



Senator Roberts announces key Agriculture Committee staff

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry today announced his senior staff selections for the minority office.

“We have a great, hard-working team in place with experience in the Senate, in farming and ranching, and in leadership roles within agriculture,” Roberts said. “I am also proud to say they have all spent time in Kansas.”

Staff Director:
Michael Seyfert

Mike Seyfert, a native of Ada, was raised on the wheat, soybean, alfalfa and cattle farm operated by his family for more than a century. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Kansas State University, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a major in Agriculture Economics in 1996. He also holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from The George Washington University.

Seyfert has served Sen. Roberts for nearly 14 years, including most recently as legislative director since 2005. He began working for Roberts in 1997 serving as his legislative assistant on tax and budget issues. He soon took over responsibilities associated with Roberts’ assignment on the Senate Agriculture Committee. Beginning in 2002, he also served as Roberts’ Deputy Legislative Director. In these positions he has helped staff Roberts on almost all key legislative issues involving agriculture during that time. He first worked for then Rep. Roberts as an intern.

Deputy Staff Director:
Joel Leftwich

Joel Leftwich most recently worked for DuPont’s Government Affairs team, primarily on the company’s agriculture and nutrition portfolio. Prior to joining DuPont, Joel served as legislative assistant to Sen. Roberts, handling agriculture, energy and transportation issues since 2005. Leftwich was a legislative aide to Rep. Jim Ryun (R-KS), Director of Alumni Relations at Friends University and a Congressional Liaison at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Office of Congressional Relations. Leftwich was born and raised in Wellington and earned a Bachelor of Arts from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas and a Master’s Degree from Loyola University of Chicago.

Chief Counsel:
Anne Hazlett

Anne Hazlett served as Minority Chief Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry under ranking member Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA).

Prior to serving in this role, Hazlett was the Director of Agriculture for her home

state of Indiana. In that role, she managed the State Department of Agriculture and was an advisor to Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels on agriculture policy. In addition to this leadership position with the Daniels Administration, Hazlett also served as Chief of Staff to Indiana Lt. Governor Becky Skillman.

Hazlett worked as legal counsel to the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committees during the development of the 2002 and the 2008 Farm Bills. In addition to her Washington experience, Hazlett has also worked for several agricultural interest organizations, including the Indiana and California Farm Bureau.

Hazlett graduated from Kansas State University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Communications. In addition, she holds a law degree from the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis, and has a Master’s degree in Agricultural Law from University of Arkansas School of Law.

Communications Director:
Sarah Little

Sarah Little has worked for Sen. Roberts for 12

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Caring for the school’s chickens is just one of the many hands-on activities kindergarten teacher Theresa Farris employs to incorporate agriculture into her curriculum at Service Valley Charter Academy in Oswego.

Oswego teacher named as ag foundation’s teacher of the year

Theresa Farris, a kindergarten teacher at Service Valley Charter Academy in Oswego, was recently named the 2011 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC).

The teaching award recognizes teachers who instill a passion for learning about agriculture within their students. KFAC honors one

teacher annually who has successfully integrated agricultural education into his or her pre-existing curricula. Farris keeps her students busy with many projects, especially hands-on learning activities. Her students take care of the school’s chickens, plant a garden on school grounds, and learn about monarch butterfly conservation. “My lessons have agriculture integrated through

the core subjects and are revisited and built upon throughout the school year on an ongoing basis,” said Farris.

In addition to these projects, Farris employs several strategies to teach agriculture, including an inquiry-based learning approach. Farris’ students conduct research that is driven by student questions that arise while learning a topic. “One of our trips to the chicken coop brought with it a discussion about the fact that our chickens lay brown eggs. One student made the comment that white eggs were better than brown eggs, so we created a case study to determine if we could taste the difference,” Farris added. “Theresa is creative and enthusiastic,” said Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director. “Her students are fortunate to have her guide them as they learn about agriculture during science, math, reading and social studies lessons.”

Farris will be honored with the award at the Kansas Agriculture Day celebration in March. The awards ceremony will take place in Topeka at the Kansas State Department of Agriculture. The teaching award is named in honor of Janet Sims, who passed away in June 2007 from Lou Gehrig’s disease. Sims, an educator herself, had served on the KFAC board from November 2005 until her death. For more information about KFAC’s Teacher of the Year Award or other programs, visit www.kstagclassroom.org.

Wicked weather pummels Midwest



Freezing rain, blowing snow, temperatures in the single digits and wind chills far below zero made caring for livestock one of the many challenges experienced last week. Universities and local school districts closed, as well as state offices and many businesses, and several sale barns cancelled sales while what was dubbed by the National Weather Service as a “winter storm of historic proportions” raged from Texas to Maine. As of Wednesday morning most of central Kansas had received 2-4 inches of snow, while the eastern half of the northern border saw 6-8” of accumulation. The northeast corner was also blanketed with between 6 and 8”.

Reflections

from Young Farmers & Ranchers

By Matt Perrier, Eureka

A few days prior to Christmas, an acquaintance of mine was sharing the story of his daughter

“dreaming of a white Christmas” when she was young. His family operates a sizable feedyard in southwest Kansas, and he told

his daughter to be careful with her wishes. Prophetically, Christmas Eve brought a blizzard, so the whole family was out “cleaning bunks” on Christmas morning. Needless to say, the young lady has since thought twice before dreaming of a white Christmas.

In similar fashion, I had hoped for a good, soaking rain most of the fall. The small bit of wheat and cool season grasses in our area needed it badly. But after December 1, my perspective changed, and I prefer dry conditions until about March 1. Other readers might disagree, I am certain.

Differing perspectives are part of human nature, and they are exacerbated in production agriculture — due in large part to our dependence on factors such as weather and markets. The story is told of the new minister who was approached by a group of

farmers after his first Sunday service. Their request was simple: “When we ask for rain, you need to use your ‘influence’ to help make it rain.”

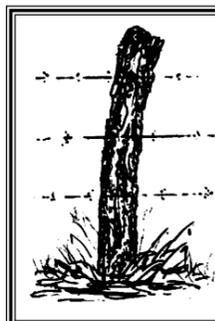
He replied with this promise, “I’ll be glad to do my part... provided everyone can agree exactly which day you want it.”

These variations in perspective are especially evidenced in the marketing of agricultural products. Corn farmers are excited about \$7 per bushel corn, livestock producers are distraught. Cow-calf producers grin at the thought of \$2 per pound calves, feeders try to pencil the risk with such costs. But I believe that all readers of Grass and Grain can agree upon one thing: Increased, sustainable demand for agricultural products is a necessity for ALL farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses. In fact, it’s the one thing that will inject the necessary wealth into our struggling rural communities.

I suppose the internal friction between buyers and sellers, growers and processors, and big and little producers will remain. However, I think it behooves us to find common ground to truly grow our aggregate business. From my perspective, our common focus is the end consumer of our products. When we focus on their needs and desires, we discover products for which they will pay more money. When we find what they will pay more for, we allow the market to send production signals for commodities that will best fit consumers’ needs.

When uninhibited market signals are received by farmers and ranchers, it then becomes THEIR choice whether to produce for that demand. From my perspective, tactical decisions such as types of seed to plant, products to use and marketing methods to employ should be left up to individual producers. Our time and energies are best spent on finding efficient ways to produce food, fiber and fuel for an ever-growing global population.

“Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.”
— John Wooden



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Run For Your Life

A few days ago as I glanced out a window at home, a flash of movement in the pasture caught my eye. I called to May, “What is that thing on the west slope running this way? No, it isn’t a deer; it just went under a fence, not over it. It’s looking more like a coyote, and it is really moving fast. Do you suppose it is famished and is heading for a dead cow or some other carcass it knows about? Look, it’s coming past our house.”

The coyote ran past, just south of our rock posts, so close I could have hit him with a rock. It turned its head to look our way as if to say, “I’ll catch you later, friend; right now I am running for my life.” He was running at top speed, headed east. I decided he was headed for the quarter of CRP grass that is extremely rank. It would be an ideal place for him to hide. I watched as he raced over the hill at breakneck speed. Soon we saw a pickup coming from the west with hounds in the back. That explained it all; the coyote was running for his life; he wanted to live, not die.

I can recall various times when I have seen wildlife choose life over death. As a young schoolboy, I used to trap for muskrats on Wolf Creek. During harvest season, I had shocked wheat bundles all day long for a dollar and my lunch. And then, during trapping season, I could earn \$2 for a muskrat not even skinned. When running my traps some mornings, I might find two or three muskrats in the traps. That was a windfall, I thought, for it would take a week of hard work in the wheat field to earn that much.

One morning all I found when I checked the traps was a leg. The trapped animal had chewed off its leg in order to stay free and alive. At the time I didn’t understand nor appreciate the meaning of freedom and life to the muskrat. I just knew that I had missed getting another skin worth \$2 to me.

After many years of living and

the experiences it brings, I began to realize the importance of freedom and of life, whether a coyote, a muskrat, or a human. Each will work and struggle to stay alive. Most people will fight for life and give much to live a few days longer. An acquaintance has battled cancer for many years and has often experienced poor quality of life with pain, weakness and loss of hair not uncommon. After struggling bravely for such a long time and trying every known treatment for a cure, this friend has decided against more experimental drugs and is now in hospice care. In this case, life after death could be more appealing.

When listening to the world news on television, one becomes aware that there is a power struggle for control over wealth and over people and their freedoms. However, masses of people are standing up to dictators and their regimes to protest and demand freedom and their right to a life that will allow them to pursue their dreams and ambitions. Millions of people are “running for their lives.” It is a run that could very well end in their death, imprisonment, or impairment. Their desire for freedom is strong enough to cause them to face death in hopes of having a better life.

It is fascinating to watch a row of dominoes as they fall until all are flat. Are the countries of this world like dominoes, destined to fall? When astronauts look upon our planet earth on their return from outer space, they marvel at what a wonderful, spectacular piece of real estate has been placed in our care and keeping. Then after the spacecraft lands and they walk upon this earth, seeing it up close, it can be an amazing revelation to see how many millions of people are struggling and running, flirting with death in order to have an acceptable life. Is Egypt going to be another domino? Is America beginning to run for her life as we have known it?

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Last week, as the wind blew, the snow swirled and the temperatures dropped, I experienced something I hadn’t had in years — a snow day. Knowing what was headed our direction, I took all of my work home with me Monday evening just in case I couldn’t make it back in on Tuesday. Thanks to modern technology, I was able to put in a full day’s work at home and accomplish as much as if I’d been in the office. I even worked in my pajamas for the first two hours — something I seriously doubt they would appreciate me doing here at Ag Press.

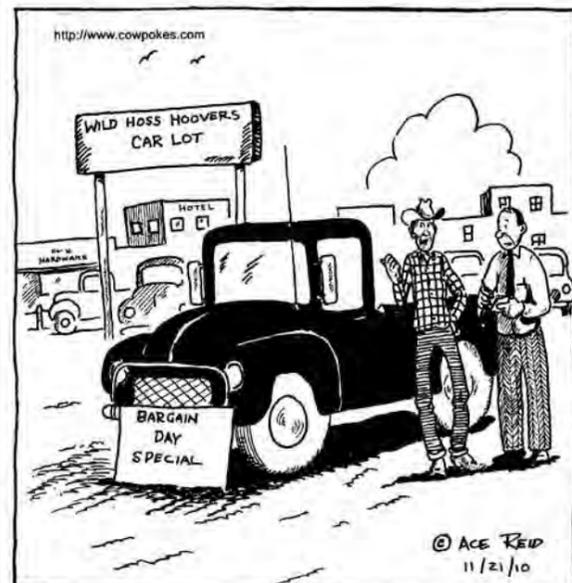
My husband was also home, so we got to have breakfast and lunch together, and he worked on his computer while I worked on mine. I made him hot chocolate when he came in from taking care of his cows — in exchange for him not asking me to go out and help take care of the cows. All in all, it was a good day.

There was just one small problem. It really made me miss my kids. Now, “miss” in this case is a fairly relative term, considering I usually see each of them at least once a week. It’s not that I miss them in my life... I just missed them in my snow day. Our snow days used to border on magical, at least that’s how I remember them. Before I entered the work force, snow days were a cause of great celebration — even when we had a whole week of them in a row and couldn’t leave our house for five days until a kind neighbor came along in his tractor.

We would begin the day glued to the television screen, just waiting for our school district to scroll across the bottom. As soon as it did, I was off to the kitchen to make them biscuits and chocolate syrup — something I could never do on school days because the ensuing sugar-high would have gotten them all sent home from school. Then we would build blanket tents, watch movies and play games all day long. In the afternoon we would bundle up and go outside, where once we built two snow forts from which we bombed my unsuspecting husband with snowballs when he came home from work. See what I mean? Pure magic.

In comparison, last week’s snow day was fairly quiet. I considered building a blanket tent for old time’s sake, but decided my husband would probably think I was silly. So I just worked away on my computer, occasionally glancing out the window and seriously considering bombing my husband with snowballs when he went out to do chores. But the temperature was -15 degrees with the wind chill, so my memories and I just stayed inside the nice, warm house. Which was lucky for him, because just ask my kids — I pack a mighty mean snowball.

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Roberts' staff

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years. As the communications director in the personal office, she also served as Roberts' spokeswoman when he was Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence from 2003-2007. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Public Communications from American University in Washington, DC and is from Prairie Village.

In addition to Committee Staff, Roberts has a strong team in Kansas working on agriculture issues.

Senior Agriculture Policy Advisor: Ryan Flickner

Ryan Flickner currently serves as a senior agriculture policy advisor to Sen. Pat Roberts. Flickner earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy and Natural

Resources from Kansas State University in 2006. While at Kansas State, Flickner interned for USDA's White House Liaison Office in Washington, D.C. and for the USDA NRCS field office in Republic County. Flickner hails from Wichita and spends time on his parents' diversified family farm near Moundridge. He has worked in the Washington office of Roberts since May 2007.

Kansas

Agricultural Assistant: Melvin Thompson

Mel Thompson first worked with Pat Roberts when they were staffers for First District Rep. Keith Sebelius (R-KS) in 1969. He has been Senator Roberts' Kansas agricultural assistant based in Wichita since 1997. Thompson graduated from

Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics and Business.

Since 1976, he has owned and operated a family farm recognized as a Century Farm by the Kansas Farm Bureau in 2003.

He has served as a Marshall County Cooperative Extension Service Agent from 1967-69, a Farm Advisory Committee Member for Sen. Bob Dole (R-KS), and a farm policy advisor for Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum Baker (R-KS).

Thompson was Chairman of the Resolutions Committee of the Kansas Livestock Association and was a Resolutions Committee Member of the Kansas Farm Bureau. For three years he served as Barber County Farm Bureau President.

Trent Loos to speak at Cowley County Livestock Association annual meeting

Trent Loos, a well-known speaker, writer and radio/television personality in the agriculture world, will be the Cowley County Livestock Association's featured speaker at their annual meeting on Wednesday, February 9th at the Winfield High School. Loos, who hails from Loup City, Neb. travels the country motivating and educating his audience on issues related to animal agriculture and food production. His audiences vary in age, background, mission and profession, but they all come

away enthused about bridging the gap between food producers and consumers. Often when addressing groups, Trent emphasizes the importance and pride associated with being involved in U.S. food production in the future.

The evening will start with a steak dinner at 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Loos' presentation will follow at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple; youth (ages 11 - 18) are \$15 and youth 10 and under are free.

Tickets are available at

the following locations: the Cowley County Extension Office, Citizens Bank of Kansas, Winfield; CornerBank, Winfield and Arkansas City; Union State Bank, Winfield and Arkansas City; PrairieLand Partners and Two Rivers Co-op, Arkansas City, Geuda Springs and Udall. If interested in purchasing tickets or if you would like additional information, please contact the Cowley County Extension Office at either (620) 221-5450, (620) 441-4565 or jazimmer@ksu.edu.

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Carole Monahan, Westmoreland, Wins Weekly Grass & Grain 'Our Daily Bread' Contest

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PORK CHOP & POTATO BAKE

- 6 pork chops
- Seasoned salt
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 16-ounce package hash browns, thawed
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 6-ounce can French-fried onions

Brown pork chops in lightly greased skillet. Sprinkle with the seasoned salt; set aside. Combine soup, milk, sour cream, salt and pepper. Stir in potatoes, 1/2 cup cheese and 1/2 can onions. Spoon into a 9-by-13-inch dish. Arrange pork chops over potato mixture. Bake, covered at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Top with remaining cheese and onions. Bake, uncovered, 5 minutes longer.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:
"A salad and homemade bread makes this a great meal."
SWIFT SHEPHERD'S PIE

- 1 pound hamburger
- 1 can cream-style corn
- Mashed potatoes
- Brown hamburger and place in a baking dish. Top with corn and as much mashed potatoes as you like. Heat in oven until warmed through.

Linda Kepka, Dorrance:
SWEET CHOCOLATE CAKE

- 1 package chocolate cake mix (with eggs & vegetable oil as needed to prepare mix)
- 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 12-ounce jar caramel ice cream topping
- 8 ounces whipped topping
- 3 candy bars, broken into small pieces (any flavor)
- Bake chocolate cake mix

as directed on package in a 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix together condensed milk and caramel. Pierce cake with end of a wooden spoon and pour mixture over cake. Let cool for several hours. Top with whipped topping and sprinkle with candy bar pieces.

Debbie Snyder, Clifton:
"This is so easy and very tasty."

EASY LASAGNA
Uncooked lasagna noodles
1 1/2 pounds raw hamburger (lean)
1 quart pasta sauce (2 jars)
1 large package shredded mozzarella cheese (2-cup package)
Parmesan cheese
1 cup hot water

*The original recipe also called for cottage cheese, but I leave it out; it tastes great either way.

In a 9-by-13-inch pan layer noodles, 1/3 of meat, 1/3 of the sauce and 1/3 of cheese. Repeat twice. Pour hot water over all. Cover with foil. Bake, covered, for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Uncover and bake for 30 minutes more. Eat and enjoy!

Betsy Patrick, Lindsborg:
"This melt-in-your-mouth chicken recipe makes a deli-

cious meal when served along with mashed potatoes. The sauce from the slow cooker can be used in place of gravy."

SLOW COOKER SLOPPY CHICKEN
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
10 3/4-ounce can cream of chicken soup
10 3/4-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
14 1/2-ounce can chicken broth
1 sleeve of saltine crackers, crushed
1 envelope onion soup mix

Spray inside of slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray. Combine all ingredients in slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 5 hours, stirring twice. When chicken is done, remove and serve covered with sauce from the slow cooker.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:

BAKED TEX-MEX DIP
1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
Half of a 12-ounce jar roasted red bell peppers, drained & chopped
1/4 cup chopped green onions
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded & minced

8-ounce block extra sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
8-ounce block pepper jack cheese, shredded
French bread cubes or chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Stir mayonnaise, peppers, green onions and jalapenos in a large bowl. Stir in cheese. Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 2-quart baking dish. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until dip is golden and bubbly. Serve with bread.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
SOUR CREAM ROLLS
1/2 cup butter, melted
8 ounces sour cream
2 cups self-rising flour

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Spray mini muffin tins with nonstick spray. In a bowl stir together butter, sour cream and flour. Drop by heaping tablespoons into prepared cups. Bake until rolls begin to brown, about 15 minutes.

Shirley Deiser, Kanopolis: "Very good."

OVERNIGHT COFFEE CAKE
3/4 cup margarine
1/2 cup white sugar
2 eggs, beaten
2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 cup buttermilk or 1 cup milk plus 1 tablespoon vinegar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Raisins & nuts, optional

Topping:
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Cream margarine and sugar together. Add eggs. Alternate milk and vanilla with dry ingredients. Add raisins and nuts, if desired. Pour into a 9-by-13-inch pan and top with mixture of brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cover and leave in refrigerator overnight. Bake 30 to 35 minutes in a 350-degree oven.

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 1/2 cup sour cream
 1 1/2 cups apricot preserves

Crumb Topping:
 3/4 cup flour
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 1/4 cup butter
 1/4 cup sliced almonds
 In a bowl combine flour and brown sugar. Using a pastry blender cut in butter until mixture is bubbly. Stir in almonds. Set oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan. In a bowl beat butter and cream cheese with mixer. Add sugar until creamy. Add eggs beating well. In a bowl combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and nutmeg. Add to butter mixture gradually just until combined. Stir in sour cream. Spread half of batter in pan. Gently spread preserves over batter. Drop remaining batter by tablespoonfuls over preserves. Sprinkle with crumb topping. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool 30 minutes before cutting.

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 Place rice in an ungreased 1 1/2-quart baking dish; set aside. Beat egg lightly with milk and cream in a small mixing bowl. Pour over rice. Stir in honey and raisins. Dot top with butter and sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake at 275 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Makes about 4 servings.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
SUCCOTASH
 1 tablespoon oil
 1 cup chopped onion
 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 14-ounce package frozen baby lima beans, thawed
 2 tablespoons butter
 1 tablespoon water
 12-ounce package frozen gold & white corn (by Birdseye)
 In a large skillet heat the oil. Add onion, bell pepper, salt and pepper. Saute for 4 to 5 minutes or just until vegetables are tender. Add lima beans, butter and water and cook for 5 minutes stirring often. Add corn and cook 10 to 12 minutes, stirring often or until beans and corn are tender.

 The following recipe was printed in the 2-1 issue of Grass & Grain. The amount of flour was incorrectly listed. The recipe is being reprinted in its entirety.
DELICIOUS CINNAMON ROLLS
 14 1/2 cups flour

2 cups milk, scalded
 3 cups warm water
 1 cup oil
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 2 tablespoons salt
 3 packages quick-rise yeast
Cinnamon Sugar mixture:
 2 cups sugar
 1 stick butter, melted
 4 teaspoons cinnamon
Grease and flour 9-by-13-inch pans. Put warm water in a large bowl. Add yeast and 1/2 cup sugar. Stir to dissolve yeast. Add oil and remaining 1 cup sugar, salt and warm milk (not hot). Add flour gradually, beating well after each addition, until all the flour has been used (this is a soft dough; flour used for kneading will firm it up). Knead 10 minutes. Divide dough in half. Grease well a larger piece of waxed paper to lay second half on. Flour work surface well. Roll first half of dough into 10-by-24-inch rectangle. Spread half of melted butter over dough and sprinkle with sugar cinnamon mixture. Roll up narrow side of dough. Pinch together to seal. Cut into pieces 1 1/2 inches thick. Let rise about 10 minutes in warm area, covered with a cloth. Repeat with the second half. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Frost while warm.

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8 Biscoff cookies (approximately 3/4 cup)
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 2 large eggs
 1 cup sugar, divided

3/4 cup self-rising flour (if self-rising flour is unavailable, use all-purpose flour plus 1 teaspoon baking powder and 1/4 teaspoon salt)

Vanilla ice cream (optional)
 Heat oven to 350 degrees/Lightly grease an 8- or 9-inch nonstick round cake pan or coat lightly with cooking spray; set aside. Finely crush cookies; set aside. Melt butter; set aside to cool. Peel and core apples; cut into thin slices and set aside. Beat together eggs and 1/2 cup of the sugar in a medium bowl with a wooden spoon. Stir in butter. Stir in flour and crushed cookies; mix well and set aside. Cook remaining 1/2 cup sugar in a small skillet over medium heat until completely melted and golden brown, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Immediately pour into prepared pan, tilting pan to evenly spread caramel. Arrange apples in concentric circles over hot caramel. Spread cookie mixture evenly over apples. Bake 40 minutes or until golden brown and center is

set. Cool in pan on wire rack 5 minutes. Use a knife to loosen cake from edge of pan; invert onto a serving plate. Serve warm or at room temperature with ice cream if desired. Serves 6 to 8.

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Missouri River WRAPS to sponsor livestock management and water quality workshop in Highland

The Missouri River WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy) will host a workshop on livestock management and water quality from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at the Highland Community Center, 501 West Avenue in Highland. According to Carl Johnson, Missouri River WRAPS coordinator, area farmers and ranchers are invited to attend this no-cost workshop to gain information on livestock feeding and waste management. "This workshop gives livestock producers the opportunity to discuss livestock management practices that lead to healthier animals and more profitable operations. These practices also result in healthier creeks and streams," he said.

Topics included in the workshop include livestock production efficiency and water quality; livestock waste management; winter feeding, as well as funding sources available to implement these practices. Speakers include Will

Boyer, Watershed Specialist, K-State Research and Extension; Mindy Young, Doniphan County Agent, K-State Research and Extension; Carl Johnson, Coordinator, Missouri River WRAPS; Joel DeRouchev, Livestock Specialist, K-State Research and Extension; Jody Holthaus, Meadowlark District Livestock and Natural Resources Agent, K-State Research and Extension; Don Jones, Water Quality Program Manager, State Conservation Commission, and Sarah Falk, Director, Doniphan County Farm Service Agency.

"These speakers will touch on subjects focused on optimizing livestock production and conserving our water resources," Johnson said. A free lunch is included in the workshop. Please RSVP by February 10 to Donna Penny, Doniphan County Conservation District Manager at 785-985-2221, ext. 3 or email her at donna.penny@ks.nacdnet.com.

Sponsors of the workshop include: Missouri River WRAPS; Atchison,

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Kansas receives Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program funds for 2011

"Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has received \$1.2 million for the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011," announced Eric B. Banks, State Conservationist for NRCS in Kansas. "FRPP provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and ranch lands in agricultural uses," explained Banks. The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides funds to state, tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations (eligible entities) to acquire conservation easements from landowners. USDA provides up to 50 percent of the appraised fair market value of the conservation easement and the eligible entities are responsible for the rest.

Proposals can be submitted by the eligible entities

to the Kansas NRCS State Office on a continuous basis throughout the year. All proposals submitted to the Kansas NRCS State Office prior to April 8, 2011 will be reviewed for funding consideration," states Banks. "The individual farms and ranches are evaluated and ranked individually and funds are obligated to the eligible entities associated with the highest ranked farms and ranches through a cooperative agreement."

"To qualify, the land must have 50 percent prime, unique, or important farmland soils; have a historic or archeological resource; or have land that supports the policy of a state or local farm and ranch lands protection program," Banks explained.

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farmland protection program; be privately owned; have a conservation plan for highly erodible land; be large enough to sustain agricultural production; be accessible to markets for what the land produces; have adequate infrastructure and agricultural support services; and have surrounding parcels of land that can support long-term agricultural production.

Landowners must meet eligibility requirements for adjusted gross income and compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill which is documented with the local county USDA Service Center prior to a proposal being submitted.

Landowners interested in protecting their land from development so it remains in agricultural production will need to work with an eligible entity to receive funding assistance through the FRPP. Eligible entities in Kansas are non-governmental land trusts and organizations that are qualified to acquire and manage conservation easements within the state.

In FY 2010, NRCS provided \$811,943 in matching funds to enroll 5,561 acres in the FRPP. For more information regarding the FRPP, go to <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/> or call the NRCS State Office at 785-823-4500. NRCS is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Topics and speakers from the K-State Agricultural Economics Department will be:

Economics of Animal Welfare, Glynn Tonsor; Financial Management, Bryan Schurle; Grain Outlook, Market Structure, and Wide Wheat Basis Levels, Dan O'Brien; Machinery Costs, Leasing, Custom Rates/Custom Farming, Kevin Dhuyvetter; and Double Dip Recession Effects on Ag and Economic Overview, Vincent Amanour — Boadu.

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February 25, 6:30 p.m., at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds Administrative Building, 405 W. 4th St., Tonganoxie

February 26, 9:30 a.m. at the Hoyt Community Center, 900 Park Drive off Highway 214 at the North side of Hoyt

February 26, 1:00 p.m. at

the Johnson County Extension Office, 11811 S. Sunset Drive, Suite 1500, in Olathe.

Topics at each site will include: pasture weed management, constructing electric fence, soil testing, pasture planting and management, manure management, grazing management, pond management, and cost-share opportunities available.

A participation fee of \$10.00 is due at the door to cover handouts and refreshment costs. For an accurate count, please RSVP by February 23 to one of these Extension offices, indicating the workshop you plan to attend: Leavenworth County (913-364-5700), Meadowlark District, Jackson County (785-364-4125 or dhal-lae@ksu.edu), or Johnson County (913-715-7000).

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — 10:00 AM

We will offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate at the VFW Club in CLYDE, KANSAS

CLOUD COUNTY IRRIGATED LAND & MODERN HOUSE

TRACT I

153 ACRES WITH IRRIGATION

LOCATION OF REAL ESTATE: 3 1/2 miles North (on blacktop rd 280 RD) of Clyde, Kansas.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The SE 1/4 of 3-5-1 West of 6th P.M., Cloud Co., Kansas.

Approx 153 acres w/134 acres nearly level tillable cropland consisting of approx. 105 acres of pivot irrigated cropland, 29 acres of non irrigated cropland and 17 acres pasture. 15 acres planted to wheat and approx 120 acres open for spring crops.

Grain Bins ie: 2500 bu drying bin; 1 - 2000 bu; 2 - 1000 bu; and 1 - 1000 bu steel bin; approx 40' X 50' hay shed; 25' X 40' lean to; stone wall cattle shed.

BASE ACRES: Corn 48.8 acres; Soybeans 33.9 acres; Grain Sorghum 7.5 acres; Wheat 31.5 Acres. FSA Payments for 2010 approx. \$2,370.00.

RE TAXES: Approx \$1,600.00.

IRRIGATION INFO: Center well is 800 G.P.M. 123 Acre Ft; North well is 475 G.P.M. 50 Acre Ft; Senior water rights; 1 yr old Valley Pivot w/low pressure drops, liner, remote computer system. John Deere Dsl engine rebuilt 2 yrs ago. Center well - new impellers in 2001; North well is operable w/Moline propane engine; 6" buried pipe to center pivot; all water permitted to be used on 156 Acre tract in SE 1/4 of 3-5-1.

POSSESSION: On all land planted to wheat after the 2011 wheat harvest and on all open land day of Auction with fertilizer reimbursement paid by Purchaser.

TERMS: 20% of purchase price down on day of auction; balance due in the form of certified funds upon delivery of clear and merchantable title on or before March 24, 2011. Title insurance and contract closing costs will be paid 1/2 by seller and 1/2 by buyer. Seller pays 2010 and all prior year taxes. The house is being sold in "As is Condition" with septic system not conforming to county code. Lead base paint or any other inspections required by prospective purchaser must be completed prior to day of auction and paid for by prospective purchaser. Purchase of this home is not contingent on financing.

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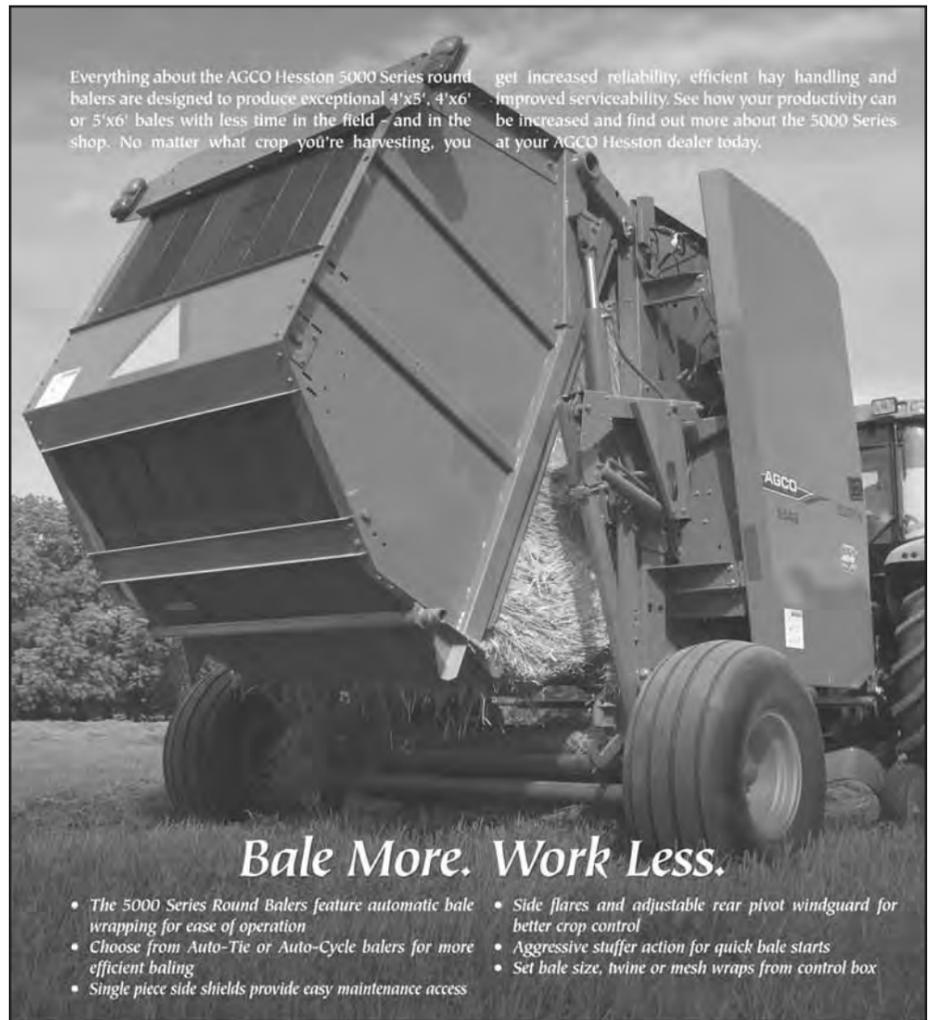
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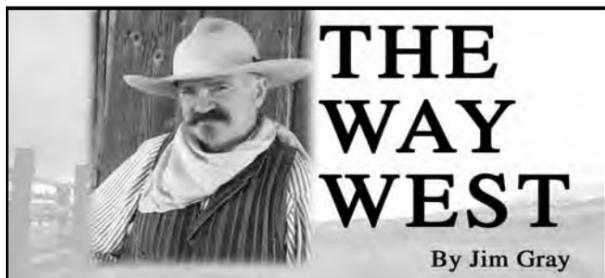
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Ol' Mossyhorns

Ranching is by nature an outdoors pursuit. Anyone who handles cattle had better love the open air and the wonder of nature if he's going to be in the business. Ranchmen of the 19th century were natural outdoorsmen and since the Texas longhorn had such an influence on Kansas ranching, this edition of The Way West is going to take a little journey to the land of the longhorn. In the earliest days of the Texas cattle business longhorns were gathered from the bayous and brush country of southeast Texas. Long before the term "roundup" existed, ranch hands captured wild cattle through a ritual known to most as a "cow hunt." The band of cowboys, or vaqueros, sent on a cow hunt was referred to as "the crowd."

"Running cows" was the order of the day for the crowd. Cattle hid in the deepest brush where often a rope could not be thrown. These wild animals had little resemblance to the domesticated cattle of today. They stood taller than a cowboy's horse. The wildest of them lived in the thickets by day and only came out onto the prairie to graze at night.

As they got older their horns took on a scaly appearance and with those scales hanging off the horns the cattle were called Mossyhorns. These ol' Mossyhorns might be a dozen years old. A select few were said to be "Old

enough to vote!" Each time an animal avoided being captured the smarter it became. Even if you could throw a rope on one of these brutes it was like tying onto a hurricane with nowhere to go!

In most instances, the cow hunt was all about bringing the wild cattle to the home corrals without being killed. Mexican vaqueros had been riding in cow hunts for generations before the Americans came into the country and they had developed tried and true methods of capture.

Tame cattle would sometimes be turned out into the brush to decoy the wild cattle, taking advantage of the herding instinct. Once a herd of the wild ones was located the crowd began singing a peculiar melody known as the Texas Lullaby. That was a signal to circle the animals. Horsemen closed in on the herd as the cattle naturally moved away. Wild-eyed Mossyhorns would soon try to make a break for cover, but on every turn they would find a mounted vaquero. The vaquero knew to turn them toward the tame herd and if it was a lucky day the wild cattle would stay with the calm herd. Any longhorns that did break through the circle were let go, for if a vaquero left his position in the circle the whole herd could be lost. Sometimes the crowd went into the brush specifically for the biggest and wildest cattle that had rou-

tinely broken away. These cattle were so wily that no amount of trickery would help in the effort to capture them. That kind of animal was mean and dangerous and could gore horse and rider with lightning quickness. It was often necessary to take the fight out of these outlaws before the fight got started.

Vaqueros were expert at a technique called "tailing," which allowed the rider to capture a longhorn without throwing a rope. The little horses that loved this business were called brush ponies and were crucial to the success of tailing. Spying a rangy longhorn determined to stay free, the vaquero would urge his brush pony to run at breakneck speed next to the longhorn. At just the right moment the vaquero would lean into the saddle and grab the wild longhorn's tail and with a flourish, wrap it around the saddle horn. One quick turn was all that was necessary to "bust" the longhorn by throwing it onto its back. Most of the time the wind would be knocked out of the animal and the shock would take the fight out of him. The humbled animal then could be handled well enough to drive him to a waiting herd.

Herds would be sorted and cattle destined for the long trail to Kansas would be moved to a camp in preparation for the drive. Those ol' Mossyhorns were branded and trained to trail with a few short practice drives. In just a few weeks every man set his sights for the Chisholm Trail and Kansas in anticipation of another adventure on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth, Kansas on the Violent Frontier* and also publishes *Kansas Cowboy, Old West history from a Kansas perspective. Contact Kansas Cowboy, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or www.droversmercantile.com.*

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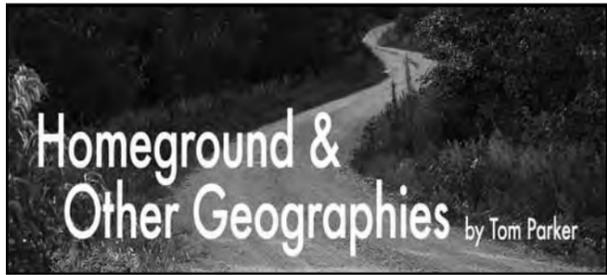
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Winterwalk

For several days Kansans and other lesser Midwesterners were glued to their TVs, radios and computers as the latest storm sliced up from the southwest. At first forecasters called for a chance of freezing drizzle followed by a skiff of snow, but gradually their voices became evermore strident, their predatory smiles toothier and their charts more colorful. The final prognosis on the eve of the storm was simple and eloquent: it's going to get bad, and then it's going to get worse.

Most disconcerting was how rapidly the predictions changed. For forecasters it must have been like trying

to pin the tail on the donkey while blindfolded; watchers were left dizzy and discombobulated, but mostly fearful. Grocers saw big runs in the days leading up to what some called "snowpocalypse," creating shortages in milk and other dairy products (My own preference is for beer and bourbon, but to each his own). The one thing not in short supply was humor.

One widely circulated weather map showed the usual alternating bands of snowfall extremes, only instead of listing predicted snowfall amounts the categories ran the gamut from "screwed" in Missouri to "mostly screwed" (Kansas

City down through Ottawa), "partly screwed" (Topeka, Manhattan), to "You get to live," which I'm happy to report encompassed Blue Rapids and points northwest.

After three long days, the storm relented and moved to the east. Temperatures plunged as skies cleared, and winds drove indexes down to minus 20 and below. Government agencies, schools and businesses shut down. Officials advised people to remain indoors unless absolutely necessary.

Necessary being all things to all people, as it were. While cabin fever probably isn't considered necessary to officials, it's a very real medical condition whose only cure is the outdoors. Which is exactly where I hobbled after slipping into a knee brace and as much winter clothing I could find.

Extreme cold tests the limits of endurance. Within seconds exposed skin feels flayed, nostrils brittle. The air is so crystalline it's like

swimming through ice crystals. Perhaps best of all, isolation is guaranteed. Few others are that stupid.

As I knocked snow from the bird feeders, I was reminded of a winter visit to Alcove Spring a few years back. It was a morning much as this but without the cheery sun, only a gray sky masking indeterminable horizons. Over a foot of snow had fallen, the roads unbroken expanses of

white. We cut the motor and stepped into a cathedral of silence, the only sound that of the engine ticking as it cooled. It was 20 degrees below zero.

This was a monochromatic landscape with darker splashes of cedars in the ravines and splayed along the hillsides. Snow fell soundlessly. We set off for the spring, trudging through drifts, our breaths coming in ragged clouds that left a

rime of ice on our faces.

For all that I dislike cold weather, there are few things more enriching as a walk through winter woods. The gnarled oaks with their spreading branches, plum thickets bowed under the weight of drifts, the smooth pale trunks of towering sycamores incandescent against a brooding sky, and paramount the solitude, the world withdrawn into itself. Four rusty blackbirds

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LOCATION OF REAL ESTATE: 2 miles South (on Norway Lane) and 1/2 mile West (on Young Rd.) of Norway, KS.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The SE 1/4 and Lots 7 & 10 all in 29-4-4 West of the 6th PM. Republic Co., Kansas.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: A tract of approx. 209.96 taxable acres with 187.33 acres tillable River bottom cropland; 132.5 acres pivot irrigated cropland; approx. 18 acres flood irrigated cropland and 37.14 acres non-irrigated cropland; 22.63 acres of trees and wildlife habitat w/abundant wildlife. All cropland is open for spring crops.

POSSESSION: On all land day of Auction upon signing purchase agreement and down payment.

BASE ACRES: Corn 75.7 acres; Soybeans 65.6 acres; Wheat 24.6 acres. FSA 2010 payments approx. \$3,235.00.

All statements made at the auction will take precedence over all advertising material. Larry Lagasse Auction and Real Estate represents the sellers as agents. All acreages and water figures are believed to be correct, but are not guaranteed by Sellers or Auctioneers. They may be checked out with respective agencies.

REAL ESTATE TAXES: 2010 RE taxes \$2,134.06.

IRRIGATION INFO: 1200 GPM double permitted irrigation well w/40 hp electric motor; Valley irrigation pivot - 7 yrs old. File #2524 and 40,725 44-30 ft. lengths 8" gated irrigation pipe sell with land.

TERMS: 20% of purchase price down on day of auction; balance due in the form of certified funds upon delivery of clear and merchantable title on or before March 25, 2011. Title insurance and contract closing costs will be paid 1/2 by seller and 1/2 by buyer. Seller pays 2010 and all prior year taxes.

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huddled around a trickle of sluggish water. Naomi Pike Falls was a curtain of ice frozen in mid-cascade. If we felt cold before, the sight made us even colder.

I couldn't force myself to turn back, though Lori headed back to the warmth of the truck. Just a little longer, I thought, and climbing over a short saddle descended into the next drainage, where trees whispored in the falling snow.

Nothing moved in this icy land but my solitary figure. No birds, no squirrels, no tracks in the snow but mine. The woods and ridges closed around me. I moved on, the intense cold seeping under my gloves, through the unavoidable crevices in my jacket, numbing my face.

Snow fell harder now. I climbed into Stella's Meadow and headed back. Where the road curves to drop into the parking lot was a small barren tree, almost an outlier. A gray merlin watched me with golden eyes that locked into mine. I stopped and slowly raised my binoculars.

For a few icy moments

we studied each other, its head bobbing in that peculiar nature of falcons. It's fairly rare to see one this close, but its interest in me was brief. With a flick of its wings it disappeared into the gloom. I was left alone in the falling snow, and yet not alone.

With its absence the cold seemed more intrusive. I shuffled down the hill to the parking lot and climbed into the truck.

"I'm frozen," I said, peeling off my gloves. My hands were red.

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LAND LOCATION: West side of 240th Rd, North of Grain Rd, South of Hawk Rd. Four miles Southeast of Lincoln Kansas.

TRACT 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: All lying North of the centerline of creek in the SE ¼ of 35-12-7, Lincoln County, Kansas. Less two tracts of land along Grain Rd. 125.21 total acres +/-, 120.21 acres +/- Cropland, 5 acres +/- Timber/creek

FSA ACRES: 116.1 total base acres, 28.3 wheat, 20.5 corn, 35.1 grain sorghum, 6.8 sunflowers, 25.4 soybeans

NOTE: This tract is composed of all Class II soils. Approximately 55 Ac +/- in wheat production.

TRACT 2

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The NE ¼ of 35-12-7 Lincoln County, Kansas. 156.78 total acres +/-, 151.4 acres +/- Cropland, 5.38 acres +/- Timber/creek

FSA ACRES: 140.3 total base acres, 34.1 wheat, 24.8 corn, 42.4 grain sorghum, 8.3 sunflowers, 30.7 soybeans

NOTE: This tract is composed of all Class II & III soils. Approximately 70 Ac +/- in wheat production.

TRACT 3

Combination of Tract 1 and Tract 2.

NOTE: Approximately 125 Ac +/- in wheat production.

TAXES: \$2,867.84 on both tracts 1 & 2, combined, for 2010 Note: This would include 11 Ac +/- lying south of creek, not included in this sale.

POSSESSION: IMMEDIATE POSSESSION upon closing, subject to Sellers rights on land currently in wheat production. Seller to retain 100% of the 2011 wheat crop. Possession on wheat acres will be immediately following the 2011 harvest or August 1st, 2011, whichever occurs first. Buyer will be able to plant the 2011 crop of choice in the land not currently in wheat production.

TERMS: The highest bidder will pay 10% down on each tract the day of the sale and sign a real estate purchase contract. The balance will be due with certified funds on or before March 25th, 2011 This sale will not be contingent to financing. The land will be sold by the parcel, not by the acre.

AUCTION NOTE: Land of this quality and size is rarely offered for sale at one time in Lincoln County. Please prepare to attend this auction!

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 February 9 — Tractors, telehandler, trucks, trailers, tillage, planting, harvest, haying, chemical & irrigation equip., wheel loader, skid steers online only. www.bigiron.com. Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.
 February 9 (bidding starts to close) — online only ag equipment auction. (www.purplewave.com) Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auction.
 February 11 — Hay & cattle equipment at Augusta. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auctions.
 February 12 — Artwork, collectibles, coins, tools, jewelry at Lawrence. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions, Doug Riat & Chris Paxton.
 February 12 — 18th annual production sale, black

Hereford bulls, bred heifers at Leavenworth for J&N Ranch.
 February 12 — Real estate & personal property at Topeka. Auctioneers: Sinnitt Brothers.
 February 12 — Tax asset seizure at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country MidWest eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.
 February 13 — Acreage, trees, pond, canyons, wildlife, good fences at Elk Falls. Auctioneers: Ken Patterson Auctions.
 February 14 — Tractors, tillage, trucks, trailers, hay equip., loaders & construction, planters, drills, harvest equip. & misc. at Grant, Nebraska for Jessen Hay Company & Jessen Unlimited. Auctioneers: Michael Wegen-er Implement, Inc.
 February 14 — Industrial, construction equip., shop, trucks, irrigation, boats,

RVs at Garden City. Auctioneers: Scott Auction.
 February 17 — Spring machinery consignment auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.
 February 17 — Tractors, hay & livestock, grain handling, construction, planting & cultivating, spraying equip., tillage, harvest, trucks, vehicles, trailers, antique machinery & misc. at Tekamah, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Lee Valley, Inc.

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 19 — Washington County farmland at Linn for the Heirs of Lawrence & Arlene Oestreich. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.
 February 19 — Farm toy collectibles, pedal tractors, Arcade, cast iron toys, construction toys, Hesston belt buckle set, Hallmark ornaments at Osage City. Auctioneers:

Mark Elston, Wayne & Craig Wischropp.
 February 19 — Limousin spring sale, bulls & bred females at Garnett for GV Limousin.
 February 19 — Collectibles at Salina for Dottie & Frank Cole. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 February 20 — Toy tractors at Salina for Harris (Gus)

Gustafson. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 February 21 — Tractors, trucks, machinery, cattle equip. & other E. of Tipton for Leon & Janet Eck. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
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from 1:00-4:00 p.m.



Due to death, the trustees of the C. Vincent Larson and Adeline M. Larson Trust have elected to sell by auction the Real Estate of the trust. This Real Estate has been held by the Larson family for four generations and represents an opportunity to purchase land that has been in the same family for over 100 years.

TRACT 1: The SE 1/4 of Section 5-8-6 in Sherman Township, Riley County, Kansas. This farm is located on Leonardville, KS 3 miles east to Walnut Creek Rd. then one mile north and 1/2 east to the SW corner of the tract, or from Manhattan, Kansas approximately 16 miles NW on highway 77 to LK&W Rd. then 1 mile west to SE corner of the tract. This parcel consists of 160 acres more or less. These are 74.76 acres of cropland, 1.69 acres of waterways and approximately 83 acres of pasture. The farmland lays good and nearly all is of the flat and gently sloping Wymore (Wo) soil type. The native pasture has large trees and other areas of vegetation which provide ample cover for a variety of wildlife. Fences are average. Water is provided by a pond and a wet weather spring to the NW. Base acres are 40.0 wheat, 23.9 grain sorghum and 8.9 soybeans. The annual DCP amount is \$952. 2010 property taxes were \$539.68.

TRACT 2: The E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 and a tract beginning at the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 thence S 495 ft., W 231 ft., N 495 ft. and E 231 ft. to P.O.B. all in Section 8-8-6 of Sherman Township, Riley County, Kansas. This tract consists of 80 acres more or less, and is located directly south across the road from the east 1/2 of tract 1. There are 35.93 acres of good laying Wymore (Wo) gently sloping upland, 40.66 acres good pasture with pond and new fence to the west. Fences are average around the rest of the pasture. There are 3.61 acres with building site including nice old 2 story farmhouse and several useable out buildings. Open house Sunday, February 13th, 2011 from 1:00 until 4:00 pm. Base acres are 19.1 wheat, 11.4 grain sorghum and 4.3 soybeans. The annual DCP amount is \$454. 2010 property taxes were \$1,101.46.

TRACTS 3 & 4: The E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 33-7-6 of Sherman Township, Riley County, Kansas, less and except all that part of the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 33-7-6 of Sherman Township, Riley County, Kansas which is Southwesterly of the Kansas State Highway K-177. This tract is located along highway 77 approximately 17 miles NW of Manhattan, Kansas or 1 mile east and 1 mile north of Tract 1 and consists of 60 acres more or less of pasture with many trees and habitat. There are 2 smaller ponds, fences are good overall. This parcel has excellent potential as a sight for a rural residence. There is a rural water line and electric lines running along the highway at the west edge of the tract. This tract will be sold in two equally sized parcels with the dividing line running directly due east across the property. The tract will be sold choice of the north or south half with the high bidder having the option of taking one or both tracts. If there are two buyers the survey cost will be divided between them. The 2010 property taxes were \$125.02 and will be divided by Riley County taxing authorities if there is more than one buyer.

Buggy to sell immediately following the land. This buggy was purchased by the Larson's in 1912 and was one of the first fully covered buggies in the area. It has remained in the family and has been stored inside ever since. It has a 2 horse hitch and is in very good shape. The canvas top is in need of repair.

TERMS: 10% down day of sale. Balance due in 30 days or upon delivery of a merchantable title. Title insurance and escrow fees to be paid 1/2 each by seller and buyer. Seller to pay 2010 and all prior years property taxes. Buyer to pay 2011 and all future years property taxes. Charlie Dugan and Charles Ray Dugan are tenants for the cultivated portions of Tracts 1 and 2. These farms are all planted to wheat and will be sold with the Dugans rights to harvest the 2011 wheat crop. New buyer shall receive landlords 40% share of the wheat and pay landlords share of crop expenses. New buyers to receive possession of cropland after harvest and pasture at the time of closing. Rob & Christy Jenkins currently rent the house and outbuildings of Tract 2 and will be allowed to remain on the property through April 1st, 2011, or longer upon mutual agreement between the Jenkins and the new buyer. Contracts, Deeds and down payments to be escrowed at **Clay County Abstract and Title Company, 509 Court St., Clay Center, KS 67432.** These properties will sell to the highest bidder sale day. The auction firm is working for the seller. Announcements made sale day take precedence over printed matter.

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 February 21 — Real Estate at Clyde for Wanda Jansen. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
 February 22 — Production sale, Hereford & Angus bulls & females at Manhattan for Mill Creek Ranch.
 February 23 — Real Estate at Norway for Mrs. Glenn (Cynthia) Larson & Mrs. Ralph "Mutt" (Noni) Larson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
 February 24 — Land in Riley County at Leonardville for C. Vincent Larson Trust. Auctioneers & salesmen: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman.
 February 24 — Machinery consignments at Cornlea, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Michael Wegener Implement, Inc.
 February 24 — Lincoln County cropland SE of Lincoln for Roger D. Suelter. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.
 February 25 — Chase Co. land & equipment near Cassoday for Robert & Nova Buell. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty Inc., Land Brokerage Division.
 February 26 — Tractors, planters, combines, heads, dozers, scrapers, blades, applicators & tanks, tillage, sprayers, grain trailer, flatbeds, semis, trucks, vehicles, 4-wheelers, motorcycles, boats, snowmobiles at Falls City, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Fleskoski Auction Service & Younger Land & Auction.
 February 26 — Well drilling equip., farm machinery, coins, guns & collectibles at Blue Rapids for Betty Jo Strader Estate. Auctioneers: Horigan, Olmsted & Prell.
 February 26 — Car, household & antiques, hand guns at Clay Center for Letha McNeil Estate & Dana & Jewel Robinson. Auctioneers: Mugler Auc-

tion Service.
 February 26 — Nemaha County land at Wetmore for David & Carla Bowhay. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.
 February 26 — Combine, headers, trailers, tractors, machinery, truck, skid loader, grain cart, trailers, wagons, ATV, lawn & garden, pickups, stock trailer & misc. SW of Beatrice, Nebraska for Robert Esau & Sons, Inc. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin
 February 26-March 5 — Simmental & SimAngus bulls, spring & fall, black & nondilute red at Clay Center for Hofmann Simmental Farms.
 March 1 — Butler County land at El Dorado for Howard R. Roths Family Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty Inc., Land Brokerage Division.
 March 2 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beatrice. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.
 March 2 — 21st annual production sale, Angus & A+Plus Balancer bulls near Agra for Spring Valley, LTD.
 March 3 — Marion County real estate at Peabody for F.W. (Bud) & Marjorie Gray. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
 March 4 — Angus production sale, bulls & females at Olsburg for Laflin Ranch.
 March 5 — Gelbvieh, Balancer & Red Angus bull sale at Pomona for Judd Ranch 33rd annual sale.
 March 5 — Greenwood County land at Eureka for property of Teichgraber Ranch, LLC. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc., Land Brokerage Division.
 March 7 — Farm sale N. of Concordia for Linden, Julie & Janet Snavely. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
 March 7 — 23rd annual Angus production sale, Angus bulls, open heifers near Manhattan for Lyons Ranch.
 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 Farms. Auctioneers: Schultis & Sons Auction.
 March 17 — 22nd Annual production sale at Esbon for Benoit Angus. James Birdwell, auctioneer.
 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 19 — Kaw Valley bottom ground NW Shawnee County, log home, small home, greenhouses, equipment at Silver Lake. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.
 March 20 — FFA Alumni annual consignment auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.
 March 21 — Farm sale, machinery, vehicles & misc. E. of Courtland for Sothers Partnership Liquidation. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
 March 22 — Genetrust at Suhn Cattle Co. Brangus, Ultrablack & Angus bull sale at Eureka.
 March 24 — Absolute dealer auction at Corsica, South Dakota for Noteboom Implement Inc. Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.
 March 26 — Farm equip., classic tractors, tools, iron, wood, antiques & collectibles, farm trucks & misc. near Chapman for Larry (Duff) & Nicki Doulton. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.
 March 26 — Personal property & collectibles at Waterville for Gerald & Lavonne McNary. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

March 27 — Farm auction at Seneca for Dan & Karen Henry. Auctioneers: Dan Deters Auction Co.
 March 28 — Horned Hereford & black Angus bulls & bwf heifers at Dwight for Oleen Brothers.
 March 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.
 April 3 — Consignments at Centralia.
 April 8 — Farm equipment, antique pulling tractors, buggies, wagons & horse tack at Waterville for Mrs. (Joe) Joyce Stryker. Auc-

tioners: Olmsted & Sandstrom.
 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.
 April 16 — Cattle equip. & farm misc. at Ada. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.
 May 14 — Farm equipment & household at Ada. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.
 May 27 — House & hold-hold, tools, Ranger pickup, 136 MF tractor at Wa-

terville for Russell Kalous Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.
 May 30 — Harley Gerdes 18th annual Memorial Day consignment auction at Lyndon.
 June 11 — Fink Beef Genetics Angus Female Sale at Randolph.
 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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 Cat 75C, 10271 hrs. complete overhaul at 9462 hrs., 27.5" tracks at 60%
 MF 2745, 8000 hrs., 3-pt., nice
 Allis Chalmers 7080, 20-8-38 axle mount duals, 3 remotes
 White 4-150 4WD, 3-pt., PTO, new 18-4-38 tires, 2 remotes, 3208 motor, good working order
 AC D17 Gas, wide front
 AC WD Gas, wide front, 3-pt.
 AC WC Gas, narrow front
 JD 9400 4WD, 710/70R38, PS, 4 remotes, 9850 hrs.
 JD 730 Diesel, Schwartz wide front, looks good

5 Planters

JD 1770 24-row 30" CCS, hyd. drive, Pro shaft drive, pneumatic down pressure, markers, Yetter row cleaners, totally tubular, liquid fertilizer, good condition
 JD 7000 6R30, Yetter coulters, monitor, tarp
 Kinze 05, 3650, 16/31 bulk fill, vacuum, coulters, row cleaners
 Kinze 99, 2600 16/31, finger pickup, field ready
 Case-IH 5400 soybean special, 20', 15-row, 15" with Elk Creek caddy, monitor, markers

3 Combines & 7 Heads

JD 9670 STS 2010 model, 482 sep hrs, self leveling shoe, hid lights, extended wear pkg, high unload rate, auto track ready, contour master, touch set, H/duty reverser, straw chopper
 JD 9500 chaff spreader, bin ext., 10 series updates, straw chopper, 30.5-32 tires, Green Star yield monitor, 3000 sep. hrs., 4000 motor, custom back hood by Johnny
 Gleaner R62 18-4-42 duals, excellent, contour master, yield monitor, \$30,000+ in repairs in last 2 seasons
 800 Series Gleaner 25' flex head, fore & aft, contour master drives, good condition
 8-row 30" hugger corn head, contour master drives
 JD 925 Flex dial A speed, fore & aft, poly snouts
 (4) 2006 893 corn head knife rolls, hyd. deck plates, header height
 (2) 4-wheel homemade header trailers



Dozers, Scrapers & Blades

JD 1050C Dozer, cab, AC, radio, lights, semi U blade, counter weight, 28" pad's, 160" blade, excellent appearance, good undercarriage, 2004 model, 6000 hrs., farmer owned, runs out good, 98,000#
 Komatsu D65-EX-15 semi U blade, cab, AC, radio, lights, 24" pads, less than 400 hrs. on complete under carriage, all new rollers, rails, sprockets, front idlers, 2 owner machine, rear hitch & counter weight, good condition, farmer owned, 5800 hrs.
 Reynolds 18CMX 18 yard pull scraper, 4 big rear tires 2001 model, carry all
 Holcomb model 1200 12 yard, eject scraper w/dolly wheels, excellent condition
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 (3) 1000-gal. NH3 running gears/less tanks

Tillage

(2) 2010 7-row 30" Unverferth in line rippers w/gauge wheels & coulters
 JD 637 Disk with harrow, 26.5' hyd. fore & aft, 2006 model, excellent condition
 Krause 21' Disk w/harrow
 JD 5x16 Plow

Sprayers

Spray coupe 3640, esp2 spray system, 60' 400 gallon, 2000 model 2143 hrs
 Willmar 7200, 1999 model 600 gallon tank 80' booms 5 section shutoffs, 2235 hrs
 Spray Coupe 230 w/trailer 60' booms raven controller, foam markers, good tires 2591 hrs
 P&K 1000 gallon 60' pull behind sprayer

Grain Trailer, Flatbeds & Trailers

2000 Neville 28' x 102", 2 hoppers, spring suspension, 78" sides, roll tarp, 70% tires, 950-bu. capacity, 2000 Neville 28' x 102" convertible hopper for header, 78" side, roll tarp, 80% tires 900-bu. capacity
 1998 Trailmobile 48' spread axle flatbed
 1990 Hobbs 40' extendable flatbed
 24" tandem axle flatbed, BH
 Ford cut-off box trailer w/camper shell
 2006 Dodge 3500 dually boxw/receiver, bumper, tailgate, spare tire, very good, black
 Pull-behind bale carrier

Augers, Conveyers & Wagons

Feteryl 12' x 72' swing hopper auger w/hyd. drive wheels & hyd. lift
 Feteryl 12' x 105' swing hopper auger w/hyd. drive wheels & hyd. lift
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 Batco drive over hopper conveyer, electric drive
 Westfield 13' x 35' belt conveyer, like new 3-phase motor



Feteryl 12' x 30' PTO auger
 Peck 10' x 30' PTO auger
 Peck 8' x 30' auger, new flighting, gas powered, but doesn't run
 (3) 300-bu. gravity wagons, 1 w/tarp

Semis, Straight Trucks & Vehicles

2003 Sterling day cab 450 Mercedes, 10-spd.
 1989 Peterbilt day cab, 379 ex-hood, 425 Cat, 15-spd., 11R24.5 tires front new, rear 50%, nice truck, comes from a good home
 1983 Chevy C-65 straight truck, 350 motor, 18' box & hoist, 582 transmission
 IH Loadstar 1700 straight truck, air brakes, 582 transmission, pusher, 18' box & hoist w/tarp, excellent condition
 2003 Chevy Suburban, 6.0 liter Vortec, 4x4, 4-wheel steer, DVD, Bose sound, leather
 2006 Ford Expedition Limited
 1997 GMC 3/4-ton, Knaphiede service bed, auto., 6.5 turbo diesel, runs & drives excellent
 1987 Jeep Cherokee Laredo

Side by Sides, 4-Wheelers, Motorcycles, Boats & Snowmobiles

2006 Ranger 4x4, 1 owner, 600 hrs., excellent condition
 JD Gater HPX 4x4 w/auto, dump box, full windshield & top, snow blade, low hours, one owner, excellent
 2003 Arctic Cat 300 4WD 4-wheeler
 Polaris Xplorer 4x4 4-wheeler, excellent condition & tires
 2005 Vulcan Kawasaki Classic, 3255 miles, windshield, saddle bags, custom pipes, excellent condition
 2003 Harley Davidson Sportster Custom, 100th Anniversary, 7000 miles nice
 1999 Nitro 18' Bass Boat, 125-horse
 Mercury outboard w/trolling motor
 Checkmate pleasure boat w/in-board motor, a true classic thru & thru
 1998 Polaris 700cc snowmobile, thumb & hand warmer, 121 track, 3270 miles, good condition

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It took Sir Edmund Hillary seven weeks to climb Mt. Everest, Admiral Peary twenty-three years to find the North Pole, Freckles Brown was forty-six when he rode Tornado and it took me two tries to pass Physiological Chemistry in vet school!

All monumental achievements. All-Around Champion should come with a prefixed title, some way we could address them properly like: Sir Trevor or Colonel Trevor or King Trevor. Others have earned their own titles; think of Princess Di, Judge Roy Bean, Superman, Machine Gun Kelly, Slick Willie, or Speedy West. I guess Trevor wouldn't care if we called him "Champ." Muhammed

Ali was okay with that, but...

"Alone at the Top." I saw him do it at the National Finals Rodeo last December. When he made his last ride around the arena, the crowd stood and applauded for a full minute just to let it soak in. We knew what he had done and we wanted him to know, to understand, that we recognized his greatness. Trevor the Great.

Face to face, he seems like a regular person. He doesn't wear a crown, or an Elvis cape, or guns like Roy Rogers. But on the back of a good horse with a rope in his hand, he becomes Zeus, the thunder rattling, lightning striking, mythical god of the sizzling twine-magic hand, two wraps and a hoey.

I'm put to mind of another All-Around World Champion who has not received the attention of the more flamboyant rough-stock world champions like Larry Mahan, six-time winner,

and Ty Murray, seven-time winner. When I was doing the pre-rodeo announcing for the Snake River Stampede and the Caldwell Night Rodeo in the '70s, Tom Ferguson, Miami, Oklahoma, was the big dog in the wolf pack.

He was a tie-down roper like Trevor, but also a steer wrestler. He dominated the game in his day. Like all world-champions will tell you, the competition was tough. He won the All-Around Champion buckle six times, but like no other

rodeo cowboy to this day, Tom won the title six years in a row!

So with a tip of the hat to Tom, I pay homage to Trevor Brazile. Eight-time All-Around World Champion Cowboy; the man, the machine, and the legend. Joe

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Lot 18—Final Answer—Angus



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Lot 78—Pendleton—Angus



BW 85 WW 663 YW 1305
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Lot 73—Pendleton—Angus



BW 66 WW 703 YW 1301
EPDs BW -0.9 WW 53 YW 98

Lot 71—Connealy Danny 4624—A+PLUSBalancer



BW 85 WW 751 YW 1337
EPDs BW -0.5 WW 52 YW 104

Lot 91—Contrast—Angus



BW 81 WW 682 YW 1432
EPDs BW 1.1 WW 43 YW 94



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