Fort Zarah on July 13th.

By the end of July, the Indians were "everywhere and

nowhere." Troops were so scattered that their presence had little effect. The Indians roamed at will. Three hundred warriors attacked Fort Larned but were repelled by cannon fire. In five days the warriors killed thirty-five men, stole six hundred horses and mules, and burned ranches all over the plains.

The Moffitts seemed oblivious to the chain of events. A buffalo hunt was planned. John Houston went into Salina on August 6th to bring his wife, two children, and father-in-law, Mr. Tyler, to the ranch for the day.

The men drove onto the plains in a two-horse team and wagon in search of buffalo while the guests busied themselves preparing for the envisioned feast. Suddenly, the hunter's day of reunion and celebration turned to horror as Indians came out of nowhere. A sharp creek

bank blocked their return to the cabin. A rock bluff was spotted along a small creek and upon reaching it they formed a breastwork along the rocks. One hundred Indians circled their defenses, showering the beleaguered men with arrows and rifle fire.

The men were well-armed for the hunt, carrying both pistols and rifles. The battle raged as each man eventually fell to overwhelming numbers. A small band of Indians approached the cabin but Mr. Tyler killed a warrior with a single shot. The Indians carried their companion off and didn't return.

Through the night Tyler dug a hole under the cabin wall and the family escaped to the Saline River where they eventually arrived at the Tripp Ranch, a well-known gathering spot on the

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Nitrogen loss beginning to show for Missouri farmers

Saline River. From there, word was sent to Salina. The messengers were told that the Cheyenne had attacked Fort Ellsworth, twenty miles south of the Moffitt cabin. Three hundred Indians ran off all the horses and wounded three soldiers.

Twelve brave citizens accompanied by a sergeant from the Seventy Iowa Cavalry returned to the Moffitt cabin and soon discovered the remains of the unfortunate buffalo hunters. The men had put up a desperate fight. John Moffitt had 16 arrows and several bullet wounds in his body. His brother Tom had 14 arrows. The victims were buried where they lay and as far as we know are still there today, testament to an age when two cultures clashed 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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Farmers on the fence about whether their corn crop needs more nitrogen should go ahead and bite the bullet.

Thanks to excessive rain and waterlogged soil, corn crops throughout Missouri don't have access to enough nutrients, and a University of Missouri Extension agronomist says that could mean a major loss from unrealized yield.

"I think that rescue nitrogen applications will be profitable on 80 to 90 percent of Missouri cornfields outside of the Bootheel, and many farmers can make a lot of money on it," said Peter Scharf. "Last year we estimated that the whole northeast part of the state was 50 bushels per acre below what it could be, and when you start thinking what you can do for that kind of money, you realize you can do quite a lot."

Scharf estimates that nitrogen deficiencies are even worse than last year, when an estimated 113 million bushels of corn yield weren't realized in Missouri alone due to the lack.

"When everyone's already put on their main ap-

plication like this year, there's this question mark in producers' minds of whether the nitrogen has really been lost and they are less likely to mobilize with a rescue treatment," Scharf said. "You can tell from color how many bushels you will be losing, but data as far as how much we can recover is a little bit lacking and people are skeptical. I know of four different farms last year where rescue N applications made between 30 and 50 extra bushels per acre, but we need to continue improving our ability to predict how much yield can be recovered."

Some farmers might be wondering how they possibly could even get in fields to apply rescue nitrogen. Scharf makes one thing clear: find a way.

"Right now I don't care if it's first planting, replant or 6 inches high," he said. "Even if you can't get there for another week or two, you should go ahead and apply nitrogen. I'd do it if I was a farmer."

For some that might mean finding high-clearance machinery for application. Machines like the John Deere 4930 offer 50-inch clearance

for nearly full-season application.

Another option is contracting someone for fly-in application of the nitrogen.

"A plane in many ways is the best option. The question is whether applicators will organize enough to bring planes in like they should," Scharf said. "One thing I'm sure about is that the aggressive people are going to find ways to put nitrogen on and the people who aren't are going to get left behind."

Scharf advises against foliar application to deal with the deficiency this year. "It's fast and convenient, but it isn't enough N to take care of

a real deficiency. We just started studying this and foliar didn't do any better than broadcast urea or dribbled liquid at the same rate at the same stage. The urea gave some leaf burn, it's not nice to look at for a week, but our research showed that this results in very little lost yield."

Scharf said nitrogen can still be applied until corn begins to blister in the R2 growth stage.

"Up to a week after silking you should definitely apply nitrogen if your crop is showing deficiency, although I would rather see it done by the time it's shoulder high," he said. "If you've done that you won't have

lost much potential yield from nitrogen stress."

Scharf recommends these tips to farmers:

Urea poses less risk than ammonium nitrate (AN), as greater leaf damage occurs with AN than broadcast urea.

Broadcast urea causes little yield loss due to leaf burn, at any stage.

Do not apply urea to leaves with dew and use reasonably good-quality (non-dusty) urea.

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gravel road in a long sweeping series of arches. The sky is darkening.

I wondered about the men later. We were clear across the state by then, tired from our journey but mostly filled with unanswerable questions. I wondered if they were still there 30 minutes later, when the trailer flipped and the center pivot crumpled and the

air filled with sticks and twigs and leaves and material of no certain origin. I wondered if they heard it coming.

Others did. A friend said it sounded like an unmodulated howl slowly gaining in pitch, at once nightmarish and unsettling. "What is it," she asked her husband. "Wind," he said, "and hail." But no ordinary wind. It

struck their house like a shock wave, uprooting a pair of cedars and snapping a venerable tree already tall when they bought the place in 1964. A few miles away, other friends abandoned a gazebo they were setting in place. It lifted like a crippled bird but flew only as far as a pond, where it sank beneath the whitecaps. From there the wind shrieked down Highway 9, peeling roofs, flattening fences and signs, shotgunning siding, shattering windows, splintering trees, shredding fields of corn and wheat. Soybeans simply disappeared as if never planted. Barnes was first in its path, followed in very short order by the towns of Waterville and Blue Rapids. We had left Frankfort a few minutes earlier and thought of stopping at the farmer's

market before deciding to push on. At that point there wasn't a sense of urgency or danger, only a sky the color of a bruise and forks of lightning in the west. That changed at Blaine. A flat-bottomed wall cloud spread before us while overhead masses boiled and churned like a witch's brew. On the radio, first reports filter in of the storm's destructive wake. For a second I remembered the people at the market when a dead tree blew apart and rained across the road. Limbs rattled off the undercarriage and crunched beneath the tires. Bushes and trees jitterbugged in an electric dance as the air turned green with vegetal matter. The surface of Potawatomie State Lake

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miles we passed tattered crops and skewed trees, but nothing could have prepared us for what we found in Waterville and Blue Rapids. Fallen trunks and branches blocked roads, sheds were tumbled upside down, debris hung on power lines like so much laundry. I thought the ice storm was destructive, but it paled in comparison to this.

Other than a small tree lying across our power line and numerous smaller branches littering the yard, our place was okay. After unloading the car I started dragging the larger limbs to the brush pile. Skies in the west turned black and sullen. By nightfall it

was raining hard.

Mary Knapp, a climatologist for Kansas State University, later told me that our town had been hit by 80-mile-per-hour straight-line winds. "That's a category one hurricane," she said. And it showed. And somehow I felt it almost appropriate to classify it as such for our glaciated prairie was once an inland sea. During severe weather it sometimes feels as if we're no more substantial than flotsam bobbing on a surging tide. But there all comparisons are lost. Our homes and our lives are rooted to this fertile ground. We might be wind-blown and battered, but we're still here.

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It's already been a hot summer in the Sunflower State, and those who love outdoor activities are ready to beat the heat by pursuing bullfrogs in the cool of the night. They'll get their chance on July 1, when the bullfrog season begins.

Bullfrog hunting, or "frogging," as many people call it, is a great way to beat the oppressive summer heat. With days sweltering close to 100 degrees through much of June, the freedom of summer nights beckons with the call of the bullfrog. At this time, shorts and a T-shirt are all that's needed to

cool off in the water and pursue this popular quarry.

Frogers can enjoy a season that runs July 1 through Oct. 31 although most frogging activity is in the hotter months of July and August. The daily creel limit is eight, with a possession limit of 24. While bullfrogs may be taken by hook and line, dip net, gig, bow and arrow, or crossbow (firearms not allowed), many frogers prefer to take them by hand. All that's needed is a flashlight, a sack, an old pair of tennis shoes, and some stealth. The only other necessary ingredient is ac-

cess to a local pond, lake, or stream. A valid fishing license is needed, if required by law.

The best method is to walk quietly through the water at night and shine a bright light along the bank until a pair of glowing eyes appear. Temporarily blinded by the light, frogs can be grabbed or netted.

The fruits of this effort are not only fun times but good food. Frog legs are re-

garded as a delicacy and have a taste and texture resembling a cross of shrimp and fish.

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Saturday, July 10 Antique Tractor Pull
Thursday, July 15 9:00 A.M. - 4-H Horse Show, Halter, Trail & Equestrian Events
5:00 P.M. - 4-H Horse Speed Events
Friday, July 16 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. - All 4-H/Open entries arrive
6 P.M. - Beef, Sheep, Swine on grounds
No livestock accepted after that time.
6-8:00 P.M. - Weigh-in: Sheep, Beef, Swine & Goats, Weigh-in ends at 8:00 p.m.
8:00 P.M. - **Figure 8 Race (arena)**
Saturday, July 17 8:00 A.M. - Judge Rabbits & Poultry
9:00 All entries in place, inc. horticulture
9:00 A.M. - Judging of entries - 4-H & Open Class except livestock
1:00 P.M. - Sr. Scholarship Quiz-Off
2:00-4:00 P.M. - Dog Agility
6:00 P.M. - Parents As Teachers (PAT) Kiddie Land, Petting Zoo & Carnival (Wristband night)
7:00 P.M. - Sheep & Meat Goat Show
7:00 P.M. - **Demolition Derby (arena)**
Hedrick's Petting Zoo Saturday thru Monday
Sunday, July 18 7:30 A.M. - Fair Church Service
8:00 A.M. - 10K Run (Barnyard Boogie) square
9:00 A.M. - Beef Show
1:00 P.M. - Bucket Calf Practice in Arena
6:00 P.M. - Parade-4-H
Flag retirement ceremony at Floral Hall following the parade

6:00 P.M. - PAT Kiddieland Carnival
8:00 P.M. - Pedal Tractor Pull and Watermelon Feed sponsored by Farm Bureau.
8:30 P.M. - Tami Hall Concert
Monday, July 19 7:30 A.M. - Swine Show
10:00 A.M. - Dairy and Dairy Goat Show
3:30 P.M. - Model Rocket Shoot-Off
5:00 P.M. - Bucket Calf Show
6:00-8:00 P.M. Vopata Memorial Watermelon Feed
6:00 P.M. - PAT Kiddieland Carnival (Wristband)
7:00 P.M. - Round Robin Showmanship Contest
9:00 P.M. - Randel-Stueve Band
Tuesday, July 20 8:30 A.M. - Decorated Cake Judging
10:30 A.M. - Livestock Judging Contest
5:00 P.M. 4-H Fashion Revue/Cake Auction Outstanding Volunteer Award and Scholarship Recipient Recognition
6:00 P.M. - Fair Supper Catered by Ricky's
6:00 P.M. - PAT Kiddieland/ Carnival (Wristband)
7:30 P.M. - Livestock Auction
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. 4-H and Open Class Exhibits Released **except for Livestock sale animals.**
9:00 P.M. - Fair Clean Up & Load Livestock
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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.

June 30 — (bidding ends) Pickups, cars, wood grinder online only (www.simnittauction.com). Auctioneers: Simnitt Auction.

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July 1 — Farm equipment, shop equipment, pedal tractor, collectibles, car at Americus for Jim & Marsha Marsh. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

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 6 — Commercial lot real estate at Abilene for Cedar Ridge Estates. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

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

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

July 10 — Farm machinery & misc. W. of Oak Hill for Evan Ade. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.

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.

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July 10 — Mower, shop, misc., coins, currency, stamps, watches, guns, deer mounts, pickup, scooter, jewelry, collectibles & household at Sabetha for Ole & Harla Estle. Auctioneers: Harter Auction Service.

July 10 — Antiques, collectibles, guns, rings at Minneapolis for Bennie Bergman Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 10 — Tractor, metal lathe & accessories, shop tools & equipment, automotive, lawn items at Wamego for Shop Equipment of Kenny Baker Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 10 — Tractors, trucks & farm machinery SW of McPherson for Vida J. Schrag Trust. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

July 10 — Glassware, antiques & collectibles at Manhattan for Charlotte & the late Harry Means Estate. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction

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 12 — Pratt County land at Pratt. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

July 12 — Russell Co. land at Russell for The Heirs of the late John C. & Mary L. Woelk. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

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

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

July 17 — Consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

July 17 — Tractor, heavy

duty machining equipment, tools & misc. at Junction City for Ehlers Repair & Machine Shop. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

July 20 — Ellis County cropland, grassland, cabin & garage S. of Antonino for Marilyn A. Carlson Non Marital Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

July 22 — Sumner Co. land at Wellington for Lloyd Thomas, Bernice Thompson & Jeanette Conner. Auctioneers: Ken Pattern Auction.

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.

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Would I have a happier life if I took my family and moved to Taiwan? Or Brazil? Or France? I look at the Irish-Americans who celebrate St. Patrick's Day and sing good old Irish songs. But how many O'Malleys and Kellys and Kennedys would repatriate if they could? Wait a minute, they can! But they don't.

African Americans whose ancestors were slaves and are still trying to better their lot don't dream of returning to Liberia or Somalia or South Africa.

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country, but go back? Not on your life!

What about all the Mexican Americans who celebrate Cinco de Mayo and wave the Mexican flag? Do you think for one minute they would switch places with their relatives back in Mazatlan, Michoacán, or Ciudad Juarez?

The answer is no. Neither I, nor the vast majority of Americans who can trace their roots back to faraway places, would give up our precious United States citizenship. Our country is officially 235 years young. In world history we are relative newcomers and the melting pot is still stewing.

As we absorb more Vietnamese, Cubans, Koreans, Ukrainians, Indians, Pakistanis, Iraqis, Chinese, Africans, Irish, Europeans, Kiwis and Mexicans into the Native American base, the flavor of the soup changes.

Sometimes it boils over but eventually we become homogenized.

I cannot think of a country that offers more opportunity for individuals to succeed. Just ask any green card Guatemalan strawberry picker, New Delhi medical doctor, Chinese math student, Australian singer or Peruvian shepherd who is among us. Even during the recession they are pouring across our borders because of what we have to offer... hope.

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Am I proud to be an American? You better believe it! After all, where else could a cowboy poet make a living telling frivolous stories and writing a silly column for 30 years? That's right friends, this column began July 4, 1980. Only in America. God bless us all.

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

July 28 — Real estate at Belleville for Dale E. Vrana Estate, Douglas G. Simms, adm. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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 14 — Combine, tractors, grain truck, tillage equipment & more at Perry for Mr. & Mrs. Leo C. Mulvihill. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

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 4 — Glassware, antiques, household goods, pickup, misc. at Clay Center for Verl John-

son. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

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

September 18 — Antiques, primitives, glassware, Hummels, books & more at Baldwin City for Mildred P. Allen Living Estate, Rex Johnson, POA. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

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

November 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

November 7 — 2nd "Shades" Show Calf Sale at Clay Center. Manager: Lori Hambright.

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

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