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## Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak to speak at No-till on the Plains Winter Conference

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

From its very beginning, the concept of no-till farming has been on the leading edge of innovation. "Talk about trying to institute a new paradigm," said No-till on the Plains executive director, Brian Lindley. "Telling farmers they need to raise crops without tilling their land? No-till goes against everything in recent history."

But the practice and the concepts behind it began to catch on until its promoters went from being considered "out there" to becoming highly respected innovators in the world of agriculture.

That innovative spirit is just exactly what Lindley wanted to capture and expound upon as he consid-



ered speakers for the fifteenth annual No-till on the Plains Winter Conference, which will be held January 25 and 26 at the Bicentennial Center in Salina.

A long-time admirer of

Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Computer, Lindley decided to shoot for the moon and sent an email to Wozniak's associates.

"I thought the worst that could happen is that I would be embarrassed and

he would say no," Lindley said. "But I've been told no before."

It turns out that the Silicon Valley icon has Kansas connections — his wife, Janet, is from Eudora and went to college at Baker University and the University of Kansas — so the idea didn't seem as far-fetched to him as it originally did to Lindley. There is also an agriculture tie, as her grandparents and uncles are all Kansas farmers.

But even with those connections, Lindley believes it was another factor that drew Wozniak to the conference, and that is his constant desire to learn new things. "I really think he's intrigued with what we've got going on in agri-

culture," Lindley asserted. "He's always trying to learn, and those are the people we try to hang around with. Our speakers are all still striving to gain knowledge."

Lindley believes that too many people today are waiting for the government to come up with solutions to their problems, and he doesn't want to see ag producers fall into that same line of thinking. Instead, he wants them to continue to learn and seek out their own solutions to the challenges they face. "That's the mindset I'm trying to bring to the conference," he stressed. "I believe that being innovative and on the leading edge is important to their success."

Wozniak will speak at 1 p.m. on the 25th. The cost to attend the entire conference is \$150 for registrations received by January 12, but there are also special tickets available for the Wozniak speech only for \$20. They can be purchased at the Bicentennial Center box office up through the day of the event.

A computer inventor at an agriculture conference might seem like a huge leap for some people, but Lindley hopes they will see the connection. "I hope producers understand the relevance of having someone who absolutely changed the world with his innovation and his mindset speak at our conference," he said.

## Kansas State's International Grains Program faculty works to increase wheat demand abroad

In an effort to generate further interest in Kansas and U.S. wheat, Kansas State University's International Grains Program (IGP) Associate Director Mark Fowler and Program Specialist Carlos Campabadal travel the globe attending conferences and promoting the attributes of American wheat. "Our purpose in attending these meetings is to generate a preference for Kansas wheat when we talk with buyers regarding current crop quality and availability," Fowler says. Campabadal agrees and adds,

"We are here to help international wheat buyers learn about Kansas wheat."

Fowler and Campabadal worked together and independently in Latin and South America in October and November. Both attended the International Association of Operative Millers (IAOM) Latin American Millers conference in Cartagena, Colombia. Fowler also attended the Association of Brazilian Industry of Wheat (ABITRIGO) meetings in Gamado, Brazil, and conducted a seminar at Senai, which is the Center for Industrial Training of Milling and Baking Operators held in Fortaleza, Brazil. Most recently Fowler participated in the Middle East/Africa IAOM Technical Conference in Cape Town, South Africa.

"At these conferences, we work to demonstrate the consistency of both quantity and quality in a global market that has seen increased volatility in prices due to drastic changes in world supply," Fowler says. He cites the 2010 drought in Russia as one of the key disruptions to the global market. Traveling to these meetings allows IGP faculty to interact with key customers all along the supply chain. For example, Fowler says,



K-State's International Grains Program faculty work to increase wheat demand abroad. Above, IGP Associate Director Mark Fowler discusses the merits of American wheat during one of his trips abroad. He and program specialist Carlos Campabadal made several trips during October and November to places such as Colombia, Brazil and South Africa.

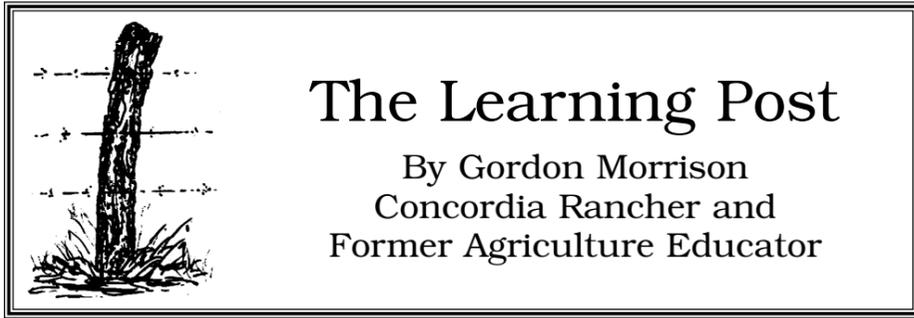
"At ABITRIGO, we interacted with an expanded audience starting with the farmer all the way through the baking and retail professionals." He adds that at some of the other conferences, Fowler spent time talking with mill owners, general mill managers, managing directors and senior milling executives.

Fowler and Campabadal also gained knowledge in

attending these conferences that will carry over to their IGP short course trainings. "In Latin America, we discussed course partnerships and on-line distance education opportunities. We are working to create a custom workshop for the Mexican National Flour Milling Board that will be conducted at IGP," Campabadal says. By bringing wheat customers to IGP from

Mexico, Campabadal believes it will help reinforce the preference for U.S. wheat. He stresses this is a critical market because Mexico is the top buyer of U.S. wheat in Latin America. This type of travel is sponsored by K-State as well as through funding dollars given to IGP by Kansas wheat producers. Fowler is grateful for the financial support that allows these

types of trips and interactions with the international wheat customers. He says, "For our stakeholders, we maintain an awareness of the U.S. crop situation in the international market. This is critical as informed buyers are more loyal customers of U.S. wheat." For more information about IGP and its programs, please visit the website at: [www.grains.k-state.edu/igp](http://www.grains.k-state.edu/igp).



## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator

### Hogs — Once The Mortgage Lifter

Most old-timers will tell you that hogs were at one time an absolute necessity for the farmer, for food as well as for income. A sow would often have two litters a year, and they would wean six or seven pigs per litter, giving an increase of twelve to fourteen pigs in one year. That is very prolific when compared to a cow that produces only one calf per year.

It takes two years for the calf to mature and be bred to produce a calf. A sow will recycle and breed back in 14 to 21 days after farrowing, and in three months, three weeks, and three days (almost to the hour) she will farrow another litter, which today will be around ten to twelve pigs. That is an extremely fast return on one's money, especially when in five months they will be weighing 260-plus pounds and ready for market. One can see why every farm had hogs that could quickly help pay off the mortgage. Then why has the hog become almost extinct in some counties, whereas cow herds have been on the increase?

In the 1940s, we had a herd of eight to ten sows on our farm. They were kept in a rather muddy lot and fed corn or milo, slop, and skimmed milk and leafy green hay for protein and sometimes a protein supplement such as soybean meal. In the growing months they ran on alfalfa pasture.

When the weather turned cold, Dad would decide it was time to butcher the fat hog. Butchering day was usually on a Saturday, when all the kids could help. The 55-gallon barrel of water was heated to a scalding temperature. The water was tested by dipping one's hand into the water twice and if it was too hot to dip it in the third time, it was then just right to lower the hog (which had already been shot and stuck) into the steaming water.

To see if the carcass was ready to scrape, it would be brought up far enough out of the water for the scraper to be applied and then lowered again if it needed more time. If it was a good scald, the hair could be quickly scraped by means of a bell scraper. With a bad scald, the hair either would not scrape well or else if overdone, the scraper would bite into the fat. This meant more time needed to complete the scraping job.

In the '40s, the back fat on a hog would often be three to four inches thick. My job was to cut these huge slabs of fat into small squares to be

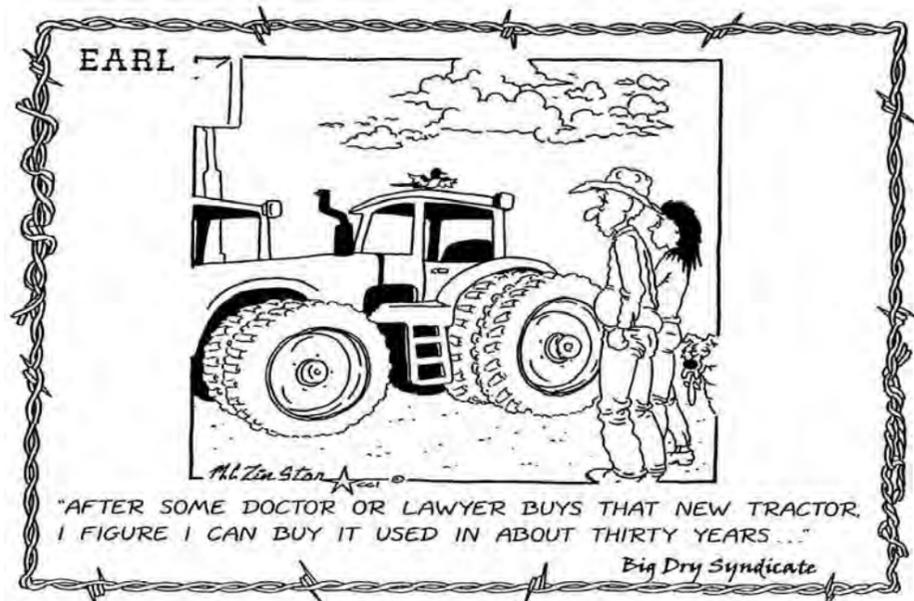
cooked and rendered into lard. The residue or cracklings were then processed further to produce lye soap. The first meal from the butchered hog was always liver, cooked with onions as only Mom could do it. Then the hams, bacon, and shoulders were salted, smoked, and put in gunny sacks to be stored for later use.

This past Thanksgiving I found a 23-pound ham at the meat counter for \$1.27 per pound. At Christmas time we purchased a ham weighing 18 pounds for \$1.37 per pound to go along with the turkey. Many people prefer the good taste of ham over turkey, so it's good to have a choice. Pork is often considerably cheaper than beef.

Years ago DeKalb began perfecting the condition of hogs through breeding. In visiting with men who have recently worked in the swine industry, I gained some current information. Now the back fat is down to only one inch thick. The cross section of the rib eye muscle is about a 12-inch square, a huge ratio of muscle to fat. The average weaned litter size is ten to twelve pigs. Mothering instincts have been improved to where sows seldom lay on their babies and kill them while still in farrowing crates. Murray Farms and Tyson Company have changed the management of swine, moving them away from mud and filth onto concrete floors that are hosed down frequently to keep them sanitary and inside buildings with controlled temperatures — an environment almost as clean as Mom's kitchen. Their rations are the best of feeds, providing good nutrition and promoting growth with just enough medication to keep them disease-free.

Forward-thinking businessmen saw the virtues of swine, took them out of adverse environments, and invested huge amounts of money in environmentally controlled housing and automated feeding systems. Management is extremely important. An enterprise of eight to ten thousand sows requires an investment of millions of dollars, but the large number is needed for efficiency. Labor is intensive, requiring full-time care around the clock. It is a great contrast to my early experiences with hogs.

The poultry, dairy, and swine enterprises have been taken from us. Will this happen to the beef enterprise also? What can we do to prevent it?



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## Reflections

from Young Farmers & Ranchers

By Lori Haresnape,  
Lebanon

Happy New Year! As the years pass, and my husband Theron and I get busier, we find ourselves saying things our parents said when we were kids: "My, how time flies!" or "The older we get, the faster the days go by!" Though time isn't really moving any faster than it was a few years ago, we find ourselves busier as we gain more responsibilities. The end result leaves us wondering where the days went.

Our friend Justin touched on the topic of time and priorities in a previous column. We believe this is a topic that should be reiterated periodically. It's a common dilemma amongst ag producers. We serve as CEOs, CFOs, human resource managers, and employees of our businesses. We don't have the luxury of a 9-5, Monday through Friday work week. In the process, personal relationships get put on the back burner. Sure, we still care about them, and our

friends and family usually understand. However, while we're busy taking for granted they'll be available "next week," there's a good chance someone else has other plans for them.

This past year, my husband Theron and I learned this lesson the hard way. Our hired man — and friend of many years — passed away suddenly last February. He was young. We assumed we had many years left with him. We got caught up in the busyness of our everyday lives — workload, organizations, kids' activities & illnesses — and failed to really nurture our friendship. We saw him on a daily basis and enjoyed many workday meals with him, but realized too late, we'd spent little time with him off-farm. We often felt like maybe he would have preferred to spend a little time away from us after being around us many days in a row, but looking back, we're pretty sure he would have loved to spend some more time with us away from work.

We miss Todd. We believe he fulfilled God's purpose for him on earth. We're sad he was taken so early. However, as painful as this lesson has been for us, his passing taught us how important it is for us to nurture our personal relationships — no matter how much work needs to be done.

If you haven't made a New Year's resolution, there's still plenty of time. Or perhaps you've already set yours? You can have

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## Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Last Wednesday was just one of those days. I got up extra early and had things well under control. I had started the car several minutes earlier so it could warm up and the windows could defrost. We have a garage, but an earlier mishap rendered the door opener inoperable and I haven't had time to get it fixed. I took all my things to the car and was ready to take off when I realized I had left my phone in the house. So back in I went only to come out and discover that my car had spontaneously locked itself. Remember, it was running and had all my things in it. Fortunately I had my house keys in my hand and was able to get back in to look for the spare set of keys. Even after a phone call to my husband to help think of places we may have put them, they were nowhere to be found. So I called AAA.

Now, here is where my overactive imagination kicked in and I was able to find humor in the situation. The operator at AAA asked me what make, model, year and color of car it is. I told him it was a 2005 yellow Ford Mustang. Shortly thereafter, a youthful-sounding tow truck driver called to get directions to my house. I imagined him thinking that if he was about to unlock a Mustang, the owner must be a young, possibly attractive damsel in distress. I could just picture the look on his face — shock, disappointment,

dismay — when instead he discovered he was rescuing a middle-aged woman that drives the car she's wanted since she was a teenager even though it virtually screams, "mid-life crisis in progress!"

It took him all of about 15 seconds to unlock the door — the fact that it was running actually made it easier because he could simply push the window button down with his metal rod, then reach in and unlock it.

I went on to work in my canary yellow mid-life crisis billboard and proceeded to have a great day.

Now the tow truck driver, on the other hand, it's hard telling how long it took him to get over the disappointment. But I guess that's just one of the hazards that goes with his job, wouldn't you say?

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By Ace Reid



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more than one. Consider making more time for people this year. Call up some friends and go out for supper, or watch a football game before things really get busy. You probably won't find yourself looking back, wishing you'd spent more time at work.

## Nebraska sorghum seminars scheduled

The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board has scheduled its annual Sorghum Cropping Profitability Seminars across the state for February 2-3, 2011. The seminars, sponsored by the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board and Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association, will include excellent information about long-range weather and what's ahead, dynamic markets for sorghum, new weed management tools and herbicide tolerance, and water use efficiency among many other exciting topics. Locations are:

Wednesday, February 2 – Saline Center – Highway 15 & County Road M

Thursday, February 3 – Red Cloud – Highway 136

All events will begin at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and cookies. The \$5.00 entry fee only applies to non-NeGSPA members and covers a noon pancake lunch. For more information, call 402-471-4276 or email sorghum.board@nebraska.gov.

## Antibiotics in Animals and People webinar now online

University of Illinois professor of animal sciences Jim Pettigrew and fellow members of the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) caught the attention of many with a webinar titled, "Antibiotics in Animals and People." Due to a limited delivery system, only 100 people from academia, industry and government were allowed to attend this webinar. Because of the overwhelming interest in this topic, FASS has made the webinar available at their website, [www.fass.org](http://www.fass.org).

Pettigrew, a member of the FASS Science Policy Committee, served as the lead coordinator for the recently approved FASS policy statement on antibiotics.

He said, "The body of knowledge now available shows that all uses of antibiotics, whether in people or in animals, can contribute to the spread of antibiotic resistance in bacteria. It's important to limit the use of these very beneficial products as much as feasible."

However, recent experience shows that restrictions on antibiotic use in animals should be carefully targeted to have maximum impact, he said.

"A broad prohibition on use of antibiotics to prevent disease has, in

some cases, increased the amount used for disease treatment and has not minimized total antibiotic use," Pettigrew said. "This can be detrimental to animal welfare and to efficiency of resource use."

The webinar leads off with a summarization by Pettigrew of the FASS science policy statement titled "Preserving the Benefits of Antibiotics for People and Animals." FASS supports the judicious use of antibiotics in food animal care consistent with the health and welfare of the animals, with preserving the value of antibiotics in protecting human and animal health, and with efficient use of the earth's resources in food production.

Billy Hargis, a poultry scientist from the University of Arkansas, provides an overview of the issues and science surrounding the antibiotics debate. The webinar concludes with Bill Flynn of the Food and Drug Administration discussing the agency's perspectives on antibiotic use in animals, including its recently released guidance on judicious use.

For more information on "Preserving the Benefits of Antibiotics for People and Animals," go to [www.fass.org/policy.asp#policy](http://www.fass.org/policy.asp#policy).

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Winner Darlene Thomas, Delphos:  
**HAWAIIAN WEDDING CAKE**

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1 box instant vanilla pudding
- 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 20-ounce can crushed pineapple
- 1 large package whipped topping
- 1 can flaked coconut

Bake cake mix according to package directions in a 9-by-13-inch pan and let cool. Mix milk, pudding and cream cheese and spread over cooled cake. Drain the pineapple and put over pudding mix. Next, smooth over pineapple the whipped topping. Last, over the topping, sprinkle flaked coconut. Refrigerate until serving time.

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Kellee Rogers, Topeka:  
**BROCCOLI TOMATO & ORZO SALAD**

- 16-ounce box orzo, cooked
- 1 bunch broccoli, cut into small spears
- 1 cup quartered cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup toasted pine nuts
- 1/2 cup minced basil
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon pepper

In a large bowl, combine orzo, broccoli, tomatoes, pine nuts and basil. In another bowl, whisk olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice, mus-

tard, salt and pepper. Add to orzo mixture, tossing to coat. Cover and chill. Serves 6-8.

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Sabra Shirrell, Tecumseh:

**SAUCY JOES**

- 1 pound extra lean ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup spaghetti sauce
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Brown meat with onions and garlic. Add sauce and cook 3 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Fill buns with meat mixture and cheese.

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Gin Fox, Holton:  
**SIMPLY GOOD & EASY CRACKERS**

- 16-ounce package saltine crackers
- 1 cup canola oil
- 2 teaspoons crushed red pepper flakes
- 1-ounce package dry ranch salad dressing mix

Unwrap the crackers and place them all into a 1-gallon size glass jar with a tight-fitting lid. In a small bowl stir together the canola oil, red pepper flakes and ranch dressing mix. Pour over the crackers in the jar. Close the lid tightly and roll the jar every 5 minutes for about 1 hour to coat with the spice mixture. The longer these sit, the better they get.

Note: You can also use a 9-by-13-inch cake pan and put foil over them tightly and flip them over every 5 minutes.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge:  
**BIG SOFT GINGER COOKIES**

- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Additional sugar
- In a large bowl cream

butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and molasses. Combine the flour and ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and salt. Gradually add to the creamed mixture and mix well. Roll into 1 1/2-inch balls then roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until puffy and lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool. Yield: 2 to 2 1/2 dozen.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:  
**BRIE & CRANBERRY TARTLETS**

- 3 packages miniature phyllo pastry shells
- 1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce
- 1 tablespoon orange zest
- 8-ounce wheel of brie, rind removed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with heavy duty foil. Place shells on baking sheet and bake for 5 minutes. Cool completely on baking sheet. Reduce oven to 300 degrees. In a small bowl combine cranberry sauce and orange zest. Cut brie into about 45 pieces. Place 1 brie piece in each pastry shell and top with about 1 teaspoon cranberry mixture. Bake for 4 to 5 minutes or just until cheese begins to melt. Serve immediately.

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The following are from all recipes.com:

**SLOW-COOKER CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP**

- 1 pound shredded, cooked chicken
- 15-ounce can whole peeled tomatoes, mashed
- 10-ounce can enchilada sauce
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4-ounce can chopped green chile peppers
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups water
- 14.5-ounce can chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 10-ounce package frozen corn
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 7 corn tortillas
- Vegetable oil

Place chicken, tomatoes, enchilada sauce, onion, green chiles, and garlic into a slow cooker. Pour in water and chicken broth, and season with cumin, chili powder, salt, pepper, and bay leaf. Stir in corn and cilantro. Cover, and cook on low setting for 6 to 8 hours or on high setting for 3 to 4 hours. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly brush both

sides of tortillas with oil. Cut tortillas into strips, then spread on a baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until crisp, about 10 to 15 minutes. To serve, sprinkle tortilla strips over soup.

Nutritional Information:  
Amount Per Serving: Calories: 262; Total Fat: 10.8g; Cholesterol: 46mg

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**SWEET & SPICY GREEN BEANS**

- 3/4 pound fresh green beans, trimmed
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon garlic chili sauce
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 teaspoons canola oil

Arrange a steamer basket in a pot over boiling water, and steam the green beans 3 to 4 minutes. In a bowl, mix the soy sauce, garlic, garlic chili sauce, and honey. Heat the canola oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the green beans, and fry for 3 to 5 minutes. Pour in the soy sauce mixture. Continue cooking and stirring 2 minutes, or until the liquid is nearly evaporated. Serve immediately.

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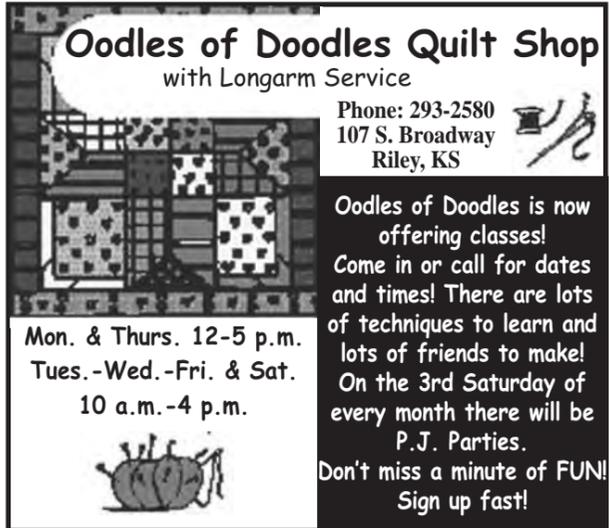
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 1 cup white sugar  
 2 cups boiling water  
 (2) 10-ounce packages frozen strawberries, thawed  
 6-ounce package strawberry flavored gelatin  
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium bowl, combine crushed pretzels, melted margarine, and 1/4 cup sugar. Press mixture into a 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Let cool. In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, frozen whipped topping, and 1 cup sugar. Pour over pretzel crust. In a large saucepan, combine boiling water and strawberry-flavored gelatin; bring to a boil. Stir in frozen strawberries. When it begins to thicken, pour over cream cheese filling. Serve.

**Nutritional Information:** Amount Per Serving: Calories: 468; Total Fat: 28.7g; Cholesterol: 22mg

(NAPSA) — Considering adults average two to four colds a year and approximately 15 percent of Americans come down with the flu annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there's a chance that you will find yourself under the weather-but easing your suffering may be easier than you realize.

A sore throat is often one of the first signs that you are coming down with something. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, many things can cause a sore throat. These include infections with viruses, such as colds and flu; sinus drainage; allergies; and cigarette smoking, among others. Fortunately, the sniffing, sneezing, runny, scratchy stuff can often be relieved with everyday household items and ingredients.

Honey, for example, has been used for centuries to help alleviate some of the

symptoms associated with a common cold. A study by a Penn State College of Medicine research team found that honey may offer an effective and safe alternative to over-the-counter cough medicine. The study found that a small dose of buckwheat honey given before bedtime provided better relief of night-time cough and sleep difficulty in children than no treatment or dextromethorphan (DM), the cough suppressant in many over-the-counter cold medications.

For relief of irritating throat symptoms, the National Honey Board suggests trying a spoonful of honey to soothe and coat your throat. Take a spoonful as often as you need to relieve the irritation. Since it's also important to stay hydrated, you may want to add honey to a steaming cup of tea to help soothe your throat. For

added vitamin C, try mixing in orange, grapefruit or lemon juice.

This recipe for an all-natural Honey Citrus Soother may help your sore throat:



**HONEY CITRUS SOOTHER**

(Makes 4 servings)

- 3 tea bags, green or black
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 3 cups boiling water
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 cup grapefruit juice

Place tea bags and cinnamon stick in a 1-quart teapot. Add boiling water;

steep 3 to 5 minutes. Remove cinnamon stick and tea bags; discard. Stir in honey and grapefruit juice.

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- A humidifier: To open the nasal passage without any irritating side effects, place a steam or warm-mist humidifier in your bedroom. Dry air can make cold and flu symptoms feel worse. The humidifier combats the dry air while providing moisture to your entire body.

- Sleep: The age-old advice that sleep is the best cure to the common cold is, well, true. Sleep and immunity are tightly linked. Those who get less sleep are three times as likely to get sick as those who averaged at least eight hours, according to the Archives of Internal Medicine.

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Chancy Johnson, daughter of Chad and Janon Johnson of White City, was the All-Around girls champion in the 6 and under age division. Chancy won a beautiful

saddle from R Bar B of Topeka for this honor. She was not only the finals average champion in dummy roping, barrel racing and pole bending, but she was also the year-end champion for these events as well.

Caxton Martin, daughter of Chris and Candi Martin, Alma, was the All-Around girls champion for the 7 to 9 age division and won a trophy saddle for her efforts. Caxton was the finals average champion in girls breakaway roping and girls goat tying. She was the year-end champion in pole bending, breakaway roping, and goat tying and was reserve champion in barrel racing.



Caxton Martin, left, was the All-Around girls champion in the 7-9 age division for the Kansas Jr. Rodeo Association. Chancy Johnson, right, captured the title in the 6 and under division.

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# February 7 is deadline for National Festival of Breads contest entries

While a Feb. 7 deadline looms for entry into the National Festival of Breads contest, test bakers have already begun to sift through some of the recipes as plans begin to take shape for the biennial competition, held June 25 in Wichita.

This is the second National Festival of Breads, which evolved from a competition developed by the Kansas WheatHearts and running from 1990-2007. It is intended to promote the wheat and flour industries, while highlighting the talents of amateur home bakers from across the nation. The Kansas Wheat Commission joins Fleischmann's Yeast and the King Arthur Flour Co. as co-title sponsors of the National Festival of Breads, which features a \$2,000 cash prize, expense-paid trip to the finals plus cash. The overall winner receives an expense-paid trip to a King Arthur Flour baking seminar in Norwich, Vermont, plus a year's supply of yeast from Fleischmann's.

Until the Feb. 7 cutoff,

contest hopefuls can enter original bread recipes in each of four categories: Rolls, Ethnic Breads, Time-Saving and Easy, and Whole Grain breads, says Cindy Falk, nutrition educator at the Kansas Wheat Commission, and contest coordinator. Eight finalists will be chosen after a team of bakers evaluates the entries; two finalists from each category will be invited to Wichita, where they will be asked to bake their contest entries at the National Festival of Breads, held at the Airport Hilton.

Finalists, sponsors and other guests will enjoy several additional activities during their stay in the Wheat State, including a "Farm-to-Fork" tour featuring lunch at a local wheat farm and a visit to a field during wheat harvest, plus tours of a grain elevator and flour mill. The tour is designed to teach contestants the journey taken by wheat from field to flour mill to grocery store. A similar event was held at the inaugural contest in 2009

and was a hit for the guests.

"The harvest tour was really enlightening to the contestants," Falk says. "Most of them had never been on a farm before so the tour was a real highlight."

The Festival, which takes place June 25, features the bakers' bread-baking competition and other highlights, including a miniature trade show of ferreng wares from bakeware, ingredient and industry vendors; baking demonstrations from nationally known speakers and free bread samples. Many vendors are providing door prizes to the audience. All of the day's activities are free of charge.

New this year is an effort to help needy children through the "Great American Bake Sale," an outreach of the Share Our

Strength effort.

"We'll be asking local retail bakers and supermarkets to donate some of their breads and other wheat foods, and we will sell those at our national contest," Falk says. "The proceeds will go to end childhood hunger in the U.S."

The eight breads making the finals will be auctioned off at the National Festival of Breads awards banquet, raising even more money to help the needy, she adds. "I'm really excited to add this bake sale. It will be an extra component to our national baking contest."

Additional information including rules, entry details, past recipes and a summary of the 2009 contest are available on the official contest website, [www.NationalFestivalofBreads.com](http://www.NationalFestivalofBreads.com).

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Recently while we were in the “big city,” a description I use for any metropolitan area with a population larger than 4,000, we had a few minutes to kill and so at my wife’s insistence we stopped at one of the big box department stores that didn’t have W or mart in its name. What followed was an experience both familiar and distressing, for no sooner had we entered the place than we were overwhelmed with options. The store was as big as our town and with about the same number of people, only these were surly and wired with Christmas pres-

sures, utterly devoid of joy, madly dashing to and fro with looks that dared interference.

“Let’s stick together,” I whispered.

“I need to go over there,” my wife said, pointing to the unmentionables department.

“I’ll wander around,” I muttered.

It was the last we would see each other for a while. I checked out the kitchen section and housewares — I have a thing for luxuriously thick bath towels — but boredom quickly set in. Several circumnavigations around the store led

me to believe my wife had disappeared off the face of the earth, so I fought my way through the crush of humanity to the men’s clothing, hoping she might look for me there.

Maybe I’m out of touch with how people dress in cities, but the styles were horrible and the colors like something you’d see oozing out of fresh roadkill. I searched high and low for a beefy sweatshirt or two, my favorite winter attire, but everything I found was thin and wimpy. And then I saw the sweater.

Deep maroon with a

cable-knit pattern and a quarter-zip neck, it was thick and heavy and, best of all, clearanced at a ridiculous price. I’m not normally a sweater person but I was determined to take away something to show for my time, so I carried it around until I finally spotted my wife. The relief on her face was palpable.

A few weeks passed before I tried it on. I didn’t care for it at first; the pattern made me think I was imitating a Norwegian fisherman. My wife, however, gushed over it. “You look nice,” she purred.

I had to admit the color and weave accentuated my ruddy cheeks and beard, which when I wasn’t looking turned white. How and when that happened was anybody’s guess. But I looked almost distinguished.

Actually, I looked like Santa Claus. Furthering this uncomfortable illusion was my girth, which the sweater seemed to exaggerate. My fondness for chocolate and all-you-can-

eat buffet was telling, though I prefer to blame it on middle age, that venerable timespan when everything you eat goes to your middle.

Middle age is something of an euphemism, however. I’m middle age only if I take into account that few human beings other than Methuselah ever reached twice that of my current age.

The white beard, though, made me feel ancient. Dyes were out of the question after a friend in Denver once surprised us by magically transformed into an image of his former self, his graying hair sud-

denly a rich auburn. (His wrinkles remained deeply engraved in his face, however, adding insult to injury.)

He looked ridiculous. Couldn’t he have done it incrementally, slowly as to deceive our eyes? No, it was all or nothing, he said, not without a little heat. He said a few other things, none of which could be printed in a newspaper.

Staring into the mirror, I was forced to admit I had entered my autumn years, a flowery term used to mask the debilitating effects of time with its concomitant subtractions, lessenings and outright

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failures. Welcome to decrepitude, I thought.

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Having my wife coo over my new look had unintended consequences. When the same retailer advertised a gigantic after-Christmas online sale, I immediately ordered three more sweaters. These were even beefier, with argyle patterns and muted earth colors. I didn't even bother to look for sweatshirts, a fact that in retrospect appalled me.

The sweaters arrived a few days ago. My wife thinks I'm going to look killer. I wonder what I'm turning into. That an article of clothing could trigger an existential crisis is mindboggling, but perhaps no more so than looking in the mirror and seeing a face aged beyond reckoning.

This journey we call life is full of surprises. As I evolve into whatever I shall become, at least I'll be dressed a little sharper than before.



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# BLACK ink

By Miranda Reiman

Take good food, turn up the tunes, add a handful of tried and true buddies and a reason to celebrate, and you have a party. Everyone's definition of a good bash is different, however.

Maybe you're a little more outgoing and that "handful" number would need to include the whole neighborhood, or maybe you'd rather celebrate with a quiet evening at home with family. It doesn't matter how you do it, just that you take that break, appreciate what and where you've been

and what lies ahead.

The end of the calendar year allows you to evaluate times gone by, or as the old Scotsman wrote, "auld lang syne." You might focus on the past twelve months.

Not to make the statement too broad, but the beef industry has much to celebrate right now. Prices are up and international demand is strong. Retail leads on the domestic front but the food-service trade is recovering and research continues to show consumer preference for high-quality beef.

As you look back on your year, what were the highlights?

You can't control things like weather and grass conditions, but maybe you managed them right. Maybe you struck the right balance between stocking rates and feed resources.

You can't predict the markets, but you can try to position yourself to take advantage of seasonality or lock in a floor price. Were you able to sell near the top of the market? Or maybe you're feeling good because the calves are well adjusted to feedyard life. If you built solid relationships, you're now reaping the benefits.

Maybe you used expected progeny differences (EPDs) to really study up on your bull options, or maybe you had the first calves born from artificial insemination (AI) this year — all with the hopes of making directional change toward a product that gets repeat

buyers at a premium. Knowing that you're improving your herd gives you a sense of satisfaction.

So pop the cork, crack open a cold one or clink your cocoa mug with your spouse — toast to the year behind and the year ahead. A little celebrating is healthy, especially when it goes hand in hand with reflection and assessment.

As you identify what went well in 2010, see if there are ways to build on that current success.

Getting some carcass data on your calves is an excellent starting point, but it's what you do with that information that will make all the difference. This could be the year you ask for a little advice in analyzing those marbling scores, ribeye area and fat thickness numbers.

Weaning the calves at home helps reduce stress and ensure health later on, but maybe you made some mental notes about

how to make that go more smoothly next time around. Better yet, maybe you wrote them down and discussed with your partners. You could make upgrades in facilities or pre-weaning vaccination programs or devote more manpower to the project.

The idea is just to take stock of all that has happened, and use that to influence all that will.

Success breeds success, so use last year as a springboard for accomplishments worthy of still more celebration a year from now.

Next time in Black Ink, we'll look at calving season. Meanwhile, if you have questions for us, call toll-free at 877-241-0717 or e-mail mreiman@certifiedangusbeef.com.

## Clanton takes reserve at NAILE

Shorthorn cattle hit the well-known green chips once again this year in Louisville, Ky., to compete for the prestigious National Champion titles on Nov. 15th at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Judging one of the strongest, most competitive shows at NAILE was Mark McCully, Certified Angus Beef, of Wooster, Ohio, who with associate judge Ray Ramsey of Greenfield, Ind., evaluated the 277 females and 54 bulls for the show.

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Let's take a look at the egg industry just a few short months ago. There was a massive egg recall earlier this summer because of a risk of Salmonella. At least 16 different brand names of eggs were recalled because they all came from one company. One company controlling billions of eggs and a very large percent of the industry can clearly hinder and possibly devastate its industry. If the egg industry was more competitive, that horrendous potential egg contamination would not have happened.

Let's look at the livestock buying market; when one of the largest cattle brokerage companies in the U.S. issues up to \$130 million in bad checks, it directly affects hundreds of producers and the consequences of that company's actions could lead to a change in the way the industry does business. One company has that large of an influence in the industry.

Some organizations have repeatedly said "leave government out of our business" KCA says, when needed, the government is there and needs to be involved, not to create more regulations, but to enforce the rules already in place that are being ignored and manipulated by those who are in power and who are taking advantage of others. Now that Eastern Livestock Co. has filed bankruptcy, we are hearing other groups ask the federal government to get involved in assisting with the situation where hundreds of producers were not paid for the cattle they sold. It is nice to see that other groups finally understand, and are willing to do, what KCA has been doing for 12 years...finding injustices and working with the government (or other organizations or companies) to make things right for the U.S. producer. Since these organizations are finally standing up for hundreds of U.S. producers, are they willing to stand up for the thousands of U.S. producers who are at the mercy of the four largest packing companies controlling up to 88% of the fat cattle market? KCA will.

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# 2011 EQIP organic initiative cutoff date announced

State conservationist Eric B. Banks for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced the cutoff date of March 4, 2011, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Organic Initiative.

Kansas farmers who are transitioning to organic agriculture or who are currently certified organic may apply for financial assistance through EQIP to meet their conservation goals. They can receive up to \$20,000 per year or \$80,000 over six years. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) NRCS in Kansas, which administers EQIP, is setting aside a separate pool of \$1.4 million of EQIP money to help Kansas organic farmers and those that are transitioning to organic production. "EQIP has always been available for organic producers to treat resource concerns on their land," said Banks, "but the 2008 Farm Bill allows for dedicated funds to be set aside to assist organic producers. Hopefully, with the specific EQIP funding for the Organic Initiative, Kansas will have more organic crop acres enrolled across the state."

Applications for the EQIP Organic Initiative are taken continuously throughout the year, but to be considered for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 funding with the Initiative, producers need to have an application signed and returned

to their local NRCS office by March 4, 2011.

A number of conservation practices may be funded through the EQIP organic ranking category, including cover crops, crop rotations, fencing and watering for rotational grazing, pest management, and field borders. A conservation practice added in FY 2010 was for the establishment of a high tunnel. Producers who qualify could receive financial assistance for one high tunnel. A fact sheet on EQIP Organic is available at [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs).

Some participants are

eligible to receive a higher payment rate; those are limited resource farmers, beginning farmers, and socially disadvantaged groups. For more information go to [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/SLB\\_Farmer/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/SLB_Farmer/).

Visit your local USDA Service Center and talk to the NRCS office staff about the details the EQIP Organic Initiative, conservation planning, and other programs to help you protect your farm. For more information about EQIP, go to <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/> and click on Kansas 2011 EQIP information.



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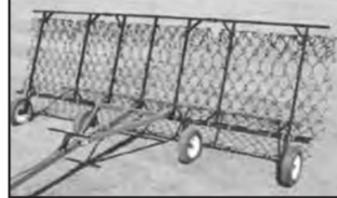
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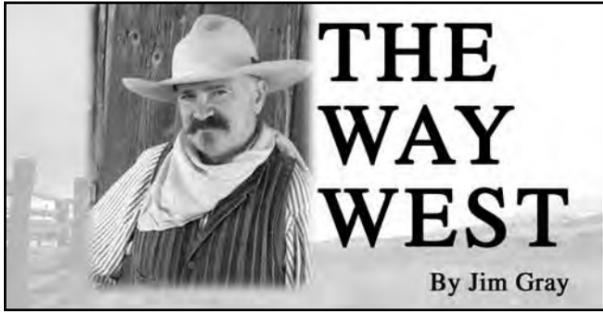
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Not all Texans that came to Kansas were cowboys on the cattle trail. Just as eastern gamblers had traveled west to make a living off the free-spending cowboy, Texas gamblers also made an appearance in the end-of-trail Kansas cattle towns. Ben Thompson, of Austin, Texas, cut a wide swath across Kansas from Abilene to Dodge City. Before coming to Kansas, Ben had been a Texas Ranger, a Confederate cavalryman, and a mercenary for Maximilian, the doomed emperor of Mexico. He arrived in Kansas with several notches carved in his gun and was considered one of the most dangerous gunmen in the west. He and Phil Coe opened the Bulls Head Saloon at Abilene in 1871. Wild Bill Hickok, also deadly with a gun, was city marshal at the time. Ben Thompson's reputation carried enough weight that the two men generally stayed clear of one another.

Thompson was in Kansas City at the close of the cattle season when Hickok killed Phil Coe in a gunfight in Abilene. At the time Thompson just happened to be involved in a serious buggy accident that crippled both his son and wife. In better times he probably would have avenged his friend's death. He chose instead to take his family home to Texas. Two years later Ben and younger brother Billy Thompson were in Ellsworth. Billy idolized his brother and Ben was intensely loyal to Billy. Young Billy was not without his own reputation. He had killed two men in Texas before coming to Kansas. He worked his way north as a trail hand with a herd of longhorns in 1873. That summer trouble was not long in coming on the streets of Ellsworth as Billy and "the boys" shot up the town and generally terrorized citizens with no regard for safe-

ty. They were jailed, fined and released, but everyone knew Billy was a powder keg about to go off. One hot August day Billy went on a drunk and before the day had passed Sheriff Chauncey Whitney was mortally wounded by a shotgun held in Billy's itchy fingers. The incident set off a war between citizens and Texans in general. Ben and an army of Texans with guns drawn literally held the citizens at bay while Billy slowly rode out of town. A posse eventually set out in pursuit but failed to find him and in time Billy returned to Texas.

Texas Rangers eventually caught him and he was brought to Ellsworth for trial. Billy was a handsome young man and gained the favor of several young ladies who brought him baked goods while he was held in the Ellsworth County jail. At the trial the shooting was deemed accidental and Billy was released. But he wasn't long in finding trouble. The July 6, 1880 Dodge City Globe carried a short but interesting announcement. "W. B. Masterson has gone to Ogallala, Nebraska." Masterson was a lawman with a "sporting" reputation and a close friend to Ben Thompson. Billy had gotten in another scrape in an Ogallala saloon. A shot from Billy's pistol mangled bartender Bill Tucker's hand,

but that didn't stop the "bar-keep" from picking up a shotgun and giving chase to a drunken Billy Thompson. Both barrels roared as Billy fell, riddled up the backside from neck to heel. The wayward Thompson brother was taken to the Ogallala House Hotel to recuperate. Receiving word of his brother's predicament, Ben asked Masterson to intervene. Ben

knew that his own presence in Ogallala would only stir up emotions against Billy. Bat was happy to oblige. Once in Ogallala, Bat secured the aid of a local bartender to drug Billy's guard. With Billy on his shoulder, Bat hauled the invalid gunman to the Union Pacific railroad station just in time to catch an eastbound train. At two o'clock in the morn-

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"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*. Contact *Kansas Cowboy*, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or [www.droversmecanicle.com](http://www.droversmecanicle.com).

### Kansas sheep showmen compete at American Royal

Sheep showmen gathered in the ring on Fri., Oct. 22, for the American Royal Showmanship Contest in Kansas City. Bill Englert of Hamilton, Mo., evaluated the showmen. Morgan Hallock of Hatfield, Mo., was named the champion showman overall. Austin Abeldt of Hope was named the reserve champion overall. Amelia Vasko, Scott City, was named reserve champion in the intermediate division.

## Too-rapid change in horse rations can cause colic

Horses need more feed to replace energy loss brought about by harsher weather conditions as the temperature turns colder, and that means equine owners need to take steps to ensure colic does not become a problem.

Equine owners must practice sound management in altering their animals' rations if problems with colic or founder are to be avoided, said Dave Freeman, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension equine specialist.

"Concentrate composition and amounts should be increased gradually over a period of several days, especially if the horses are already consuming large quantities of grain," Freeman said.

Many concentrates - grain mixes - will have significant levels of soluble carbohydrates, which are efficient providers of energy.

"However, eating too much of these compounds in one meal is a significant contributor to the frequency of colic and founder in horses," he said.

One general guideline is to limit grain feedings to maximum single meal intakes of around five pounds per 1,000 pounds of body weight.

"Of course, some concentrates are less energy dense than others, so following recommended intake levels on feed bags is a good practice," Freeman said.

Gradually increase portions of grain mixes over several days when conditions require horses to need significant increases in energy intake is an added precaution against colic, especially when horses are not accustomed to eating concentrates.

Freeman said horses may suffer from colic if ration changes occur too rapidly.

A horse's anatomy makes the animal very susceptible to colic, an acute abdominal pain caused by various abnormal conditions. Nutritional causes of colic include mismanagement such as abrupt changes in diet, consumption of moldy grain or hay, overfeeding energy at a single feeding or improper

digestion and impaction of nutrients brought on by ineffective deworming programs.

Horses suffering from colic may exhibit symptoms such as restlessness, pawing, looking at their sides constantly or violent rolling.

Since colic can occur from many different causes, Freeman said owners who observe signs of colic in a horse should remove all feed, hay and water, and then call their local veterinarian immediately.

"Knowing how to measure a horse's respiration rate, heart rate and temperature and then relaying this information to your veterinarian will help in his initial diagnosis or treatment," Freeman said.

Horses that will lie quietly can be allowed to do so. However, colic-suffering horses should not be allowed to roll. A horse has about 100 feet of intestines, most of which floats free in the abdomen. This free flotation makes it easy for the intestines to become tangled or displaced.

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- 16 - Bred cows, blk Ang 5-8 yr, bred blk Simm-Ang bulls, calve Mar. 1 . . . . . Grundman - Talmage
- 6 - 1st. calf heifers, blk Angus, 1st. calf, bred blk Ang, calve Jan. 25 . . . . . Jantzen - Beatrice
- 10 - Bred cows, blk Angus, running age, bred Domeier Ang bulls, calve Feb to April . . . . . Engle - Geneva
- 20 - 1st Calf heifers, AI bred Red Angus, 1st calf, Pfizer vacc, pelvic measure, Scourgard, bred AI May 18-20 to JSG Copper 503 BW EPD -3.7 & ABS Above-Beyond BW EPD -7.5, calve Feb. 18 . . . . . Snoko - Humboldt
- 7 - 1st. Calf heifers, AI blk Angus, 1st. calf, same vacc & breeding as above, calve Feb. 18 . . . . . Snoko - Humboldt
- 14 - 1st Calf heifers, Red Angus, 1st. calf, same as above, Snoko Red Ang bull bred, calve Mar 10 - 15 . . . . . Snoko - Humboldt
- 11 - 1st. Calf heifers, Red Angus, 1st. calf, same as above, Snoko Red Ang bull bred, calve Mar 20 - April 15 . . . . . Snoko - Humboldt
- 7 - 1st. Calf heifers, blk Angus, 1st calf, bred blk Angus, Conneally bull, calve Feb. 15 . . . . . Neiderklein - Wilber
- 7 - Bred cows, blk-bwf 4-6 yr, bred blk Ang, calve Feb. 14 . . . . . Parde - Sterling
- 50 - 1st. Calf heifers, blk Angus 1st. calf, bred blk Ang Gauby-Ash Creek Farms, alve Jan. 29 . . . . . D. Bruna - Hanover
- 34 - 1st Calf heifers, blk Angus 1st. calf, bred blk Ang Holtmeier Angus, calve Feb. 20 . . . . . M. Bruna - Hanover
- 8 - Bred cows, blk & Red Angus, 5-yr, vacc & pour, bred blk Ang Cammack Bull, calve Mar. 23 . . . . . Fahrenholz - Sterling
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# Outstanding heifer offering brings top prices at Snow Angels Sale

It was bright, but cold weekend in Hutchinson for the annual Kansas Beef Expo. held Dec. 10-12. The three-day event featured the sale of some top show heifers, followed by two days of junior cattle shows. The first-ever Snow Angels sale, featuring outstanding heifer prospects, kicked off the weekend on Friday evening. The show-then-sell event showcased 33 females, of which 25 were selected for the sale. Champion heifer was a consignment by Dorn Cattle Co., Minden, Neb. This flashy, black baldy show heifer prospect sold for \$4,800 to a buyer from Nebraska.

Reserve champion honors went to a Maintainer heifer from M Lazy Heart Ranch, Torrington, Wyo. This individual brought \$3,750 and was purchased by a Kansas buyer.

Over 600 head of youth projects were shown, representing nine different states. Judges for the weekend included Jason Hoffman, Thedford, Neb. and Krishna Custis, Ft. Collins, Colo. A total of over \$10,000 in cash and prizes was paid out over the weekend.

In the senior heifer division, Ring A showing under Hoffman, champion went to a Charolais shown by Grady Dickerson, Kan. Reserve champion honors went to Troy Shaw, Iowa. Ring B, where the cattle were evaluated by Custis, found Troy Shaw and his Chianina as champion and the reserve champion award went to P.D. Miller, Wyo., also with a Chianina entry.

In the highly competitive division featuring the younger heifers, Champion honors in Ring A under

Hoffman went to Katy Satree of Texas with her Simmental. Reserve champion was shown by Kenzie Flory, Kan. with her Angus heifer. Rounding out the top five were Jesse Hoblyn, Neb., with a Maine Anjou, P.D. Miller, AOB and Cassie Hoblyn, Neb. Shorthorn.

In Ring B with Custis on the microphone, champion went to Troy Shaw, with a Chianina heifer. Reserve champion was a commercial female shown by Kendall Shaw, Iowa. Also in the top five were Katy Satree, Simmental, Jesse Hoblyn, Maine Anjou and Beau Bremmer, Neb. with a Maintainer.

The Kansas-only junior heifer champions from Ring A included Kenzie Flory and her Angus heifer getting the nod as grand champion. Reserve champion was led out by Katie Deal and was a commercial female. The top five also included Clay Shilling, AOB, Brady Jensen, Hereford and Stetson Junek, Maine Anjou.

In Ring B, Brooke Jensen was selected as champion with a commercial heifer. Reserve champion went to Kenzie Flory. Stetson Junek, Maine Anjou, Brady Jensen, Hereford and Katie Deal, commercial rounded out the top five heifers shown.

Sunday morning found exhibitors parading their prospect market beef projects. In Ring A, judge Custis found a crossbred steer, led out by Tyler Peterson from Iowa to select as champion. Reserve champion honors went to Colorado exhibitor Emma Vickland, also with a crossbred. The overall top five animals also included

Cassie Hoblyn, with a Maine Anjou, Brady Jensen, Chianina and Garrett Hudgins, Okla. with a crossbred.

Showing under Hoffman in ring B, the champion plaque was presented to Emma Vickland. Reserve champion honors went to Tyler Peterson. Both calves came from the crossbred division. Rounding out the top five market animals overall included Cassie Hoblyn, Maine Anjou, Tyler Weber, Neb. with a Chianina and Shilo Schaake with a crossbred.

Kansas champion from ring A was Brady Jensen with a Chianina entry. Reserve champion went to Janae Ochs with a Maine Anjou calf. The top five also featured Shilo Schaake, crossbred, Cody Hrabe, Maine Anjou and Payton Stoppel, Chianina.

Ring B Kansas champion honors went to Shilo Schaake. Cody Hrabe's Maine Anjou was selected as reserve champion. The remaining top five calves included Brady Jensen, Chianina, Payton Stoppel, Chianina and Kohlton Voboril with a Charolais.

### Breeding cattle sale coming in March

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January 15 — Coins, antique furniture, collectibles & misc. at Council Grove for Garland & Jeanne Richardson. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

January 15 — Farm toys E. of Osage City. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

January 15 — Household at Clay Center for Edward Jones & Laura Fuller Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

January 15 — Farm toys at Osage City. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

January 15 — Greenwood County section of native grass and Madison for Greenwood Living Trust. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

January 16 — Antiques & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 20 — Whitewater Creek hunting land, Butler County at Benton. Auctioneers: J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc., John or Terry Rupp.

January 20 — farmland auction at Abilene for The Bo & Bernadine Ryan Land. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

January 21 — Real estate, Model A, vehicles, auto equip. & tools, collectibles at Merriam for Wheeler Construction Co., Inc., Ralph Wheeler Estate. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction & Realty Service, Inc.

January 22 — Antiques & collectibles at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

January 22 — Antiques & collectibles, firearms, household at Abilene for Vivian Olsen. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

January 22 — Car, truck, woodworking equipment, furniture, household,

garage items at Goessel for Orlando (Orie) & Frieda Voth. Auctioneers: Van Schmid.

January 22 — Real estate, pasture, hay land, home-site & acreage (near Admire) at Allen for Brad & Kim Karr. Auctioneers: Flott Auctions.

January 23 — Real estate, household & misc. at Wamego for Darlene Wilson Estate. Broker & Auctioneer: Dale I. Douglass.

January 24 — Clay County (land) real estate (W. of Oak Hill) at Clay Center for Elmo & Dorothy Evans. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

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

January 25 — Butler County land at Douglass. Auctioneers: J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc., John or Terry Rupp.

January 27 — Butler County land at Leon. Auctioneers: J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc., John or Terry Rupp.

January 28 — Large farm sale, late model Case IH pieces, other misc. machinery & farm related items E. of Clay Center for the Harold Habluetzel Trust. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

January 31 — Washington Co. land at Haddam for Lyla (Wranosky) Bettis, Cheryl Wranosky & Charles Wranosky. Auctioneers: Roger Novak Real Estate.

February 1 — Pasture SE Saline, NE McPherson & NW Marion at McPherson. Auctioneers: Odle Rural Real Estate.

February 5 — Farm machinery W. of Randolph for Bob O'Neill. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

February 8 — Morris County real estate at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

February 17 — Spring machinery consignment auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

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

February 19 — Farm/ construction toy auction at Osage City. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

February 19 — Farm machinery SW of Baileyville for Dallas & Henrietta Dressman. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

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

February 21 — Real Estate at Clyde for Wanda Jansen. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 2 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beat-tie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.

March 7 — Farm sale N. of Concordia for Linden, Julie & Janet Snavelly. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 12 — Concordia Optimist Annual Machinery sale at Concordia.

March 12 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

March 16 — Farm machinery NW of Alexandria, Neb. for Westerhoff

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March 18 — Farm machinery E. of Barneston, Neb. for Ernest & Ruth Hroch. Auctioneers: Schultis & Sons Auction.

March 19 — Farm auction S. of Baileyville for Cletus & Phyllis Broxterman. Auctioneers: Dan Deters Auction Co.

March 19 — Consignments at Belleville for Belleville High Banks Hall of Fame & Museum. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

March 27 — Farm auction at Seneca for Dan & Karen Henry. Auctioneers: Dan Deters Auction Co.

April 9 — Furniture, antiques & misc. at Concordia for JoAnn Hauck. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 16 — Farm sale NE of Delphos for Mrs. Vern (Dorothy) Carver. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 30 — Harley Gerdes 18th annual Memorial Day consignment auction at Lyndon.

August 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

September 5 — Harley Gerdes 16th annual Labor Day consignment auction at Lyndon.

November 5 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

December 31 — Harley Gerdes 27th annual New Year's Consignment auction at Lyndon.

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## LAND AUCTION

### 336± Acres • Morris County, Kansas

Tract 1 Tract 2

1:30 PM • Tuesday, February 8  
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- Land is located on Highway 56 between Council Grove and Herington.
- Tract 1: 76± acres W2 SW4 sec. 14-16-7. Farm is in wheat and buyer will receive 1/3 of the crop. Possession at harvest.
- Tract 2: 260± acres in section 22-16-7. Combination of pasture and hay meadow. Attractive farmstead site with small barns...great site for a new home. Possession at closing.
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- Sale closing on or about March 8, 2011.

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## AUCTION

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 — 10:00 AM

Located at 1400 Lilac Lane in WAMEGO, KS

LEGAL: Subdivision MOZ Block Four, Lot One, Section 4, Township 10, Range 10, City of Wamego, Kansas.

TERMS: 10% down day of sale and balance due at closing 30 days or less. Properly sells in present condition, no warranties by Seller or Agents. Sellers to furnish title insurance in the amount of purchase price with costs split 50/50 with the Buyer. If mortgage policy is needed it is Buyer's expense. Buyer to check property for lead paint if any, prior to auction. Douglass Realty & Ins. is the agent for the Seller and not Buyer. To see property call broker.

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS**  
GE SxS Ref. water in door; GE 30" elec. smooth top range; microwave; Hitachi 25" TV; GE 19" TV & 10" TV; Sears 17' refrigerator; dining table, 4 chairs; blue recliners; divan & love seat; end & coffee tables; rocking chair; curio cabinet; oak computer desk; office chair; kneehole desk; floor & table lights; chest of drawers; dressers; twin & full beds; Bissel elec. sweeper; Singer elec. machines; wicker chair & basket; Brunswick 8' slate table; set pool balls; bookshelves; legal file cabinet; towels & bedding; pots, pans, dishes; set Apple china; elec. kitchen appliances; butcher block cabinet; card tables; figurines.

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
Large lot costume jewelry; jewelry boxes; cassette tapes; Longaberger baskets; Home Interiors; craft items; Barbie & Bear collections; lots books; luggage & plastic totes; Korg Keyboard Electric; Fender amplifier; T-Zone fitness machine; elliptical exerciser; 10'x10' dog pen; bird feeders; Brinkmann gas BBQ grill; Weber BBQ grill; fertilizer spreader; garden cart; hand & garden tools; 2 wheel dolly; fruit jars; Delta bath faucets, new in box; lawn chairs; patio set & umbrella; A1 step stool; fishing poles; wood shelves; Christmas decorations; ice chests; trash containers; pictures & frames; car top carrier; **MANY ITEMS BOXED AND NOT LISTED.**

TERMS: Cash or good check with ID. Not responsible for loss or accidents. Announcements made at sale take precedence over printed material.

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## ANTIQUE AUCTION

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo Center 900 Greeley in SALINA, KANSAS

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES  
Unusual Will Rogers-Willey Post lamp; Amish cherry seat; wainscot jelly cupboard potato bin cabinet; wainscot zinc top cabinet; Toms Toasted peanut display case; tobacco display case; Regulator clock from railroad depot; crocks & churns; Signs; Tins; Thermometers; Budweiser lighted guitar; 1904 Pabst Blue Ribbon Worlds Fair horse team; Grandma Moses pictures; 1931 John Deere catalog; hardware store catalogs; magazines; miniature vase collection; fountain pens; 45 records; advertising pens; sewing items; Winchester brass grain bucket; feed sack material; kitchen ware items; arrowheads; fishing items; primitive fruit press; oil lamps; Gyneth Lawrence black rag doll; jewelry; Mickey Mouse telephone; cameras; Dazey Gem churn jar; WWI & WWII items; lower & garden magazines; watches; Hesston buckles; vintage hardware items for furniture & house; books; well pumps; Toys; cast iron banks; die cast banks; tools; Bailey planes #5 & 26; Stanley planes #4, #78, #220; 2-1800's tool chests; Glass; 150 pc sandwich; Hoosier jars; milk glass; Royal Doulton "Autumn Breezes" figure.

Many Antiques & Collectibles ... See website or last week's Grass & Grain for full listings.

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## REAL ESTATE AUCTION

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24 — 10:00 AM

Sale will be held at the Clay Center Armory located at 12th and Bridge St. in CLAY CENTER, KANSAS

### 460 ACRES M/L IN 2 TRACTS

OPEN HOUSE: Thursday, January 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, January 15, 1 to 3 p.m.

TRACT NO. 1: Located 3 1/2 mi. East of Oak Hill, Kansas. 380 Acres M/L, consisting of 117.7 acres cropland including 78.4 acres good creek bottom, 43.1 acres CRP cropland, 1.7 acres waterways, 202.2 acres pasture, remainder is building site and corrals. Building site has a nice older 2-story country home. Outbuildings & shop, very nice older barn, other smaller buildings.

TRACT NO. 2: Located 2 1/2 mi. East of Oak Hill, Kansas. 80 Acres M/L, consisting of 50.49 ac. cropland, all planted to wheat. 5.8 acres waterways, the rest is in pasture and trees.

Contract, deed and down payment to be escrowed at Clay County Abstract and Title Company, 509 Court St., Clay Center, Kansas 67432. Auction firm is working for the seller, all announcements made sale day take precedence over all printed matter.

See last week's or next week's Grass & Grain for complete details & terms

NOTE: These are 2 very good farms. Well located. Don't miss this opportunity. Very good hunting and wildlife areas. Creek runs 1 mile north and south through tract 1.

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Thursday, January 20, 2011  
7:00 p.m.  
Sale held at Abilene Civic Center  
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## FARMLAND AUCTION

SALE HELD IN ABILENE

GENERAL INFORMATION:  
This property has been owned by the Ryan family for over 75 years and offers the opportunity to purchase a nice smaller farm within one mile of the Abilene city limits. Visit [www.riordanauction.com](http://www.riordanauction.com) for additional information.

BUILDING SITE POTENTIAL:  
Property has approximately 417 feet of frontage on well-maintained gravel Flag Road with corrals and modest outbuildings allowing for a nice building site "ready to go". Mud Creek borders east boundary line of property providing recreational opportunities for deer/turkey and enough firewood to last a long, long time. Property is open for inspection anytime prior to sale date.

LEGAL: 50.51 surveyed acres in SW/4 of 5-13-E, Dickinson County, Kansas. 11.62 acre building site and 36.0 acres of good creek-bottom cropland (all in wheat). No availability for Rural Water District #1 hook-up at this time. Primarily Muir Class 1 soils. 2009 taxes were \$322.92 based on 54.0 taxable acres. Survey on website.

POSSESSION: Cropland selling subject to existing tenant rights of Phil Mullanax.

Building Site: At closing.

Wheat Ground: After 2011 harvest. Buyer to receive 40% of crop and pay 40% of fertilizer cost applied after sale date.

SELLERS:  
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Rancher Tom had Dr. Stan-the-Man out to his place. Whilst there, they spotted a cow with a big lump on her jaw.

"Better lance it," suggested Doc to Tom, "Ya never know."

It was getting late, no way to gather the bunch. "Just rope her" said Doc.

Tom put his son, Junior, in the back of the flatbed. Son had been roping since high school and Dad figured maybe he could reap some payback for all the miles, horses and entry fees it had cost haulin' him to junior

rodeos since he was 12!

Tom got the cow runnin' down the tracks of the feed wagon. Junior was leanin' out like a flag pole on the Titanic! The deck rocked violently as Tom swerved and slid to stay on the left side of the cow. In one wild lunge, when the flatbed hit a dip and came off the ground, Junior threw his loop! "A beeyootiful catch!" thought Tom, as he turned off and watched the slack go out of the rope.

Back on the deck Junior realized he had about as much control of the situation as he would have ropin' a doggin' steer off a bare-back bronc ... no place to dally!

They regrouped. "I'll try and run over the draggin' rope with a tire!" said Tom.

Junior clambered back on the flatbed and Dr. Stan lined up on Tom's right side. Across the plains they flew! Tom chased that rope, duckin' and divin', sluicing and

careening in hot pursuit like a pinball machine gone haywire!

The cow reached a cross fence and turned in front of the flatbed. Tom's right front tire caught the rope at the same time that Dr. Stan, who was hazing, hit the fence, cutting off her escape!

It took several minutes to heel the cow, restrain her and untangle Doc's wind-

shield wipers, side mirrors and antennae from the bob wire. They congratulated themselves for the great job, as only cowboys would do after such a successful wreck. Oh, and the abscess popped itself in the collision, so lancing was not necessary. Talk about efficient! They all took credit, of course, and Doc sent 'em a bill for consulting and navigation.



Sankeys Everelda Entense 007 won reserve grand champion female at the 2011 Arizona National Junior Angus Show, Dec. 31 in Phoenix, Ariz. Lauren Herman, Kingman, owns the February 2010 daughter of S A V Bismarck 5682. Aaron Cooper, College Station, Texas, evaluated the 28 entries.

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