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House movers provide options for rural homeowners



This stately home was moved from Colby to Goodland this past spring.



This four-bedroom home was purchased at a state auction by a couple in Pratt. The state needed to move the house to make way for a new four-lane highway. Orchestrating the twelve-mile move took six weeks.



A deteriorating basement forced the move of the Rose Valley United Methodist Church in Downs. The church was moved thirty feet sideways, then replaced upon a newly constructed basement.

By Amy Gardner

If you build it...AND move it, they will buy. House moving is making a resurgence in Kansas, particularly out in rural areas. As older farmhouses across the Sunflower State age gracefully, and some not-so-gracefully, house issues can grow faster than a Kansas milo field.

A prominent north/central Kansas third-generation house mover, who also farms, views the house moving scenario from both an analytical and philosophical perspective.

"What creates a need to move a structure, is when something goes out of balance," explains Leon Ball, president of Ball and Son House Movers, Belleville.

"Either the land is worth more than the building; for example when a Wal-mart decides to make commercial improvements, or... when a structure is worth more than the land, and maybe an older person wants to move it to town," Leon explained, noting people especially examine their options in hard times.

Interestingly, the cost of moving a house has spurred factory-built homes to use higher construction standards, yet simultaneously build less expensively than most on-site constructed homes. Therefore, their demand is increasing across Kansas.

"One of the benefits with a factory-built home; when it's shipped with a house mover, is we can reach more rural-based areas, where most builders won't go," said Clayton Homes general manager Andy Carson, at their Manhattan model home center. "We can provide a higher quality product for our customers."

House moving, like farming, is an art that one grows and develops, Leon emphasized. About 80% of house movers in Kansas are cultivated within families.

"In 1944, just after the Depression, my grandpa Cleo Ball started this company with five outbuildings he moved from Hubbell, Kansas," Leon relayed. "People would be out at their mailboxes and their eyes widened when these buildings drove by."

"Grandpa did custom-farming and re-built his ol' farm truck, bought a couple of hand-jacks and just took off with it all," Leon added. Cleo Ball later bought another house mover/hauler in 1959. The rest is history.

Leon points out, that of the five major house movers in Kansas, and another five in Nebraska, most got their businesses literally off the ground, by relocating Army barracks, right after WWII.

Ball and Son House Movers focuses on moving structures within a 200-mile radius, but are certified to work statewide in Kansas and Nebraska. They occasionally accept moves in Colorado and Missouri.

Ball, who also farms hay and grass, and has a 50-head cow/calf operation, says amazingly, there are fewer house movers these days because, like farmers, the younger movers simply are not being developed like they were 20 years ago.

"I'm 52 and there's only one mover in Kansas younger than 50," observed Ball. "We're a farm business and it's a lot of hard work. It'd take \$1.5 million to start this business from scratch," Leon calculated. "And the average person with that much money, doesn't want to work that hard," he concludes.

Ball and Son, which was handed down from grandpa Cleo Ball, to Leon's dad; Leo Ball, continues to thrive and drive. Leon hauls it all; even planes, trains and automobiles. He's moved every component of a train from the locomotive to the caboose on U.S. Cavalry cars.

"We also hauled 32 airplanes from Offutt Army Base in Omaha, Neb., to a museum halfway to Lincoln," Leon said. Some of the planes were shuttled on house moving dollies, and others were moved on trucks. Leon grinned when remembering he had to track down an airplane manual in order to disassemble the airplanes.

He's also moved five missiles and two dozen transformers for utility companies.

Leon's granddad averaged 40 house moves a year. Leon notes awareness of house moving has increased through the History Channel and Home and Garden Television.

"We've had seven to ten homes on beams at a time but I prefer to keep it down to one to two at a time," Leon shares.

On the road, again... and again, the three generations of Ball movers have counted 2,000 buildings relocated so far, and still counting.

"We just try to do every job, like it's our own house," Ball relays.

With that drive and enthusiasm fueling his energy, Ball makes sure every job is... right on the ball.

Farm Bill discussed at Kansas Farm Bureau annual meeting

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Kansas Farm Bureau members held their annual meeting Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20 at the Farm Bureau headquarters in Manhattan. Several workshops were held concurrently throughout the morning on topics such as animal disease traceability, the smoke management plan for the Flint Hills region, hot issues in the nation's capital, crop insurance, health care reform, engaging consumers, state and local government consolidation, state budget issues, farming under attack, broadband development, and health issues.

The afternoon session began with an American Farm Bureau Federation

video that outlined the challenges that will be faced in writing the 2012 Farm Bill.

After the video, KFB president Steve Baccus addressed the members with a message centered on the urbanization of society and the need for all farm groups to work together to keep the agriculture industry strong and viable.

"There is room in the farm organization for every kind of farmer out there," he emphasized. "But we've got to stop picking at each other. If you grow organic, antibiotic and hormone-free, more power to you. There are people out there who want to buy your products. There are also people who want to buy the products I raise."

The increasing world pop-

ulation combined with declining yields of major grains in the developing world and the overall food production leveling off, Baccus said will make feeding the world in coming decades more of a challenge than ever. He stated that by 2050, farmers will have to produce the amount of food every year equal to the amount produced in the last 10,000 years combined. "We need to use our technology to produce crops, and we need to finalize trade agreements," he stated.

Baccus spoke of the importance of making sure that consumers have a positive image of American agriculture, given the attacks frequently made by anti-agriculture groups. "Let's give

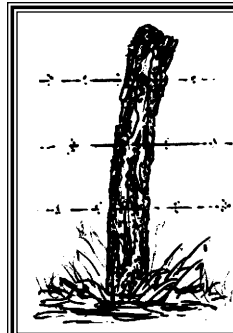
them a reason to feel good about us," he said.

Following the remarks by Baccus, members heard from three policy experts about the 2012 Farm Bill. Given the changing political climate, the record deficit and newly elected representatives determined to slash spending as promised, most government programs will likely see cuts. House Agriculture Committee member Craig Jagger encouraged the audience to consider needs versus wants as the complicated Farm Bill process gets underway. Vernie Hubert of Cornerstone Government Affairs outlined the changes in the make-up of the Senate and House, but said that change in Congress does lit-

tle to impact the outstanding issues facing the ag industry. "Ag legislation and issues tend to be bi-partisan," he pointed out.

Mary Kay Thatcher, Public Policy Director for the AFBF asked members, "What programs can you do without and still have the safety net you need? Right now we are having good prices," she continued. "But what will work if we have bad times in the next five years?"

Voting delegates later adopted the following parameters on federal farm policy: maintenance of baseline farm bill funds, fiscally responsible supports and compliance with existing international trade obligations (see related story on page 3).



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

The "Necessary" From Another Era

In a column that I wrote a few weeks ago, I mentioned that pack rats had invaded the old camper parked at our campsite. After I caught one in a trap, I began checking daily, and it was soon evident the others had all moved away for the bait remained untouched and the trap had not been sprung again. They must have lost their fear of being caught as they have returned. Hopefully the trap will do its job again and the newest poison will be effective.

My last effort at the camp area this fall was to rid the outdoor privy of a wasp nest, wasps included. A can of spray and a broom quickly took care of the problem. Then a piece of foam insulation tucked into the spot underneath a ridge in the roof should have them sealed out. While doing that little task, I was reminded of one of the most unusual buildings we have seen on our travels. It was in Virginia City, Mont.: a two-story outhouse, a relic from the past and an unusual tourist attraction. This was a good many years ago and I can't recall the design exactly, but I believe the back side of the upper floor extended beyond the lower story. Perhaps it was designed for a two-story hotel, accessible from both floors of the hotel, or else built to provide access to the upper story in the case of winter blizzards when snowdrifts covered the lower floor.

A Learning Post reader, Dick Traskowsky, an 82-year-old Korean War veteran from Woodbine, sent me his essay on outhouses. Dick is a guest writer this week. The following paragraphs are from him.

Dad called it the can, Mother, the toilet. The terms privy and outhouse were not used at our house. Some families had pet names for it such as Aunt Susie or the donniker.

Ours was built with a straight roof that sloped from front to back. It had a small glass window that provided some light when the door was closed. Like most, ours was a two-holer, one large and one small.

Again like most, ours was a pit toilet, which means that it sat over a hole in the ground. The other kind sat on a concrete slab; it had a horizontal door along the lower back side that could be opened for cleaning. When the chicken house and the horse stalls were cleaned, the manure spreader was pulled alongside the toilet and it was cleaned, too.

The obvious problem with the pit toilet is that in time it got full. Moving it was a major event that could be delayed by reaching down through the holes with a hoe to level things off, but eventually the inevitable had to happen. Dad would dig a hole four feet deep, just small-

er than the building, and then use skids and a crowbar to move it.

Maintaining outdoor facilities was often a task in small towns that were slow to install sewage systems and not every one had a septic tank. These town toilets were often the target of Halloween pranksters. Boys joked about upsetting the building while someone was inside.

A big difference between then and now was the matter of toilet paper. We used old Sears Roebuck and "Monkey Ward" catalogs. Dad always seemed to get the index pages; they were a bit softer, pulpier. The worst pages were the slick, hard, colored pages of women's outer wear — dresses, hats, coats. When those were the only ones left, we started a new catalog. We never used corn cobs; I don't know anyone who did. Besides being most uncomfortable, they would tend to fill the pit too quickly.

There were two conditions that simply had to be accepted about a toilet; the odor and the cold. A few people sprinkled lime in their pit toilets with not much effect. When the slab toilet was cleaned, it could be washed out with only temporary relief from the smell.

When it is down around zero and the wind is howling out of the north, I look out there where the toilet used to be and wonder how we did it. Sometimes I think our bottoms didn't have any nerves. My wife as a little girl used to drop a lighted piece of paper down the hole to generate a little heat. It's a wonder she didn't burn it down. Lots of paper down there.

Sometimes a slop jar was used in the house, maybe when it was storming or someone was sick. It was a small white enameled bucket with a lid. I have one yet.

I went to the Woodbine school which had flush toilets. The restrooms were in the basement; the grade school and high school boys all used the same one. On a bitter cold day I may have tried to wait until I got to school, but it was intimidating for a little kid to be sitting on a stool and have a high school boy look over the top of the door and make a sadistic remark, "Hey, kid, hurry up or I'll flush you down the stool."

I returned home from the Navy in 1953 to farm. My folks moved to town. We had received electricity in 1947 after the war. Dad had run water pressure to the cattle but not to the house. My wife and I did a little remodeling, converted half of one room into a bathroom. I have kept a "ship's log" since the day we got home. The entry for November 8, 1955: "We used bathroom stool for the first time today."

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Last week I had the opportunity to speak to young women at a seminar at Allen County Community College focusing on careers in agriculture. Farm Talk's associate editor Megan Lawrence and I led three sessions on ag communications.

We began by first figuring out what it was that the girls were actually interested in hearing about. Imagine the surprise of two print journalists when not a single hand out of the three groups was raised in answer to the question, "How many of you are interested in going into print journalism?" Only a couple of them had any interest in going into any form of journalism at all. A few came because it was the seminar their friends wanted to attend, a handful were there purely by virtue of getting lost, and a couple even admitted that it was just a good excuse to miss a day of school.

But there were some that truly had an interest in ag communications — not necessarily from a formal journalistic standpoint, but because they wanted to know how to better communicate the message of agriculture. They had a deep sense of pride in their farming experience and heritage, and wanted to know the best way to share that with others. Those young ladies provided some very interesting discussion.

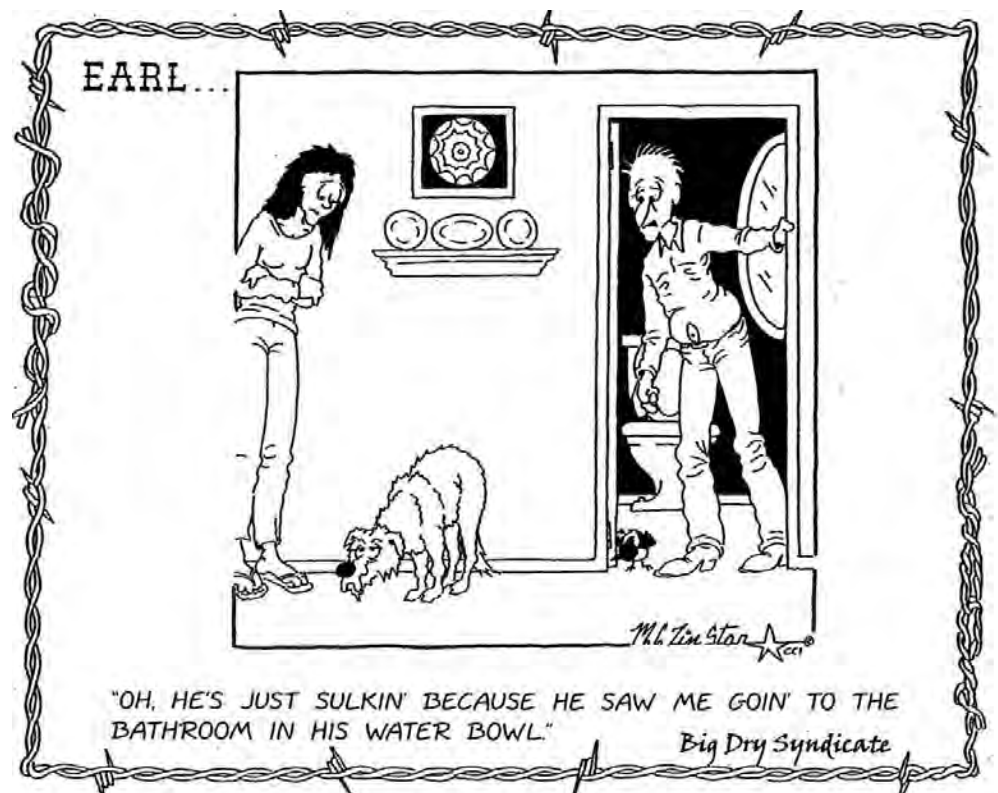
One of them pointed out that their FFA group often goes to the local grade school, and how the

younger kids really show an interest in what they do. But then they went on to describe how among their own peers in high school, they sometimes don't necessarily feel respected or valued. They want people to understand that these students that are occasionally labeled rednecks or hicks are actually extremely bright, talented, motivated young people. We discussed how often-times, it's a lack of understanding that perpetuates misinformation and incorrect assumptions.

We encouraged them to use what could possibly be one of the most effective tools for spreading their message that has been invented in modern times — their cell phones and Facebook accounts. In all three groups, when asked who had cell phones and Face-

book, every single hand was raised. The number of people on their "friends" list ranged from a couple of hundred to over a thousand. And think of how diverse those lists would be! We suggested they take pictures with their phones when they are doing chores, feeding a bottle calf or helping with harvest, and upload them to their Facebook accounts. The number of people they could reach with a positive message of agriculture is astronomical.

So the next time you see a young person "playing" with their phone, don't assume that they're frivolously wasting their time. They could be promoting agriculture to a very large group of future consumers — a noble undertaking that we would all do well to pursue.



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Grassroots farmer/rancher strength on display at yearly meeting of Kansas Farm Bureau

Farmers and rancher voting delegates from the state's leading agriculture/rural advocacy organization have adopted their policy roadmap for 2011 and elected their leadership.

The 92nd Annual Meeting of Kansas Farm Bureau adjourned this afternoon, with voting delegates adopting consensus positions on a wide range of public policies that impact the conscious choices Farm Bureau members have made to build their lives in rural Kansas.

Negotiation of the 2012 Farm Bill will occur during a time of mounting fiscal pressures and increasing pressures to amend traditional production agriculture supports. The Farm Bureau voting delegates in Kansas adopted these broad parameters on federal farm policy:

Maintenance of baseline farm bill funds, fiscally responsible supports and compliance with existing international trade obligations.

In addition, the Kansans will encourage Congress to focus farm safety net efforts on downside risk protection, risk management tools, disaster assistance and direct payments. The policy resolutions adopted by voting delegates in Manhattan are now KFB's 2011 policy roadmap for agriculture advocacy efforts before local governments, the state legislature and the U.S. Congress. The resolutions adopted are the result of a yearlong grassroots effort, involving input from county Farm Bureau members throughout Kansas.

Ottawa County grain farmer Steve Baccus was re-elected to a two-year

term as president of Kansas Farm Bureau.

"I am humbled and honored by the support of my fellow farmers and ranchers," Baccus said. "I pledge to do all within my power to continue to carry the message of agriculture and rural Kansas everywhere it needs to be heard." Re-elected to the Kansas Farm Bureau Board of Directors were George Pretz, Miami County; Bob Voegelé, Cowley County; Jerry McReynolds, Rooks County and Linda Franklin, Sherman County.

Newly elected to the KFB Board was Gray County farmer Joe Jury, who will represent KFB's eighth geographic district of southwest-central Kansas. The delegates were visited by a number of their elected leaders, who pledged to work closely with the organization on

policy issues impacting their families and their operations.

U.S. Sen.-elect Jerry Moran thanked the Farm Bureau faithful for their steadfast support during his years of service in the U.S. House and pledged the same level of commitment to agriculture and rural issues while serving as a in the U.S. Senate.

Attorney General-elect Derek Schmidt, who pledged to stand up for Kansans' rights on issues of federal government overreach, struck a similar tone, citing grassroots Farm Bureau engagement as essential to the public dialogue. U.S. Rep Lynn Jenkins received her first Friend of Farm Bureau Award for her unwavering support of policy issues important to farmers and ranchers.

"You can take the girl off the farm," Rep. Jenkins

said. "But you can't take the farm out of the girl."

The Farm Bureau voting delegates also welcomed U.S. Rep.-elect Mike Pompeo of the 4th U.S. House District, who encouraged existing officeholders in the current lame-duck session of Congress, to take positive action on the death tax. "If action is not taken before the end of the year, the estate tax rate will go 'from zero to 'oh my goodness,'" said Pompeo, who was presented with a model of a combine constructed in Harvey County, to place in his office in Washington, as a reminder of his commitment to agriculture and rural Kansas. Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.

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1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a small bowl add raisins, dates, mixed fruit and brandy or orange juice. Let set 1 hour. In a large bowl cream sugar, butter and vanilla until well mixed. Add eggs and mix well. Sift together the flour, soda, salt and spices. Add slowly to creamed mixture. Add the brandied fruit and nuts. Stir until mixed. Drop by heaping teaspoonful onto greased cookie sheet. Bake 30 to 35 minutes in a 225-degree oven. Remove from cookie sheet, cool and store in air-tight container.

Kay Spoo, Frankfort:
HOLIDAY
SNOWBALL COOKIES

1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) butter, softened
3/4 cup powdered sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 3/4 cups mixed cherry, semi-sweet chocolate & white chocolate morsels
1/2 cup finely chopped nuts
Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Beat butter, sugar, vanilla extract and salt in large mixer bowl until creamy. Gradually beat in flour; stir in morsels and nuts. Shape level tablespoons of dough into 1 1/4-inch balls. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until cookies are set and lightly browned. Remove from oven. Sift powdered sugar over hot cookies on

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baking sheets. Cool on baking sheets for 10 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Sprinkle with additional powdered sugar, if desired. Store in air-tight containers. Makes about 4 1/2 dozen cookies.

Beth Scripter, Abilene:
"Here is a fun no-bake recipe for the kids for the holidays!"
NO-BAKE BARS

4 cups Cheerios
2 cups crisp rice cereal
2 cups dry roasted peanuts
2 cups M&M's
1 cup light corn syrup
1 1/2 cups cream peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a large bowl combine the first three ingredients and set aside. In a saucepan on stove bring corn syrup and sugar to a boil, stirring frequently. Remove from the heat; stir in peanut butter and vanilla. Make sure the peanut butter is melted well, then pour over cereal mixture and toss to coat evenly. Add M&M's (you could match them with the holiday colors). Spread into cookie sheet that is lightly sprayed with oil. Let cool and cut into bars.

Darleen Bernhardt, Tecumseh:
ROCKY ROAD BITES

2 pounds melting chocolate, melted
1 cup chopped pecans
10 1/2-ounce bag mini marshmallows

Mix all together and spread on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet. Let set for one hour; break into bite-size pieces.

Bernadetta McCollum, Clay Center: "This is a quick and easy dessert and one of our friends' favorites."
PUMPKIN BARS

2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup oil
2 cups sugar
2 cups flour
2 cups pumpkin
4 eggs

Mix all ingredients together, dry ingredients first then add the rest. Using a jelly roll pan, pour the mixture into pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Frosting:
2 - 2 2/3 cups powdered sugar
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
3/4 stick butter, softened
2 teaspoons vanilla

Cream the butter and cream cheese into the powdered sugar until well blended. Add the vanilla. Spread on the cooled pumpkin bars. Keep refrigerated.

Karen Saner, Burns:
CREAM OF POTATO SOUP

1 1/2 cups chicken broth
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon dried dill weed
1 tablespoon snipped parsley
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
1 cup carrots, diced
2 tablespoons flour

Few dashes of pepper
1 cup potatoes, diced
Diced ham or Canadian Bacon (optional)
Broccoli (optional)

In a saucepan combine broth, onion, dill weed, parsley, basil, carrots and potatoes. Bring mixture to a boil. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Melt butter. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Add milk, all at once. Cook until it thickens. Stir in vegetable mixture. Cook and stir until soup is heated through. Add the ham to mixture and cooked broccoli (optional). Serves 2-3.

Margaret Trojan, Beaver Crossing, Neb.:
CRANBERRY SALAD

12-ounce package cranberries
1 1/2 cups sugar
15 1/4-ounce can crushed pineapple, undrained
12-ounce package miniature marshmallows
12-ounce container frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 cup nuts, chopped

Grind cranberries. Add sugar and crushed pineapple. Freeze overnight. Next day fold in marshmallows, whipped topping & nuts. Chill.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
PUMPKIN FRITTERS

3 eggs, separated
1/2 teaspoon salt

Dash of pepper
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup cooked pumpkin
1 inch oil in skillet

Beat together egg yolks, salt, pepper, flour and pumpkin. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold gently into mixture. Drop by spoonfuls into hot oil and fry until browned on one side. Turn and fry other side. Drain on paper towels. Serve with honey.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "Great to have on hand for the holidays."
HAM DIP

1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup deviled ham
1 glass jar of pimientos
Garlic salt to taste
Onion flakes to taste

Mix all together and chill. Serve on crackers.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
CINNAMON PRETZELS

2/3 cup oil
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon
16-ounce package small pretzel twists

In a large roasting pan, stir oil, sugar and cinnamon. Add the pretzels; toss well to coat with cinnamon sugar. Bake uncovered in a 300-degree oven for 30 minutes, stirring twice. Spread on waxed paper to cool. Store in an air-tight container. Makes 12 one-cup servings.

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Sabra Shirrell, Tecumseh:
BAKED

FRENCH ONION RICE

1 cup long cooking rice, uncooked
14 1/2-ounce can beef broth
10 1/2-ounce can French onion soup
4-ounce can mushroom stems & pieces, drained
1/4 cup butter

Place rice into an ungreased 2-quart casserole dish; add beef broth, soup and mushroom pieces, stirring well. Dot with butter, cover and bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
WHITE

CONFETTI FUDGE

1 1/2 lbs. white baking chocolate
14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup red candied cherries, chopped
1/2 cup green candied cherries, chopped
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/8 teaspoon salt

Melt chocolate with milk in a heavy saucepan; stir constantly. Remove from heat, stir in remaining ingredients. Spread evenly in a buttered aluminum foil lined 8-by-8-inch baking pan; chill about 2 hours or until firm. Use foil to lift fudge from pan onto a cutting board, remove foil and cut into small pieces.

Kathy Hogue, Topeka/
Alma, reminds us holiday planning time is near. "Double this recipe and make ahead to serve at home or share with friends."

RHUBARB CHUTNEY

1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
1 1/2 cups dark brown sugar
8 cups rhubarb, 1/2" pieces
1 cup golden raisins
1/4 cup peeled & chopped fresh ginger
1 teaspoon minced garlic cloves
1/4 teaspoon salt
12 black peppercorns
8-ounce block cream cheese
Misc. snack crackers

Place vinegar and sugar in non-reactive Dutch oven. Bring to boil. Add rhubarb and remaining ingredients. Simmer 6 to 8 minutes uncovered, stirring occasionally, until rhubarb is tender and mixture thickens. Pour into scalding hot canning jars. Lid inserts should invert to seal. Makes 4 pints. Serve over room temperature cream cheese with crackers.

Ida Eater, Raymond:
"This is so good and also low calories. It serves 4 with 524 calories each. It's also easy to double for drop-in guests."

TURKEY DELIGHTS

1 green pepper
1/2 pound (1 1/2 cups) finely chopped cooked turkey

1/2 cup dry-roasted unsalted mixed nuts

1/3 cup low-sodium mayonnaise

Dash ground red pepper
4 slices whole wheat bread
8-ounce can sliced pineapple, packed in juice, drained well
Slice four thin rings from a green pepper; set aside for garnish. Finely chop remaining pepper. Combine chopped pepper, turkey, mixed chopped nuts, mayonnaise and red pepper very well. Spread 1/4 of turkey mixture on each slice of bread. Garnish each open face sandwich with a green pepper ring and a pineapple slice to serve.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:

CRANBERRY PIE

9-inch pie crust
1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries
1 cup sugar
1 heaping tablespoon flour
1 egg white
1 cup heavy whipping cream
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Pour cranberries into crust to form a thick layer. In a bowl, sift 2/3 cup sugar and flour. In a separate bowl, beat egg white until stiff peaks form, then fold into flour mixture. Slowly stir in cream until combined. Cover cranberries with remaining 1/3 cup sugar, then pour

cream mixture on top. Bake pie for about 10 minutes at 425 degrees then lower to 350 degrees and bake for about 40 minutes. Let pie cool before serving.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
CARROT CASSEROLE

2 cups mashed cooked carrots
1/2 cup butter, melted
1/2 cup brown sugar
3 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
3 large eggs, well beaten
Dash ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a 2-quart baking dish. In a large bowl, combine carrots, butter, sugar, flour, baking powder, eggs and cinnamon. Spoon into prepared baking dish and bake for 12 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees and bake for 45 minutes longer.

Janet Jehle, Baldwin City: "Need a recipe for that leftover turkey? This is quick and easy."

TURKEY/CHICKEN TETRAZZINI

1/2 cup chopped celery
1 medium onion, chopped
4 tablespoons butter
2 cups cooked turkey or chicken, diced
6 ounces uncooked spaghetti
2 cups chicken broth
1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, optional

Saute onion and celery in butter in a large skillet. Arrange turkey/chicken on top. Break up spaghetti over chicken/turkey. Mix soup, broth, salt and pepper and pour over spaghetti. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cover and cook on medium to medium high for 35 minutes or until spaghetti is done. May need to add a little water if sticking to bottom of skillet.

Pat Haberer, Russell: "This is a recipe an aunt gave me when our children were small. She is now 97 years young and the children are adults! It's easy; faster than cookies and they never lasted long!"

PUT IN BARS

1 cup shortening (at least 1/2 cup butter; I use 1 cup)
3/4 cup sugar

3/4 cup brown sugar
2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups flour

1 cup dried cereal (oatmeal, wheat flakes, rice cereal or coconut; I use 3/4 cup oatmeal & 1/4 cup coconut)

1 cup raisins, orange slices, gumdrops, nuts, chocolate chips, M&M's*

Cream butter and sugars; add eggs and vanilla. Add flour, baking soda and salt. Mix well. Add cereal and raisins, etc. (whatever you are using). Spread in baking pan and bake 25 to 30 minutes in a 375-degree oven; glass pan at 350 degrees.

*This is why they are called Put In Bars as you can put in whatever your family prefers. Use 1 cup of any of them or use a combination.

NOTE: Makes a 9-by-13-inch pan OR (2) 8-by-8-inch pans.

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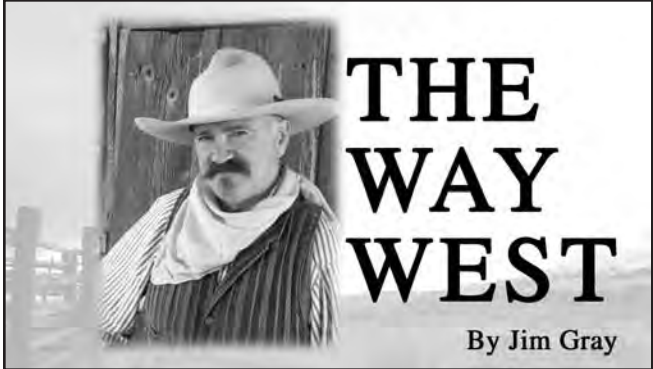
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Up The Trail With “Pardner”

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At age nineteen Bill quit

school to round up cattle for a drive up the Chisholm Trail to Abilene, Kansas. That spring of 1870, Bill reached his 20th birthday on the trail to Kansas. At the Pedernales River the drovers encountered a herd of wild cattle. One particular animal caught Bill's eye. He was carrying the A P B brand, indicating that he was a Blocker animal. "He looked so proud and free that he reminded me of the way I felt. I wanted him for company."

All trail herds were re-

quired to carry a "road brand." The big steer was roped and branded with the backward 7 road brand and turned in with the trail herd bound for Kansas. Blocker rode right point on the trail, placing him on the northeast corner, at the lead of the herd. Before the day had ended the big steer was in the lead. The steer seemed to know that the "free-riding young point man" was a kindred spirit.

"Within ten days this steer, which ran with the wildest bunch in the roughs of his home range, which would still have stampeded at the drop of a hat, which carried himself so 'proud and free', was walking with Blocker's horse, never quite even with him, but with his noble head so near that the rider could put out his left hand and grasp the right horn." Bill named him "Pardner" as they ambled up the trail to Kansas. Pardner walked in rhythm with the horse while Bill rested his hand on that horn.

Upon reaching Red

River the outfit found several herds backed up, waiting for the rampaging river to go down. After two or three days wait Bill told his partners that if they would let him take charge of the herd he could get them across. Bill ordered the herd to be driven back from the river three or four miles. Making a wide arc the herd was soon turned back toward the river and strung out in traditional fashion walking a steady gait up the trail. Bill took his customary position with his hand resting on Pardner's long horn. At the water's edge Bill and Pardner walked steadily into the river and were soon swimming as the herd spontaneously followed the Pied Pipers without hesitation. The entire herd crossed without incident. Other trail bosses had prepared their herds in case the Blocker cattle were suc-

cessful and now they too were crossing on the tail of their leaders.

At the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River near present-day Pond Creek, Oklahoma, the herd began to mill while in the middle of the river. A milling herd turns in on itself in a never-ending circle, often drowning themselves from exhaustion. Bill rode into the river, attempting to break up the mill, when a steer pawed his horse, driving it under water. Bill was in the water, struggling to stay on the surface, when Pardner broke from the mill. That big steer passed by Bill close enough to allow him to grab for his tail. Pardner headed for the north bank with Bill in tow and the rest of the herd following him out of the mill.

Fully three hundred thousand head of cattle reached Abilene in 1870.

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Reflections from Young Farmers & Ranchers

By Katie Stockstill

While I am fairly new to the farming world, I am no stranger to a keyboard. I am the editor of a daily Central Kansas newspaper and the soon-to-be-wife of McPherson County farmer and cattleman Derek Sawyer (who you normally see in this spot). While helping Derek brainstorm ideas for this column, I realized I had a great story to tell that the farming community could not only enjoy, but learn from.

About two weeks ago, I got a call from the owner of a local meat processing facility who said a girl traveling the country by bike learning about agriculture was at his facility and thought I should visit with her. So, I made the trek out to meet this girl that I prematurely judged to be some hippie on a mission to "out" the agriculture community.

Who I met when I arrived was not only a different person, but a girl that walked into her journey with an open mind and desire to learn and immerse herself in the agriculture industry.

Dakota Stranik, an Alaska native and Cornell University graduate, started from New York in July and

had ridden halfway across the country, stopping in nearly a dozen different states for about a week. During each stop, she stayed with a different farm family on a different type of agriculture operation. Dakota said she learned all she could from each stop and, thus far, had gained a hearty appreciation for farmers and the agriculture industry. When I asked her what she would tell others who question agricultural practices and the safety of our food supply, she said she would caution people to not let others tell them how to think about food and, if they question the food supply, to experience firsthand how animals are cared for and crops are raised.

It's great advice, something the farming community can take to heart. The next time someone questions you about a farming practice or the safety of their beef, don't just talk to them, show them your operation, let them see how things are done and just how much care we put into feeding the world.

You can read more about Dakota and her travels on her blog at www.dakotacrosscountry.com.

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Roddy, along with Kansas Farm Bureau General Counsel Terry Arthur, will be presenting at noon on Wednesday, December 1 at 213 W. Madison in Iola and at 6 p.m. at the Wilson County Courthouse in Fredonia. Arthur is noted for his legal expertise in farm estate planning.

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purebred brought \$3700 and then it was time for the percentage SimAngus bulls that have become a staple for Moser Ranch. That’s when the real strength of the offering became apparent: commercial customers knew that the program delivers what they need, and they saw the numbers supporting each commercial bull as the gavel sounded on \$3000, then \$4000, then \$5000 and more. High-selling lots included: SimAngus Bull, Lot 20, MSR 9701W, sired by GLS Combination, sold to repeat customers John & Ramona Hiesterman, Washington, for \$5200. Purebred Simmental Bull, Lot 40, MSR 9246W, sired by Clines Prime Image 7.16, sold to Accelerated Genetics, Baraboo, Wis., for \$5100. SimAngus Bull, Lot 19, MSR 9760W, sired by MSR Matrix 500, sold to repeat customers Dave & Sharri Hageman, Cunningham, for \$5000. SimAngus Bull, Lot 21, MSR 9704W, sired by GLS Combination, sold to repeat customer Joey O’Brien, St.

Paul, for \$4600. Purebred Simmental Bull, Lot 39, MSR 9205W, sired by Olie, sold to repeat customer Zach Teter/Teter Farms, Beverly, W.V., for \$4600. SimAngus Bull, Lot 35, MSR 9702W, sired by Olie, sold to repeat customer Grotrian Farms, Johnson, Neb., for \$4500. Grotrian Farms also purchased the high-selling Angus Bull, Lot 52, Moser 409, sired by Final Answer, for \$4200. The high-selling Red Angus Bull, Lot 58, Moser 819, sired by Bieber Boone 8000, sold to Dean Bosse, Wheaton, for \$3400. The SimAngus, Angus, Simmental and Red Angus bulls offered a range of prices from \$1650 to \$5200 and literally something for everyone. Bulls sold from coast to coast and from border to border, into the states of Arkansas, California, Illinois, Kansas, Mis-

souri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Volume buyers were Roger Kinder, Mo; Teter Farms, W.V.; Harris Ranches, Cal.; Grotrian Farms, Neb.; each taking home four head. Bob & Barry Jones, Ks; Sue Eden, Okla.; Galen Weaver, DVM, Texas; each purchased three head. Seventy-five percent of the bulls went to repeat customers. Forty-four SimAngus bulls averaged \$3143; 7 Angus bulls averaged \$3221; 39 Simmental bulls averaged \$3038; and two Red Angus bulls averaged \$2950. 92 total lots averaged \$3100. For the 19th consecutive year, the auctioneer was Dan Harris from the Holton Livestock Exchange. The sale was managed by the Moser family.

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On Location

From outward appearances we resembled a funeral procession, six vehicles with headlights vainly stabbing the gray cold light of a gray Saturday in late November. Stubbed fields passed, and gray houses huddled in nests of black cedars and gray elms, and creeks dribbling black waters strewn with leaves of dun and tarnished gold.

I was in the lead vehicle, a passenger for once, with an atypical luxury of freedom to study the scenery. The land undulated like ocean swells and the glowering sky swallowed horizons. What few cars approached sped by as if intent on flight, appearing

without warning from the gloom, wraithlike, before disappearing as quickly.

"I have something else to show you before the day is over," said the driver, Kim. "Don't let me forget."

"What is it?"

"You'll see."

So it would be a mystery until its revealing. I settled deeper into the seat and tried making myself comfortable with a lapful of camera equipment. The two passengers in the back seat talked quietly between themselves and sometimes included us but hearing loss dampened the clarity. I just nodded a time or two and hoped nobody noticed. The object of our

easterly exodus was a small farmstead where we would shoot —photograph — models. Several had volunteered including a family, swapping portfolios for practice. We were all novices in various stages of expertise but most of the shooters had done this before. I was new and untested, my usual focus more tuned to abandoned houses and rusty trucks. Kim, who organized the shoot, thought I needed to broaden my horizons. The horizons we passed were unutterably lovely, delicate in a wintry way like frost crystals, the muted colors no less vibrant for the bleached light. In a short

while we would be thankful for that light, at once ethereal and soft, even as we would gently suggest that Mother Nature turn up the thermostat a few notches.

When we arrived at the place we spilled out and fell to work with a single-mindedness sharpened by the cold. The place was a photographer's dream, with outbuildings and barns and dense encroaching woods studded with the tumbled remains of lesser structures. For a while I worked a young model with flawless skin and expressive eyes, and then wandered into the woods to see what I could find. A sense of moodiness descended that in no way struck me as odd, only a natural empathy toward the silent groves.

The sense would only intensify once we'd left everyone behind to set off alone, Kim driving and me again a watcher, our con-

versation one of missed shots and learning curves and equipment wishlists, changing like the seasons to the hollow-eyed houses and engineless vehicles imprisoned within their own intractable thickets, seemingly planted one with the other and now grown into a singular form of neglect, or even regret.

"Stop here," I'd say, or "Look, the gate's open," but Kim would just smile and keep her hands on the wheel and not slow nor stop. After a few miles I glanced into the uncertain gloaming and saw what appeared to be a ship's prow slicing through fog, a tall masted edifice the color of winter woods. "What is it?" I asked.

"Lasita."

The apparition resolved into a towering wooden grain elevator, tin roof peeled back like layers of an onion, doors and windows open to the elements, half-visible in a forest of

saplings and deep prairie grasses. A small wire fence encircled the property as if keeping the plowed fields at bay. Kim parked on a narrow side road and let the engine idle as I stared slackjawed out the window.

"It's magnificent!" I whispered. It was more than that — it was abandonment on a monumental scale, the epitome of failed settlement and the loss of innocence, a desolate reminder of all that has been lost.

"I have to come back," I said. And I would, certain for the first time that it wasn't just Lasita but all of it, the gray fields, the soft perfect skin juxtaposed against splintery paint-peeling barnwood, the somber woods and sunless skies, the wet gravel roads leading into a hazy nothingness, the mystery of it all, the reward, every way and all the way the essence of Kansas.

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MACHINERY & HAY AUCTION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 — 12:30 PM

LOCATION: 3063 Cherokee Rd., Axtell, KS, 6 miles north of Axtell off 30th Road, turn right before mailbox; travel one mile on road to machinery shed.

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

2004 Massey Ferguson 4-WD tractor (1433V) and loader (1525), roll bar, dual hydraulics, 14.9 x 24 tires, 26 HP PTO; J.D. FB grain drill for grass & alfalfa seed; Hayliner New Holland 273 square baler; **Horse buggy, sharp, sharp;** 3 pt. blade; 3 pt. bale spear; Cimarron 3 pt. arena harrow; Farm Star 3 pt. posthole digger; Rhino 3 pt. shredder SE 5 (1-year old); 3 pt. King-Kutter disc; Oliver tractor weight; New Idea 7 ft. pull mower, 10-wheel Gehl 420 rake; 16' Flatbed trailer w/wench and tilt bed; 16 ft. Ponderosa 4-horse stock trailer in excellent condition (includes rubber mat floor, wood-lined); 1/3-yard cement mixer; 300-gallon fuel barrel w/stand; Drag harrow; Old dump rake, masonry brick, 12' gates, cattle panels, T-posts and more.

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Long-handled tools, vise & table, old wagon axles, bottle jacks, carpentry tools and some small tools.

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AUCTION

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As my husband has passed away, I will sell the following Farm Machinery, Shop Tools & Miscellaneous at Public Auction located at 21510 1000 Rd Altoona, KS. From Jct. of Hwy 47 & Hwy 75 at Altoona KS, East on 47 Hwy 3 Miles to Udall Road, then 1 Mile South on Udall Rd to 1000 Rd, then ½ Mile East on 1000 Rd, then North up the long driveway. – or from Chanute KS. Jct. of 39 & 169 Hwy, South on 169 Hwy 11 Miles to Hwy 47 then 7 Miles West on 47 Hwy. to Viola Road, then 1 Mile South on Viola Road to 1000 Rd then ½ Mile West on 1000 Rd at the driveway.

FARM MACHINERY
2096 CIH Tractor, Cab Heat & Air, Power shift, Duals, 3 Pt, PTO, 4 Hyd. 5706 Hrs.; Westendorf # WL 42 Front Loader w/Hyd Bucket; Bale Spear – fits WL-42; 1066 IHC/ Farmall Tractor, Cab, New Seat, Duals, 3 Pt. PTO, 2 Hyd; Gleaner F-2 Combine w/Cab, 13 ft. Header; Combine Pickup Attachment; 2008 MDX91 Disc Mower, 9 ft., 3 Pt, Like New; CIH # 8350 Mower Conditioner, Full Metal Rollers; 3 Pt Ford Hay Rake; 2006 Tonutti 10 Wheel Rake, RCS #10; 2000 CIH 8460 Round Baler; 500 Gal Field Sprayer on Wheel Trailer – needs repair; Older NH Applicator; 5 Bottom Semi Mount JD Plow; 4 Bottom Pull Type JD Plow; 12 Point JD Chisel; 12 ft. AC Wheel Disc; JD #450 Grain Drill – 21x7 – w/Press Wheel; 15" "Sidewinder" Bat Wing Rotary Mower; 6" x 36" Portable Auger; 6" x 20" Portable Auger; NH #352 Grinder Mixer; End Gate Seeder; 3 Pt Box Blade & Rhino 6' Blade; 3 Pt Track Swather; 9' Cultipacker; Elect Concrete Mixer; 3 Pt Hay Carrier; PU Bale Spear w/Elect Winch; JD 3 Pt 6 Row Cultivator.

TRUCK, TRAILER & ATV
Honda Four Trax – 300 2 Wheel Drive; 1998 Chevy Cheyenne 2500, Reg. Cab Pickup, Flat Bed w/GN Ball & Hyd Double Bale Spear, 4x4, Auto - V8; 1984 Chevy 20 Pickup, Reg Cab, LWB, Auto V8,

4x4, GN Ball; IHC Loadstar 1600 Grain Truck w/16' Metal Bed & Hoist; GN – 6 Bale Hay Trailer – Single Axle; GN – 16' Stock Trailer.

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FUEL TANKS
1000 Gal Fuel Tank w/Electric Pump; 2 -300 Gal Fuel Tanks on Stand.

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Craftsman 12.5 Hp – 38" Cut Lawn Tractor; Garden Tiller; 2 Stock Saddles; Ant Buggy Hitch; Tires & Wheels; Storm Doors & Wood Doors; Elect Motor; 8' Metal Truck Bed; Junk Iron; One Lot of Other Items Too Numerous to Mention.

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November 30 — Construction equip., trucks, welders, RTVs and lift equipment at Olathe & Kansas City, Mo. Auctioneers: Graves CIF Auctioneers.

November 30 — Land at Randolph for Diana Rothlisberger. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Mark Uhlik, Broker/Auctioneer.

November 30 — Greenwood Co. pasture at Madison. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

November 30 — Lawn mowers, snow blowers, student desks, school items at Manhattan for Manhattan-Ogden USD #383. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

November 30 — Home at Manhattan for Terri & Randall Elliott. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

December 1 — Chapman Creek bottomland & grassland at Abilene for the James Green Trust. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

December 2 — Absolute dealer inventory reduction at Ida Grove, Iowa for Hultgren Implement. Auctioneers: Gehling Auction, Inc.

December 4 — Collectibles, household, fishing, hunting & tools at Mankato for Richelle & Danielle Russell. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 4 (www.proxi.bid.com) — Tractors, hay equip., vehicles & farm equip. N. of Beattie for the Estate of Frank Koch Trust. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

December 4 — Farm machinery, truck, trails, ATV, livestock equip., shop tools, fuel tanks & misc. at Altoona for Mrs. John W. Walker. Auctioneers: Olin Goins, Larry Marshall, Mark Garretson.

December 4 — Collectibles, glassware, crocks, hunting, reloading tools, firearms at Lincolnville for Lorene Smith Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

December 4 — Tractors, farm machinery, farm related, household, collectibles SE of Elyria for H.R. & Geneva Siefker. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

December 4 — Collectibles, china, glassware, kitchen items, furniture, household, misc., jewelry at Russell. Auctioneers: Schremmer Auction.

December 4 — Nemaha County land at Wetmore for Steven & Dee Harries. Auctioneers: Seneca Realty.

December 4 — Tractors, machinery, truck, pickup, car, lawn mowers, salvage, hay, tools & misc., collectibles at Ottawa for Living Trust of Bernard Smith. Auctioneers: Edgcomb Auctions.

December 4 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles & misc. at Junction City for Sun Ashley. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

December 4 — Wabaunsee County real estate at Es-

kridge for Karen Hill. Auctioneers: United Country Pagel, Inc. Realty.

December 4 — AC tractors & mowers, tools, pickups, boat, trailers, tools, reloading equip. at Osage City for Joe Croucher Estate. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

December 4 — Real estate, house, car, furniture, med. equip., appliances, tools, collectors items, glassware & misc. at Topeka for Hansford Estate. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

December 4 — Tractors, machinery, tools, boats, trailers, antiques, household, guns, misc. & tools E. of Falls City, Nebraska for Clarence & Loretta Lee Stevens. Auctioneers: Fleskoski Auction Service.

December 4 — Tractors, farm equip., pickup, trailers, carport, shop, lawn & garden, furniture, household at Americus for Jack Tatum Estate. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

December 5 — Ottawa Co. real estate, tractor, pickup, car, machinery, railer, cattle equip., household N. of Wells for Thomas L. & Kathy J. Palmer. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 5 — Real estate, furniture, household at Junction City for Doris Braly Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

December 5 — Antique furniture, glassware & tools

at Seneca for Arlene Buman. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

December 6 — Rooks County real estate for the Everett J. McKenna Estate. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

December 6 — Barber County Medicine River bottom & irrigated/dryland farmground at Medicine Lodge. Auctioneers: United Country/Nixon Auction & Realty, LLC.

December 7 (bidding starts to close) — Ag equipment online (www.purplewave.com) Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

December 8 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, trailers, tillage, planting, harvest, haying & chemical equip., telehandler, dozer, skid steers online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.

December 8 — Cloud County pasture at Glasco for Richard (Dick) Teasley. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

December 8 — Trego County grassland, hunting & cultivation at Ellis for Sandra & Ray Breit and Marla & Stan Deines. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

December 8 — Equipment consignments. Auctioneers: Countrywide Tractor & Auction.

December 10 & 11 — Farm equip., antique cars, pickups & tractors, toys & antiques NW of Tribune for Orville Nickelson Estate. Auctioneers: Berning Auctions.

December 11 — Machinery,

antiques, household S. of Barnes for Merrill Bierbaum Estate. Auctioneers: Vathauer Auction Service, Jim Vathauer.

December 11 — Neosho River bottom farm land at Burlington for the Betty Jane Hayes Trust. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

December 11 — Harvey County land at Peabody for Robert B. & Sandra J. McVey. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

December 11 — Real estate, shop with office, shop, lots at Woodbine for Bill Sexton. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

December 11 — Machinery N. of Axtell for Cecilia McNeal. Auctioneers: Prell, Bures & Prell.

December 11 — Construction equip., backhoe, skid loader, trucks, tools & misc. at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Elston Auction Company.

December 11 — Washington Co. real estate, pickup, machinery, misc., guns, antiques & household, N. of Fairbury, Neb. for Heirs of Lloyd Schaich & Eldon Schaich Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

December 11 — Tractors, loader, trucks, trailers, combine, headers, machinery at Canton for Flatland Feeders, LLC, Kermit Nikkel. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

December 11 — High quality JD machinery & household S. of Manhattan for Mrs. Ted (Betty) Anderson. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

December 13 — 2 Brown County, Kansas farms at Hiawatha for Dorothy B.

George Estate, Samuel L. Schuetz, executor.

December 14 — Dickinson Co. farmland & grassland at Abilene for the Ed & Betty Haugh Land. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

December 15 — Dickinson County grassland at Abilene for Ilene Ansherry Estate. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

December 16 — Marion County land at Peabody for Maurice Meirowsky. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

December 16 — Republican Valley irrigated land at Clay Center for Harriet Spencer Estate. Auctioneers: Landmark Real Estate, Harold Mugler.

December 18 — Vintage Coca Cola New Old Stock, antiques, collectibles, advertising items at Manhattan for former K-State football coach Larry Kramer. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction, Inc.

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

January 25 — Kansas Livestock Market Auctioneer Competition at Holton. Sponsored by Ks. Auctioneers Association.

February 18 — Farm machinery & farm related items at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

February 21 — farm items, large machinery NE of Tipton for Leon & Janet Eck. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 12, 2011 — Concordia Optimist Annual Machinery sale at Concordia.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 — 2:00 PM

Auction will be held at 1986 Oxbow Rd.
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The homestead across the road South of the pasture.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The SE/4 17-10-2, Ottawa County, Kansas, 160 acres, more or less.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 160 acres more or less with 149 acres native grass pasture and approximately 11 acres brome hay meadow. The brome meadow is fenced off separately from the pasture. The perimeter fences are all good to excellent. The pasture has 3 ponds for water, is cross fenced, has a set of steel pens, tub, working alley and load out alley. There is a windbreak North of the pens.
TERMS: 10% due the day of sale and Buyer will sign a real estate purchase agreement. The balance will be due on or before December 30, 2010. Seller will be responsible for 2010 taxes and any unpaid prior years taxes. Title insurance will be used with the cost of title insurance and escrow fee split equally between the buyer and seller. All mineral rights owned by the Seller will pass with the land to the buyer. The property is selling "as is" with no guarantees or warranties made by the Seller, Coldwell Banker Antrim-Piper Wenger, Inc. or Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

POSSESSION: The pasture is currently rented as winter pasture by tenant Spencer Schrader, and the tenant will give possession of the pasture on May 1, 2011. The seller will retain all rent for the current winter season.
All statements made the day of the auction take precedence over printed material. Coldwell Banker Antrim-Piper, Wenger Realtors with Chris Rost, Designated Seller Agent, Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC Auctioneer is acting as a Seller Agent.

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Coats tire machine; torch & bottles; hyd. press; winch; air press; Shaver hyd. post driver; Miller 200 mig welder; Lodestar hoist; 60 gal. 5 hp air compressor; shop lights; Rotozip; belt/disc sander; B&D cut saw kit; B&D rotary hammer; Craftsman brad nailer; lumber; hardware; vise; battery charger; fans; John Deere 530 shaft & roller parts; 1954 Buick car parts, eng., trans., carb., radiator; trans. pumps; JD D gas tank; sheet rock jack; scaffold; mason tools; hyd. cylinders; floor jacks; motors; bolt bins; log chain; transit; shovels; forks; come-a-long; post drill & bits; lantern; chains hoist; iron rack; paint mixer; car ramps; hand tools; wrenches; 2 wheel trailer; man life; Cedar logs; cream separator; buggy top; barb wire collection; harness vise; Maytag eng.; metal signs; pitcher pump; old ice boxes; Railroad crossing sign & post; 6 parking meters; stereoscope; JD seat; JD weather vane; JD patio bell; cast iron rooster; pellet gun; J. Stevens Arms 12 ga. single shot shotgun; Marlin bolt action goose gun; ammo; steel wheel yard swing; Cold Spot refrigerator; steam cleaner; Victrola; dish washer; Bernina sewing machine; love seat; platform rocker; recliners; floor lamps; game table & chairs; chrome table; drafting cabinet; pots and pans; ice cream freezer; wok; stoneware; cabinet stereo; JD crossing sign; JD cast bank; JD collectibles; belt buckles; John Deere toy tractors incl.: A, GP on steel, D, AR, R, L, A with man, 70 narrow, 70 wide, corn sheller, lawn tractor, industrial with loader, 3010, 2010, 7600, 4x4 & more.

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The Head Catch Wreck

As many of you regular readers might guess, people tell me their stories. Stories about wrecks; horse wrecks, cow wrecks, sheep wrecks, dog wrecks, financial wrecks, Tyrannosaurus wrecks, any kind of wreck you can think of! 'Cause all these wrecks couldn't happen to one guy!

I met J.W. in Tennessee. He's a regular reader of my column and thought his story would fit. It seems he was helping a neighbor with his small pasture operation. His neighbor was a successful contractor, a good welder and builder but a bit of a novice in the wonderful world of cows. When he put his cattle workin' facilities together at his place, it was a work of art!

The corral was built with drill stem set in concrete, clips, cable, and an eye for function. His long single-loading alley was lined with treated 2x6s

bolted to the upright pipe stem and had a sliding gate at each end. He called the county agent to get proper dimensions for alleys and gates. His pernickitiness and attention to detail could be compared to a watchmaker or a farmer rebuilding antique tractors!

J.W. and Dag, we'll call him, got the bunch of 600-pound heifers gathered into the corral. They tied their horses and set a fifty-gallon drum beside the chute to act as a table for their instruments and medicants. JW took a close look at the chute. It wasn't a squeeze chute, it was a scissor-type head catch which Dag had tied to two big round steel posts set in cement. "Pretty stout," J.W. was thinking, 'til he noticed the head-catch was secured to the post by four pieces of 12/2 Romex that Dag had obviously scavenged from one of his construction jobs.

That would be like tying the Titanic to the dock with a tarp rubber and two pieces of baler twine! J.W. questioned Dag about the Romex and Dag swore it would be okay. He had earlier used it to tie his side mirror to the truck when it broke off. Worked fine, he said.

The first two critters came through fine. "See," said Dag, "It works fine."

In came number three. She hit the gate, locked it, pulled back once, then lunged forward like a fullback going over the right tackle! The Romex shredded and the head-gate popped free. It was so heavy it pulled her down and flipped her into a full cart-wheel. The cartwheel was followed by a double sideways flop,

drop, drag and slide that left the calf in the bar ditch alongside the state highway!

J.W. watched several cars go by, each one staring and then punching in the number of every animal rights group in North America!

J.W. and Dag managed to get the beast upright, where she crawled up on the road, dragging the head catch with her, as well as her two assailants! Dag finally managed to reach the release latch. The catch fell off and the heifer stumbled down the middle of the road on her way to Kentucky.

As they were dragging the head catch off the road J.W. said, "That was great! I only wish Baxter was here!"

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