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A different kind of barn raising takes place near Frankfort

By Tom Parker

At first glance it looked like pieces of a puzzle—a very large puzzle whose pieces were long silvery metal tubing bent at odd angles.

Four picnic tables heaped with boxes of drill-screws, nuts, bolts, fasteners, drill bits, clamps, support beams and power tools rounded out the setting. Beyond the tables on a cultivated clearing between Dan and Mary Howell's house and a distant line of trees stood a skeletal frame that looked nothing at all like a traditional farm structure. Its ends were circular and separated by two rows of four-foot pipes buried in the ground. The uninitiated might have taken it for the beginnings of a greenhouse, and if so they would have been partly right.

The technical description was a high tunnel, or a hoop house as it's also known. And on Saturday, April 2, on their farm a few miles west of Frankfort, the Howells had an old-fashioned barn-raising, though the barn was a hoop house and the event was dubbed a "hoopla."

About 50 friends, neighbors and professionals seeking hands-on experience and instruction met to assemble the 30-foot by 96-foot high tunnel.

High tunnels are becoming increasingly popular across the state for small market producers wishing to not only extend their growing season but to protect their crops from adverse weather and pests. The market for such crops extends far beyond the boundaries of the local farmer's markets; one Hanover grower has contracted with nearby grocers



Bows were maneuvered into position with the use of a skid loader and helping hands.

Photos by Tom Parker

to sell fresh greens and vegetables, with the bulk of his projected crop already spoken for by Wichita interests.

The benefits of high tunnel farming appealed to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Kansas Environmental Quality Incentives Program. In late 2009, the NRCS announced a new pilot program that would provide financial assistance for growers in 38 states to include high tunnels as a way to reduce pesticide pollution and to promote organic production. Enabling producers to extend their growing season would benefit not only the producer but also the consumer, Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan said in a press release. The three-year study would verify if high tunnels were effective in reducing pesticide use, retaining vital nutrients in the soil, extending the growing season and increasing yields, she said. The project was part of the "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" initiative.

As friends, neighbors and curious professionals trickled in, Dan Nagengast, executive director for the Kansas Rural Center, presented a slideshow about various structural designs and site preferences, with some hard-won experience thrown in for good measure.

Concerning the plastic sheeting used for cover, he expressed a preference for a single layer of six-ply poly film, though some people often double up and pump air between the layers to



While helpers square up the corners, K-State videographer Deb Pryor films the action.

create a thermal barrier. Sides can be rolled up to allow ventilation and cooling or sectioned near the base and lowered toward the ground leaving a barrier to shelter seedlings from wind (The Howells used this method). Because farming often involves scrounging for materials, he used a broken golf club as a handle for the winch mechanism. The golf club always drew pointed remarks during presentations, he said. Still, he was taken aback when one man told him he'd followed his advice to a T but he was having a difficult time finding a broken golf club for a handle.

The plastic was rated for four years, he said, barring unforeseen accidents such as falling tree limbs punching holes in it.

"That also doesn't account for stupidity," he said. One time he parked his tractor too close to the tunnel wall and the exhaust melted a hole through the plastic. Following the program the participants met by the tunnel foundation. While small groups loosely supervised by Nagengast squared up the corners, Howell lifted two men in a skid loader to maneuver the bows, or central supports, into place. Each was a long hoop of steel that fastened atop the

ground pins. A production line quickly formed to feed the bows to the elevated crew while others wrestled them onto the pins.

By midmorning the bows were complete and work began on the purlin, a horizontal pipe bridging the bows to add structural integrity. Another group began fastening trusses in a zigzag pattern to add structural support.

Crews broke for lunch after much of the framing was complete. Cary Rivard, a K-State horticultural specialist, gave a presentation on market crops best suited for high tunnels. Specialty crops such as berries do

very well, he said, though tomatoes, lettuce and spinach are all cash crop staples. Tomatoes are usually trellised to grow vertically, increasing yield and maximizing space.

By late afternoon trusses zigzagged down the bows but rising winds precluded installing the plastic sheeting. The Howells expected the tunnel to be complete within a week.

Brad Schoenhofer, who drove from Newton to help, said high tunnels would transform agriculture in the state. "You can grow and sell locally and provide a superior product," he said. "This is the future."



Farming, heaping pile of old machinery, and inventing?

By Meghan Mueseler

I remember watching Sesame Street playing the game "which of the three items displayed does not belong?" So join me in a little game. Of the following three items which one does not belong? Farming, a heaping pile of old machinery, and inventing.

I say they ALL belong! My family heritage has a lot of 'collecting' in their past. Hence, the reason I have a subway ticket from my first trip to New York City, a piece of the Berlin Wall, and an old

broken heated water dish to name a few collectibles in my house!! But I want to share with you a time when in my family heaping piles of machinery led to an inventive solution to a farming issue my great-grandfather and grandfather had.

Please note this article ran in the July 24, 1928 issue of The Hiawatha Daily World which I typed word for word (spelling errors and all) as it would have appeared in that 1928 issue. I also found it interesting that a whole

year of the newspaper would cost you \$3.00... a little less than a gallon of gas today!

Remote Control Is Employed In Running Tractor

Frank Meuseler, his son Carl, at their farm southwest of Powhattan, have perhaps never given serious attention to radio. They have heard of broadcasting by "remote control" but have never thoroughly investigated the methods of broadcasting. They farm instead of broadcast, but they employ remote control to an advantage in steering a tractor from a binder seat. The device worked perfectly this season. They found that when they pulled a binder with a tractor one of them had to be on each machine. This seemed a waste of labor so they got busy inventing. A long piece of inch gas pipe was used as a shaft. An old auto steering wheel was placed on the binder end. Two universal joints were

used to make the shaft flexible for turning corners, to take care of rough ground. One of the joints is the universal from an old liza, the other being made at the farm from three iron rings. A large bracket of gas pipe is bolted to the binder near the drivers seat to hold the shaft in position. A lever works the clutch. The Meuselers often buy old machinery which comes in handy for just such inventions as their steering apparatus.

I love pulling this article out, and reading it makes me proud of my heritage. It also helps me to know that as an industry we are truly an innovative industry. Today, we may have more technology in order to help us farm and to create new innovations, but even in 1928 our industry was setting the trend others would follow. Well, it also makes me feel better that I come from a long line of 'collectors'!

Experts: Farmers not to blame for high food prices

(AP) — Farmers and ethanol producers have braced for what they expect could be widespread criticism as corn prices are rising rapidly and other food costs are following.

A similar increase five years ago generated a storm of criticism, with many in the food industry blaming the ethanol industry for buying up corn that could be used for food and faulting farmers for capitalizing on the higher prices. Many farmers and ethanol producers worried then the complaints would force a change in agriculture and energy policies and fewer subsidies for their industries, but prices came down and that didn't happen.

Now, they're concerned again as corn prices rose even higher last week following an announcement that U.S. farmers are planting the second largest corn crop since 1944,

but it won't be enough to meet growing worldwide demand. Corn has traded at more than \$7 a bushel this month, more than double last summer's \$3.50, and many traders say it could pass the record \$7.65 set in 2008.

But experts say those prices have little to do with what shoppers pay at the grocery store, and farmers and ethanol producers aren't responsible for recent increases in the cost of groceries.

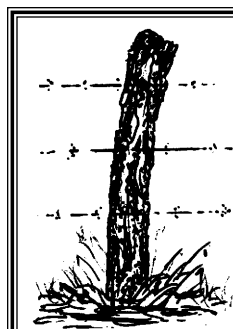
"It's a whole slew of things that have influenced that price," said Chad Hart, an agricultural economist at Iowa State University. He ticked off some of them: "When you look at the cost of our food, it is related to the cost of corn, soybeans and wheat and cattle but also the cost of oil, gas, diesel and unrest in other parts of the world."

All of those factors mean consumers may have more to complain about for a while. Corinne Alexander, an agriculture economist from Purdue University, predicted food inflation will average between 4 percent and 4 1/2 percent this year. Normal food inflation is about 2 1/2 percent, she said.

"We are going to enter that world again where folks are getting squeezed and they want an explanation for it," she said.

Rick Tolman, chief executive of the National Corn Growers Association, said his group has already begun to hear complaints aimed at farmers that are similar to those expressed in 2006 and 2007, when congressional hearings on commodity prices and market speculation were held. He said the criticism is unfounded.

"(Corn) prices went up in 2006-07 and food prices followed and corn prices



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

The Hazards Of Burning

So far this season, we have helped burn around 1,700 acres of pasture land for ourselves and neighbors. Most of the dead grass averaged knee-high in height, which gives an abundance of fuel. To top it off, the winds have sometimes been extreme, gusting to 30 and even 40 mph, which is beyond safety limits.

We consider it safe to burn when the pastures are bordered by wheat, alfalfa, or county rock roads or have been backburned 40 or more feet, depending on how rank the grass is along the border and how much the early spring grasses are showing.

Having previously burned around three sides of the pasture, last weekend my crew and I set fire to three quarters of grass in the late afternoon, when the humidity was low, the temperature was warm, and the wind gusts were strong, up to as high as 40 mph. We felt sure it would be contained. I set fire along Wolf Creek and watched it go south, pushed by the strong wind up a steep hill and through grass knee-high.

I don't frighten easily; but when we saw a wall of fire racing up that hill, at a speed my neighbor estimated to be 80 mph, great concern entered our minds. Nothing would have been able to outrun it and get out of its way. It was as hot as it was fast and could have cooked a wiener in the twinkle of an eye, with me being the wiener. I was reminded of stories of yesteryear about prairie fires that plagued the pioneers. I have heard that some would go for 70 miles before burning out.

Daniel and Matthew, two young neighbors, recognized the hazard sooner than I did, for I was intent on setting the fire. They followed close to my four-wheeler with their own, making sure I didn't fall in a hole or upset. Then we realized that we had to get out of the creek bottom before the fire cut us off from our escape, up and around a very steep cliff.

We followed the fire 1 1/4 miles to a county road, where the road

ditch of dead grass fed the flames. We were wondering if the road would be wide enough to stop the fire. It was, although a wall of smoke drifted across the road, used mostly by a few farmers, cutting visibility to zero for a short while. We had prayed for a safe burn, and God gave it to us.

In all the seriousness and concern that go with burning experiences, there was a humorous note. After being informed by the tenant who farms near us that the CRP grass adjoining ours was definitely not to be burned, we cautiously burned our own CRP grass, first disking across its border and then burning when the wind was from the east to carry it away from the neighbor's field. With our new slide-in spray system, which puts out a really big spray, we were able to control it easily. Another day we backburned our pasture on the south side of the neighboring CRP. Everything looked good. Then we proceeded to another location. The wind came up, fanning a smoldering little spot where we had burned on the south, causing it to spark and creep into the CRP grass. When the smoke was seen, the rural fire department was called for assistance and two trucks were sent out. One truck got stuck in a small ravine where a little stream was flowing, but another small truck made it through to fight Goliath. Our own truck with a full tank of water arrived, and together they fought the fire. With the added help from a north wind, the fire was out within an hour. Only a few acres of the grass had been burned in a corner of the field.

Now for the irony and humor. When the situation was explained to the agent who deals with the out-of-state property owner, he said, "Why didn't you just burn it all? They want it burned this year and will gladly pay someone to do it."

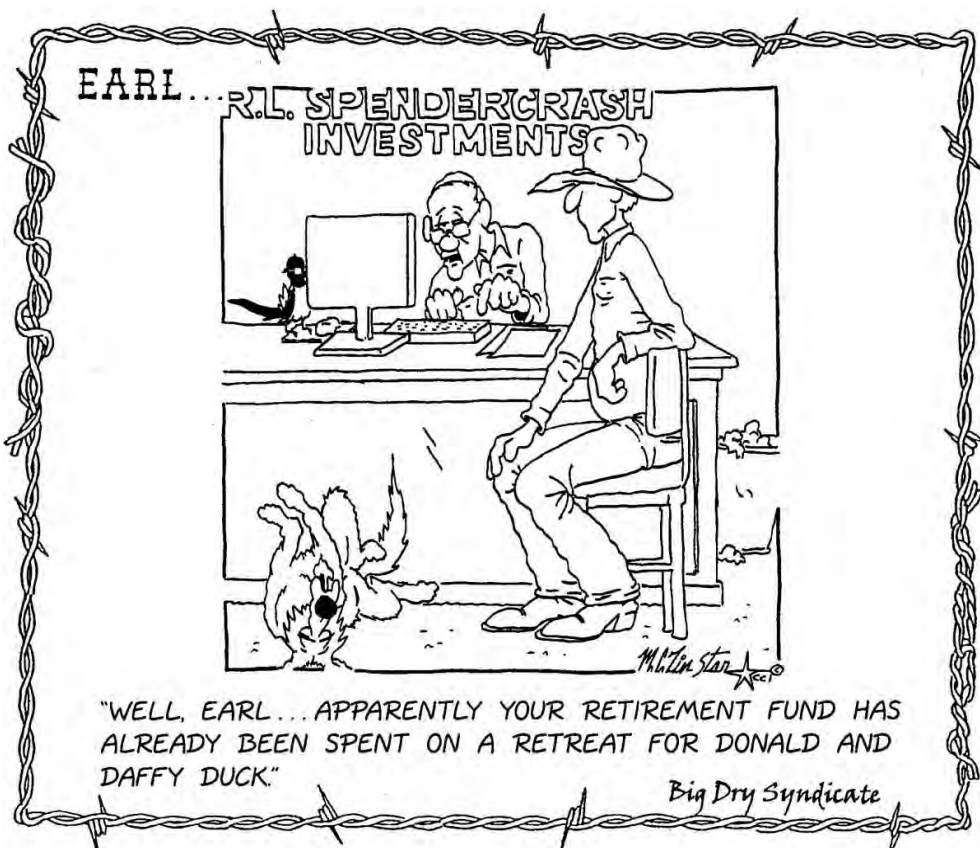
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came down and we see didn't see food companies lower their prices," he said.

Scott Faber, a spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers Association, disputed that, saying food prices declined last year as a result of commodity prices falling the year before.

"Some products are much more sensitive to increases in corn prices, including meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products," he said. "For some products, you see it fairly quickly and see an equally quick decrease and for other products the lag time is longer."

Tolman said one problem is that there's more speculation in the corn market — in which people base investments on what they think the market will do in the future — than there should be. But, he said, that's not farmers' fault.

Alexander agreed, saying poor weather last year led to a smaller harvest than expected and, with demand high and reserves at their lowest level in 15 years, commodity prices rose. But farmers don't control that, she said.

"No individual farmer can control the price he receives for his crop," she said. "That's determined by global supply and demand factors."

Ethanol producers acknowledge they've increased demand for corn but say it's not enough to affect food prices.

Matt Hartwig, a spokesman for the Renewable Fuels Association, said the ethanol industry

only uses about 25 percent of the nation's corn supply. He said he believes much of the criticism he has heard is because most people don't understand what goes into the prices of groceries.

"Ethanol has increased demand for corn, but the lion's share of the responsibility for rising food prices has to do with volatile energy prices," Hartwig said. "It is the price of energy, oil, gas, diesel, that makes what you buy at the store more expensive."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture report released last month broke down where each dollar spent on groceries goes. Farmers received an average of 11.6 cents per dollar in 2008, the latest year

data was available. That was down from 13 1/2 cents 10 years ago and from 14 1/2 cents in 1993, the USDA report showed.

The rest of the money goes to processing, packaging, transportation, retail trade and food service, which includes anyplace that prepares meals, snacks and beverages for immediate consumption including deli counters and in-store salad bars. The share going to each category has declined some, except for food service which now gets 33.7 cents of every dollar spent, the USDA reported.

"While the commodity and food prices have been going up, the share going back to the farmer has been going down," Hart said.



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Celebrate With Irresistibly Easy Double Chocolate Fig Macaroons

(NAPSA) — Celebrating special times with friends and family often calls for an irresistible dessert. Macaroons, updated to include chocolate and figs, deliver on all fronts. Recipes for macaroons abound and often feature coconut as a main ingredient. Not so in Double Chocolate Fig Macaroons; here, figs, chocolate and almonds star and give tradition a whole new flair.

In these easy-to-make macaroons, sweet, chewy chunks of California figs and morsels of semisweet chocolate are surrounded by a mixture of ground toasted almonds and cocoa. The recipe is triple-tested, so you can be assured of success. Plus, there's no flour or other ingredients containing gluten, making these macaroons gluten-free.

The versatility and nutritional advantages of California figs make them ideal ingredients in many traditional and contemporary dishes. Figs deliver a multitude of nutritional benefits including fiber, calcium, iron and potassium. Use golden, slightly nutty-flavored Calimyrna figs or dark, sweet Mission figs interchangeably in recipes; both give a sweet, chewy, delightful crunch.

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1 cup Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
2 cups toasted slivered blanched almonds
1 cup granulated sugar
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 large egg
1 large egg white
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup semisweet chocolate morsels
Confectioner's (powdered) sugar



Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 350 degrees. Line large baking sheet with foil (coated with nonstick spray) or parchment paper. Remove stems and chop figs; set aside. In food processor, process almonds with sugar, cocoa powder and salt until nuts are finely ground. Add egg, egg white and almond extract. Process until well blended. Remove dough from processor to separate bowl. Stir in figs and chocolate morsels. With lightly oiled hands, form rounded tablespoonfuls of dough into balls. Place balls, 2 inches apart, on sheet. Flatten each ball to 1 3/4-inch circle. Bake for 12 minutes or until cookies are set; do not overbake. Cool on wire rack. Sift confectioner's sugar over cookies. Store in airtight container. Makes about 30 cookies.

10 Items To Put On Your Home Spring Cleaning List

(NAPSA) — The changing seasons are a reminder that it's time to check around the house to make sure things are operating properly and safely. Here are 10 often overlooked tasks to add to your home spring cleaning list.

1. Defrost the freezer: Ice buildup makes freezers less efficient and takes up space. Throw away out-of-date or freezer-burnt food.
2. Update the first-aid kit: Replace missing supplies and update emergency contact information, including the poison control center.
3. Donate old clothes: Clean out closets and take unused clothes to a clothing donation center.
4. Clean up the computer: Delete old files

and e-mails, organize documents and photos into folders and run a virus scan.

5. Clean the chimney: Hire a chimney sweep to clear the flue and perform an inspection.

6. Caulk and weather strip: Keep rain from seeping in and cooled or heated air from seeping out by caulking around windows and doors.

7. Drain the hot water heater: Check for rust and remove sediment that may have collected at the bottom of your hot water heater.

8. Call the termite inspector: Termites establish new colonies every spring, so get a professional inspection of your home.

9. Review your family emergency plan: Have an established plan in case of fire or other emer-

gency. Make sure windows and other escapes are easy to open from the inside.



10. Check batteries: There are 21 battery-operated devices in the average home-from flashlights to smoke detectors to cordless phones. Test each device and replace the batteries with fresh ones.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, about 3,000 people in the United States lose their lives in residential fires every year. You should test smoke alarms once a

month and change the batteries inside at least twice a year. Also replace smoke alarm batteries if the detector emits a warning sound, such as chirping or beeping. Make sure there's at least one working smoke alarm on every level of your home, particularly inside or near sleeping areas.

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Sen. Jerry Moran to address ag issues at K-State's 'Food for Thought' event

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran will speak at the Kansas Farm Bureau on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 7 p.m. This lecture is the third installment in the K-State student and young alumni group Food for Thought's Dr. Dan Upson lecture series.

Moran will discuss current issues facing the agriculture industry and will re-affirm his longtime support for agriculture education. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Raised in Plainville, Moran is a leading advocate in the U.S. Senate for

protecting and preserving the special way of life in Kansas. The senator serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Veterans' Affairs; Small Business; and the Special Committee on Aging. Moran also serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies.

Prior to his election to the Senate on Nov. 2, 2010, then-Congressman Moran served Kansans in the "Big First" congressional

district for seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. As a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, Moran worked with colleagues to craft legislation that allowed Kansas farms and ranches to remain viable in today's competitive global marketplace.

The lecture sponsor, Food for Thought, is a grass-roots group of K-Staters who seek to bridge the gap between agriculture and consumers. The group includes undergraduate, graduate and veterinary students, as well as young alumni.

More information about Food For Thought is available at the group's blog, <http://bloggingfoodforthought.blogspot.com/> on Facebook or on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/fftgroup>.

The Upson lecture series is named after Dr. Dan Upson, K-State retired professor emeritus. Dr. Upson taught in K-State's College of Veterinary medicine for 35 years before retiring with Emeritus status in 1994. He has received numerous awards for his dedication to classroom teaching and the veterinary profession.

Women in Ag to hold program in Salina

Women who have an interest in agriculture know that communication sometimes is difficult especially when more than one generation is involved in the farm operation.

Women with a farming connection either as a partner, a full-time farmer, or a land owner are invited to attend the Women in Ag program in Salina, Thursday, April 28.

Charlotte Shoup Olsen,

Kansas State University Extension specialist, will be the featured speaker presenting "Family Talk - Making it Work." She will discuss how to build better relationships and a stronger family business by making communication work in your family. The information will also be useful in communicating with tenants and landlords.

Following the speaker, networking groups will

allow women to discuss their concerns and get to know other women with similar interests and roles in agriculture.

The Women in Ag program in Salina is Thursday, April 28, at the Redeemer Lutheran church at 743 E. Magnolia. The program starts at 7:00 pm with registration at 6:30. Pre-registration is requested by April 22. Call the K-State Research and Extension Office in Salina

at 785-309-5850 to pre-register.

Contact Mary Lou Odle, District Extension agent, in Salina at 785-309-5850 with questions.

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Sorghum Checkoff referendum passes with majority ruling

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced last Wednesday that the United Sorghum Checkoff Program referendum held Feb. 1-28, 2011, has produced a majority consensus and the Sorghum Checkoff will remain in operation.

Bill Kubecka, USCP chairman and Palacios, Texas, farmer said the passing of the referendum is a big step in the right direction for the sorghum industry.

"The Sorghum Checkoff will continue funding projects to improve sorghum production and demand enhancements to increase the value of U.S. sorghum and farmers' profitability," Kubecka said. "There are still many obstacles to overcome, but we will build a stronger sorghum industry through research, market development and education efforts."

The Sorghum Checkoff was established under the Commodity Research, Promotion and Information Act of 1996, and according to the USDA Act and Order, was required to hold a referendum within three years of beginning operations. Sorghum farmers who paid an assessment had an opportunity to vote through their local Farm Service Agency office to determine the future of the national checkoff.

"The passing of the referendum is an important milestone for the crop and the industry," said Bill Greving, Sorghum Checkoff past chairman from Prairie View. "The Sorghum Checkoff has accomplished many goals and will continue to work hard to drive the sorghum industry forward."

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KSU to sponsor canola field tours in May

Kansas farmers will have several opportunities to get a first-hand look at canola fields and research plots in Kansas during the Canola Field Tours scheduled for May. “The winter canola crop has survived the winter in good condition and we want to give producers an opportunity to see the crop growing in the field,” said Mike Stamm, K-State Research and Extension canola breeder.

“These field tours allow canola producers and those interested in growing canola to view the crop at a time when yield potential is being determined,” Stamm said.

Times, locations and speakers for the tour, which is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, include:

- May 2 — 10 a.m.: Jimmy Vardy Farm, Anthony — View canola/wheat rotation blocks including four winter canola varieties tolerant to sulfonylurea herbicide soil residual.

- May 4 — 9 a.m.: Dean Elvin Farm, Marquette — View 20 commercial winter canola cultivars and canola/wheat rotation blocks.

- May 23 — 2 p.m.: K-State Southwest Research-Extension Center, Garden City — View the National Winter Canola variety trial and learn about today's

newest and top-performing varieties. Also learn about wheat varieties and diseases, cover crops and vertical tillage.

- May 24 — 1 p.m.: Ed Schultz Farm, Arlington — Canola/wheat rotation blocks, including four winter canola varieties tolerant to sulfonylurea herbicide soil residual.

- May 24 — 2:30 p.m.: K-State Redd Foundation Field, Partridge — View the National Winter Canola Variety Trial, K-State intermediate variety trials, and experimental K-State Roundup Ready winter canola cultivars.

- May 25 — 10 a.m.: Sedgwick County wheat and canola plots, Clearwater — View 20 commercial canola cultivars, along with the Sedgwick County wheat tour. Wheat varieties and diseases will be discussed. Lunch will follow this tour.

- May 26 — 10 a.m.: Tim Tureck Farm, Wellington — Canola/wheat rotation blocks, including nine winter canola cultivars, along with the Sumner County wheat tour. Wheat varieties and diseases will also be discussed.

Producers, county extension agents, agronomists, and those involved in agribusiness are welcome to attend and learn more about new canola cultivars, variety testing pro-

grams, and production practices, Stamm said. “The K-State canola breeding program coordinates the testing of commercial and

experimental cultivars across the State of Kansas. We are also very interested in better understanding wheat's performance fol-

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USGC pleased with progress on U.S.-Colombia free trade deal

After years of negotiations and advocacy for the passage of a free trade agreement (FTA) between the United States and Colombia, the U.S. Grains Council learned early last Wednesday morning that a deal has been struck on labor, clearing the way for liberating the flow of trade between the United States and this strategic trading partner in Latin America.

"The U.S. Grains Council compliments the Administration and Congress for their support of U.S. producers and for constantly keeping the issue of free trade on the table over these last several months," USGC chairman Terry Vinduska, said. "We are also grateful for the cooperation the Colombian government has provided the Council in helping U.S. lawmakers understand the importance of free trade agreements between the United States and these two countries."

The Council has been extremely active in advocating the need to ratify the agreement. Earlier this year, the Council coordinated briefings with representatives of the Colombian feed milling, swine and wheat industries to the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee and House and Senate Agriculture Committees. They explained that while the United States has been a reliable supplier, duty preferences afforded to Argentina and Brazil have eroded the competitiveness of U.S. commodities.

In March, USGC president and CEO Thomas C. Dorr testified in front of the U.S. House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, emphasizing the benefits of a ratified Colombia-U.S. FTA as well as other pending FTAs the United States has with various countries. He explained how the growing middle class in South and Central America posed

ripe opportunities for U.S. producers and how trade competition was tightening in the region as both countries pursued FTAs with other nations.

Speaking at the U.S. Grains Council's 50th Annual Board of Delegates Meeting last July, Ambassador Islam A. Siddiqui, chief agriculture negotiator for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, reassured participants of the efforts trade officials were making to ratify pending bilateral agreements.

Dorr said he is pleased with the cooperation coming from Colombian and U.S. politicians in continuing efforts to make the pending FTA a reality. "In light of today's good news, I am hopeful Congress will be able to ratify this much needed agreement with Colombia in the near term. The Council, U.S. producers and agribusinesses look forward to a strong trade relationship with Colombia," he said.

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Belle Plaine was established south of Wichita in 1871. The Chisholm Trail was a dozen miles or so west but Belle Plaine's founders were more interested in the surrounding rich soil than in cattle. Covered wagons brought aspiring farmers from Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and New York, as well as Canada, Scotland, Germany, and England.

Belle Plaine continued as an unorganized city until 1884. The burgeoning population of one thousand people required an authorized city government to manage

municipal affairs. That required recognition by the state of Kansas as a third class city. The petition for incorporation was signed March 20, 1884.

Belle Plaine was a pleasant community, one in which anyone would have felt comfortable raising a family. That fall the town celebrated a grand "Democratic Jubilee." The celebration was in full swing on the evening of November 14, 1884, as citizens filled Merchant Street, enjoying the companionship of friends and neighbors. Fireworks punctuated the festive evening which

seemed to center around the Monarch Billiard Parlor.

As the night wore on Belle Plaine City Marshal John Wallen forgot that he was the guardian of safety for the town and imbibed just a little too much whiskey. He became increasingly loud and disruptive to the point that Monarch proprietor Charles Gurtner had to step in and warn the marshal that his drinking was getting out of hand and that it might be best if he left. Marshal Wallen took Gurtner's advice but offered a little of his own as he left. "I'm running this town and I'll run it as I please, even if I have to kill a half dozen men to do it."

Wallen had evidently made a few enemies. As the marshal stepped into the street the sound of a shot split the air. The bullet splintered the awning above Wallen's head. Instantly Marshal Wallen pulled his pistol. Identifying Lum Griffith as his potential assassin Wallen leveled his .45 over a

bystander's shoulder. The "crack" of the pistol in the close quarters echoed as the lawman's bullet hit a bystander, John Crouch, below the mouth and exited the right side of his neck. Crouch fell dead to the ground as the bullet continued on. Griffith cried out, "I'm shot!" but soon discovered that the bullet had spent all its energy and while he had felt it hit his chest, it stopped just inside his coat.

It didn't take long for a crowd to gather around the deadly scene. Seeing their dead neighbor lying in the street the good Belle Plaine citizens lost all sense of polite behavior. Threats were uttered and crowds began to grow ugly. Former City Marshal W. R. Rogers was luckily on hand to arrest Marshal Wallen. As the two marched off to jail with Wallen in handcuffs someone shouted "Hang the murderer."

Wallen's victim, John Crouch, was honored with a public memorial. His body was placed in the front win-

dow of the Monarch to lie in state before his burial.

It was obvious that trouble was brewing as Wallen was locked up in the jail. Twelve men were deputized to guard the prisoner but in the Old West few prisoners survived the night under those circumstances. In the early morning hours of November 15, 1884, a mob of perhaps 100 angry citizens stormed through the doorway of the jail. With lamps

in hand to light the way Wallen was taken back to the Monarch Billiard Parlor. The mob presented John Couch's lifeless body to the killer and once they were satisfied that he was aware of the consequence of his vile deed, lamps were extinguished one by one. A rope was thrown over a beam in the awning that had stopped a bullet meant for Wallen. Now the awning would serve as his gallows. Wallen

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begged to be given a fair trial as the noose was placed around his neck. Suddenly the rope jerked and the night air was refused.

Once the good citizens of Belle Plaine were assured that their one-time marshal was no longer with the living, someone led the crowd in three cheers. The following Sunday morning churchgoers were greeted with the ghastly scene of one man hanging from the Monarch awning while another silently lay in the front window, testament to the dangers of that could be waiting for those who dared travel 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 ©2011



4-H'er Morgan Mobley, Overland Park, displays her grand champion market steer from the Johnson County Spring Beef Show held April 2 at the fairgrounds. Morgan also placed first in senior showmanship.

Photo by Mike Smith

Supreme Court lets Kansas continue water use suit against Nebraska

Last week the U.S. Supreme Court granted Kansas permission to proceed with litigation against Nebraska for alleged overuse of water in the Republican River basin, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced.

The Supreme Court granted Kansas leave to file its petition against Nebraska for alleged overuse of water from the river. This reopens the 1998 litigation that Kansas brought against Nebraska and Colorado based on the Republican River Compact that the three states signed in 1943. The states reached a negotiated settlement of the 1998 litigation, and the Supreme Court in

2003 entered a decree approving the terms of the settlement.

Kansas now alleges Nebraska violated both the settlement decree and the compact by overusing more than 78,000 acre-feet of water during a two-year period from 2005 to 2006. In May 2010, Kansas sought permission to ask the Supreme Court to re-open the case and enforce the terms of the settlement. The Court has now granted permission for Kansas to proceed.

"We expect Nebraska to live up to our prior agreement governing water flow in the Republican River," Schmidt said. "This decision by the U.S. Supreme Court allows us to proceed and gives Kansas the chance to press our case and protect our state's and citizens' interests."

The federal government supported the Kansas request to reopen the case to enforce the settlement agreement. In its filing on the matter, the federal government expressed concerns about the effects of Nebraska's groundwater pumping on the federal water projects in the Republican River basin.

The Court also appointed a special master for the case, William J. Kayatta, Jr., who practices with the Pierce Atwood firm in Portland,

Maine. The special master functions like a trial judge in Supreme Court cases involving the states. He is authorized to take evidence and to make reports and recommendations to the Court.



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Lost Trails

Poking around in the woods or mountains can be a lot of fun. Poking around those places on horseback is even more fun. Looking over new country on your best horse and maybe even having a pack horse along carrying camping gear is satisfying to any horseman's soul. Sometimes I like to get as far away from civilization as possible. My best memories are packing into the mountains and setting up camp for a weekend of fly fishing on the high moun-

tain lakes.

Spending time poring over topographical maps looking for new places in the mountains is never boring. You can wonder all you want what particular places look like but you'll never know until you saddle up and head for the hills to see for yourself.

Sometimes it is hard to decipher the maps. Finding some of those places you've picked out to explore can be a challenge. More than once, I've rode for miles

looking for a particular place. Those times almost always end up spending the night in a siwash camp in a place I didn't want to be. Usually you end up in a dry camp with lots of firewood but a long way from the place you wanted to camp. That doesn't make for a happy camper and your horses aren't pleased with the situation either since they have to spend the night on a picket line instead of hobbled in a nice grassy meadow.

You eventually find the place you were looking for but you've wasted a day searching for that interesting spot you thought you could ride to in a few hours. Trails are easy to lose in the deep woods and crossing over the wrong ridge or riding down a dead end canyon can take you miles from your target. When you do find the place, you'll be able to ride back to the spot with no problem once you figure out the right trails.

There is an answer to finding the right trails leading into those places way back in the woods or high in

the mountains. A pocket GPS can make life a lot easier for the back-country horseman. It can show you the way and keep you on the right trail whether you're coming or going in daylight or the blackness of night. They're amazing little devices. I don't know how they pack all those maps and information in such a small, compact gadget. To me, they are nothing less than a miracle. A pocket GPS can keep you out of trouble and point the way home and never lose the trail. What's more, they can steer you right to the spot you want to camp and save you lost time hunting and pecking around the woods wondering how to get there.

The best part is that the units are very affordable. You can acquire one of these super navigation units for under \$200 and even name brand units sell for a little over \$100. The best units have a SD card slot that you can pre-load with chips that have a topo map of the area you intend to travel. With one of the chips installed, your posi-

tion is projected right on the screen pinpointing your location right over the topo map.

Knowing exactly where you are in the woods lends a sense of security and takes the worry out of finding the right trail. You'll know exactly where your destination is and how to get there. It can also show the best way to go around obstacles like steep draws, dead end canyons or find the best places to cross rivers and creeks. The hand-held pocket units are probably more suited for horsemen because of their compact size. They easily fit in your pocket or saddle bags when not in use. They are all portable and most models are waterproof and durable with good antennas that will receive the satellite signals when in heavy wooded areas or hilly regions.

Most units use two AA batteries and can operate

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Your horses and pack horses will be tickled you didn't leave home without one. You'll save them a lot of miles by riding right to your intended destination. They'll appreciate grazing in that grassy meadow rather than spending the night on a picket line.

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Logan Allen, Gardner, showed the first place Chianina breeding heifer at the April 2 Johnson County Spring Beef show. Logan also placed second in intermediate showmanship.

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JD 220- 20ft. hyd. center fold cone disc; Krause 18ft. hyd. center fold disc w. 22in. blades; JD 1010 grain drill 16ft. 10in spacing; JD 535 big round baler w. monitor; NH 357 grinder mixer; NH 275 wire tie square baler; Case 330 twine tie square baler; JD 200 stacker and stack mover; JD 2 wheel manure spreader; JD 350 3pt. 9ft. sickle mower; JD pull type sickle 7ft. mower; Farmhand 890B tub grinder; JD 3800 forage 2 row harvester; Ro-Cut 3pt. 6ft. rotary mower; Big Ox 8ft. reversible blade; 3pt 25KW portable generator; Ford 903 3pt. post hole digger; JD 6x16 semi mounted plow; Glencoe 22ft. field cultivator; Farmhand w. hay buck; Hutchinson 40ft.x 6in. grain auger; Buffalo 3pt. 6 row planter; Buffalo 6 row cultivator; 2- 4 wheel wagons; 30ft. bale elevator; 10ft. 3pt. chisel; JD 3 & 4 bottom plows; 30 pieces older farm machinery; 500 gal. propane tank; 15- 6ft. grader blades; 3pt. big bale mover; Cattle 10ft. metal catch pen panels; elect. fence posts.

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2007 JD EZ Track 2445 48in. zero turn riding lawn mower, 99 hrs. like new; 2 push lawn mowers; 1990 Kawasaki 300 Bayou 4x4- 4 wheeler; Briggs 5000 watt portable generator; gas hi pressure washer; Coleman elect. air compressor; Oregon 16in. chain saw; battery charger; Neiko 10in. compound miter box saw w/dbl slide assembly; new band saw; 20 ton hyd. shop press; cut off saw & 10 extra blades; 4.5in. metal band saw & stand; arc welder; table saw; Laser level w. tripod; new parts washer; ½ sack portable cement mixer; Hyd. gear puller set; Waterloo metal top & bottom drawer tool box; 2- ¾ drive socket sets & impact sockets; 1in. drive sockets incl. deep well; elect. key hole saw kit; Milwaukee reciprocating saw; 3- ½, 3/8, & ¼ in. drive socket sets standard & metric; ½ in. air impact wrenches; 2- ½ in. & 3/8in. impact socket sets; 7 pc. Set of ProGear wrenches; open & box end wrenches; 100ft. air hose; space heater; 2 bench vises; 3 tap & die sets; drill bit set ½ to 1 1/8in.; 5 small drill bit sets; finish sander; jig saw; hammer drill; Morse hole saw kit; router bit set; 36in., 24in., & 18in. pipe wrenches; 24in. crescent wrench; 7 ratchet straps; 50lbs LaGrange welding rod; 2- 4in. grinders & 90 new grinding wheels; chain hoist.

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, & HOUSEHOLD

48in. roll top desk; oval claw footed table; fancy parlor love seat, chair, & matching rocker; cedar chest; dresser; wardrobe; book shelf; metal cabinet; 2 wall windup pendulum clocks; wood kitchen clock; Seth Thomas wood clock; fancy mantel clock; 2 other clocks; revolving fan; vases; pictures; bell collection; 12 hen on nest; 11 cookie jars; 80 figurines; cream cans; cream separator; hand corn sheller & planter; painted cross cut saw; hand scythe; toy fire engine; **34 John Deere Toy Tractors**; JD 8400; JD 7020 4WD; JD 8020; JD 5010; JD 4440; JD 4430; JD 4020 standard; JD 4020 w. cab special collectors edition; JD 4020 w. JD 237 corn picker; JD 4020 power shift; JD 4020; JD 4000; JD 3020 w. 48 loader; JD 3010; JD 720 hi-crop; 2- JD 830; JD 830 special edition; JD 730; JD 730 diesel; JD 620; JD 630; JD 420 w. KBL disc; JD 720 w. 80 blade & 45 loader; JD 720 Diesel; 2 JD model G; JD 70; JD 70 Diesel; JD B unstyled; JD B; JD Waterloo Boy; JD A; JD A w. 290 series MTD cultivator; **JD Toy Machinery**; JD F145H- 5 bottom mold-board plow; JD 494-A 4row planter; JD barge wagon; JD 414T twine tie baler; JD hay wagon; **Household**.

Lunch by Chuck Wagon. **TERMS CASH: Nothing removed until settled for. Not Responsible for Accidents.**

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Producers, industry representatives participate in wheat market update

The status of the wheat crop throughout the Great Plains was the focus of the Producer Market Awareness seminar held March 29-30 at the Kansas State University International Grains Program (IGP) Conference Center.

Twenty-five wheat producers and industry representatives from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming and Texas attended the seminar, hosted by IGP in partnership with Plains Grains, Inc. Along with the on-site attendees, 22 participants from the U.S., Brazil and South Africa joined in the seminar through a live Web connection.

In addition to the 2011 crop conditions, producers learned about how cli-

mate, transportation and markets impact their business decisions.

"It was beneficial for me to see how broad the industry really is and how all these factors work together," said Paul Fruendt, wheat producer from Guthrie, Okla.

Armed with the most current information, producers like Von Johnson of Cambridge, Neb., are able to use their knowledge to make business decisions. "This information helps me with my marketing plans and deciding what wheat varieties I am going to use for the seed business," Johnson said.

Along with discussing the status of the wheat crop, Kansas wheat pro-

ducer Scott Van Allen, Clearwater, said he learned a lot about how the various grain commodity markets impacted wheat prices. "I have a new perspective on how much our wheat market is intertwined with the other commodities," Van Allen said.

All three wheat growers were surprised by the interest abroad in the information presented in this producer seminar. "The overseas interest in the webinar just shows how global our product really is," Van Allen said.

His thoughts were echoed by Fruendt, who said, "As producers, we need to be more connected to what is going on overseas so we can make the

necessary adjustments in our own businesses."

These comments relate to one of the messages seminar planners hoped to convey to their producer attendees.

"Wheat is truly a global commodity and events around the world impact wheat markets and prices," said Mark Fowler, IGP associate director.

Co-planner Mark Hodges, executive director of Plains Grains, Inc., said he hopes the attendees have a better understanding of the current wheat situation and looks forward to planning more of these types of programs in the future.

To view the webinar, go to the IGP website at www.grains.ksu.edu/igp.

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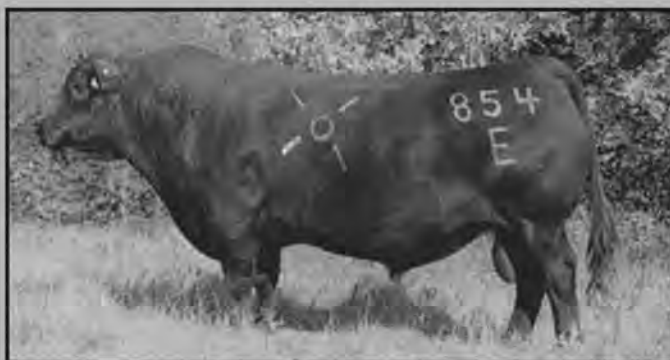
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FARM LAND: (OFFERED AT 1:00 P.M.)

240 Acres more or less in Montgomery County, Cherry Township, KS. Described as follows:

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TERMS ON REAL ESTATE: \$5,000 down the day of sale w/balance due within 30 days at closing. Buyers & seller will split cost of closing agent & owners policy of title ins. Property sells "as is". Property does not sell subject to financing. Property does sell subject to sellers reserve. Tax and CRP will be prorated to closing. Property sells subject to all easement and rights of way of record.

FARM EQUIPMENT: 1993 JD 7200 Tractor, 92 Hp, Radial Tires, Front & Rear Wheel Weights, 65% Rubber, Excellent Condition, 1294 Hours; 60' 300 Gal Schabben 3 Pt Mtd Sprayer w/Raven Controller & Foam Markers, New; 9' JD Model 115 3 Pt Articulated Blade; 15' Bush Hog "2615" Legend Rotary Mower; JD Planter, 6 Row, Model 7000 w/Coulters & Monitor; 12' 6" IHC Vibrashank w/New Sweeps; 13' JD Tandem Disc; Bale Fork, 3 Pt; 10' Drop Fertilizer Spreader; JD 4400 Gas (6 CY) Combine (parts) w/header; JD Plow, 4-16 w/ Furrow Wheel; 2-14 Bottom 3 Pt MF Plow; JD 21/7 Drill w/packer wheels and tire scratchers; 9' 3 Pt Chisel; JD 3 Pt 4 section rotary hoe.

SMALL EQUIPMENT/ MOWERS: 30" Kubota T1560 Tractor Riding Mower, Hydrostatic; 6' 3 Pt Big Ox Box Blade w/Teeth; 2 Row 3 Pt Cultivator w/Fenders; 500# 3 Pt. PTO Driven Fertilizer Spreader; Small Platform w/3 PT Attach.

TRUCKS / BOAT: 2005 GMC 2500 Ext Cab 4x4, 6.0 Ltr Work Truck, 87 K mi, Bed Liner, B & W 5th Wheel Hitch, Break Controller, Good 10 Ply Rubber, Very Good Condition (Sells Subject to Reserve); 1971 C-50 Boom Truck, 350 Motor w/VG Rubber, Steel Bed, Telescoping Boom w/Bucket, Winch w/Hook, Tool Boxes; ChrisCraft 32' Boat (Constellation) w/Twin 283 ci Engines, Galley w/Trailer, needs repair.

TRAILERS: 2000 Donahue Grain Trailer, Tandem Axel, Dually, w/Elec Hyd Dump & 52" Steel Sides, Excel Cond; Featherlite 20' Stock Trailer, Never Hauled Cattle, Excel Cond, Very Clean; 16' Cattle Trailer (top w/open sides), needs work; 16' Owens Classic Car Trailer w/Ramps; 4 Wheel Kroy model 6072 Trailer Grain Box Running Gear; 4 Wheel Mfg trailer running gear; 2 Wheel Utility Trailer (6'x10') w/Metal Rails (needs floor); 2 Wheel Trailer w/7.50x20 Running Gear; 2 Wheel Welder Trailer; Steel 4 Wheel IHC 80 bu Grain Wagon w/new 10ply tires; 5 Horse Mats for Stock Trailer; 2 camper trailer running gear & frames; 3 salvage camper trailers.

MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Old Sprayer Running Gear; 3 Augers (3" & 4"); one with elec motor (10', 11', 16"); 2 - 300 Gal Fuel Tanks w/Stands; 1 - 50 gal Fill Rite Diamond Plate Truck Fuel Tank; 1-80 gal Tradesman Diamond Plate Truck Fuel Tank; 1- Fill Rite hand fuel pump; 1- Electric 12v fuel pump; 500 Gal Propane Tank; Echo Weed Eater w/New Head (Good); 2 B & D Hedge

Clippers, Good; Electric Blower/Vacuum, Like New; Carrier Overhead Shop Heater(35k btu) w/ Fan (Propane); Large Shop Fan on Rollers; 50 sticks 1/2 X 20' Rebar; 60 concrete blocks (clean); 150 used bricks; 12 cattle panels; 2- 80# Propane bottles; 2 - 40# Propane bottles; 60 Gal Sprayer Tank; 6- 6 Panel Oak Doors; Misc. Doors; Pipe Wood Rack; 150 steel fence posts (mostly new); bundle fence stays, 2 rolls new barbed wire; Misc. Lot of Scrap Metal; Misc. Lots of Lumber (dimension and native); 8- 4'x 8' sheets maple plywood; Old Cement Mixer; Lots of Electrical Supplies; Lots of Plumbing Fittings and Pipe; 2000# Chain Falls; Miscellaneous Items Found at a Complete Farm Sale (Hydraulic Cylinders, Hand Tools, Nuts, Bolts, Nails, Planter Plates, Tires, Wheels, Etc.).

HOUSEHOLD: Sm Upright Freezer; Unfinished Dining Room Table w/ 2 Lg Leaves; Westinghouse Double Oven Range; Radio Shack HD Digital Antenna w/Rotar; Timberline Wood Stove w/blower; Fireplace insert; Roll-A-Way Bed w/New Mattress; Broyhill Dining Room Table, Leaf, w/6 Chairs and Sm China Cabinet; Wicker style fiberglass table w/4 chairs & cushions; Collapsible 9'x9' Cover on Adjust. Legs (Excel Cond); 2 Book Cases; 2 Wood Desks; Kitchenware, Tupperware, Slow Cooker, Blender, Glass Ware, Silverware, Pots, Pans, Flatware, Glasses; Kitchen Aide Mixer (White 4.5 Qt.); Kitchen Aide Mixer Attachments; Digital Cameras; Dell Computer; Computer Printers; Stereo Cabinet; Misc. Books; Misc cassette tapes & VHS videos

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Hand Corn Sheller; Cast Iron Tub w/ feet; Fairbanks Morse Scale, model 1325, FSN 6670-550-7707 (WWII Portable Induction Scale); Platform Scale; 2-Hay tongs; 2-Old Drill Steel Wheels; 1 Bedroom Set; Duncan Phyfe Dining Room Table; "Retro Chrome Kitchen Table & Chairs (Red Backs); Fenton Elephants; Blonde Silvertone TV; Blonde Stereo Cabinet w/Stereo; Figurines; Fostoria; Leaded Glass; Lg Slow Cooker on Stand.

MOBILEHOME & BUILDINGS: 14' x 60' x 120' Steel Truss Mueller Bldg (Complete w/Siding, Roofing, Insulation, Hardware, Screws, Skylights, Vent, Construction Plans & Details Available), (Sells Subject to Reserve); 8' x 16' Storage Bldg (wood) to be Moved; 8' x 12' Storage Bldg (steel) to be Moved; 1993 - 14' x 52' Mobile Home w/Axles, Furnace & AC.

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Auction Sales Scheduled

April 11 & 12 — Jewelry, Linens, Buttons, dresses, antiques & collectibles at Salina for Polly Vering Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 12 — Farm equipment at Inman for Harlin Balzer. Auctioneers: Triple K Auction & Real Estate.

April 12 — Coffey County real estate at New Strawn for H. H. Williamson Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates, Inc.

April 12 — Harvey, Marion & Chase Cos. land at Newton for Tuan & Thuy Nguyen. Auctioneers: Lepcke Realty & Auction.

April 13 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, trailers, tillage, planting, harvest, haying, fertilizer & chemical equip., combines, skid steers online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.

April 13 — NW Oklahoma Harper & Beaver Counties land at Laverne (S. of Dodge City). Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.

April 13 — Ag equipment online one (www.purplewave.com) Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

April 13 — Truck, truck tractor, trailers, dozers, fertilizer, sprayer, haying, crane, planting, tractors, loaders, augers & more at Smith Center. Auctioneers: Frieling Realty & Auction, Inc.

April 14 — Bourbon County land at Uniontown. Auctioneers: Lange Auctions.

April 15, 16, 17 — 10th annual cowboy extravaganza at Wichita.

April 16 — Antiques, collectibles, coins, household at Jewell for Thelma Given Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC.

April 16 — Tractors, com-

bines, farm equip., farm trucks, motorcycle, antiques, shop & tools, misc., household, grain storage at Otis for Clarence & Mary Suppes. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.

April 16 — Tractors, combine, farm machinery, trucks, stock trailer at near Lincoln for Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Obermueller. Auctioneers: Post Rock Auction.

April 16 — Vehicles, camper, boat, Bobcat skid loader, antique tractors, tools, misc., furniture at Lawrence for Don Carbaugh Estate. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

April 16 — Tractors, skid loaders, farm equipment, trucks, trailers, livestock equipment & misc. at Princeton. Auctioneers: Franklin County Auctions Co., Inc.

April 16 — Furniture, household, dolls, glassware at Emporia for Diddle Family. Auctioneers: Flint Hills Auction Service, Gail Hancock & Dwayne Coble.

April 16 — Pickup, fitness equip., TVs, DVD equip., computers, modern furniture, garden & yard items, glassware & coins, misc. at Topeka for George Welch & Maxine Best. Auctioneers: United Country Pagel, Inc. Realty & Auction.

April 16 — Lawn equipment, vehicle, shop & office equipment at Heston for Excel Industries, Inc. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

April 16 — Combine, tractors, trucks, equipment, guns, shop tools, collectibles at Newton for Merrill & Gladys Harms. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

April 16 — Vehicles, trailer,

lawn equip., guns, furniture, appliances, tools, painting equip. & misc. at Junction City for George's Residential Painting. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

April 16 — Tractor, stock trailer, toys, guns, tools, household, furniture, coins, collectibles, watches & more at Peabody for the Estate of Leroy Mosiman. Auctioneers: Marshall Auction Service.

April 16 — Farm equipment, household, collectibles & tools at Canton for Raymond Klatt. Auctioneers: Triple K Auction & Real Estate.

April 16 — Washington & Marshall County farms at Barnes for Michael F. Goode. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 16 — Farmground & household S. of Barnes for Verlin Richter Estate. Auctioneers: Jim Vathauer, Gary Case Realty.

April 16 — home & contents at Cottonwood Falls for Hovey Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

April 16 — Tractors, motorcycle, equipment, automotive & shop tools, collectibles, guns & misc. at Lawrence for Clifford Shaw Living Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auction Company.

April 16 — Farm land, farm equip., small equip./mowers, truck, boat, trailers, household, mobile home & buildings at Cherryvale for Mr. & Mrs. Gary Huneycutt. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall & Mark Garretson.

April 16 — Estate, household, and tractor auction NW of Wamego for Lyle Carr. Auctioneers: Cline Realty and Auctions, LLC.

April 16 — Farm machinery

and cattle equipment NW of Corning for Larry Stallbaumer. Auctioneers: Dan Deters Auction Company.

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

April 16 — Cattle equip. & farm misc., collectibles, toys, bicycles, furniture, household at Ada for Ron & Karen Seyfert, Jim & Carolyn Kay. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.

April 16 — Personal property & collectibles at Waterville for Gerald & Lavonne McNary. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

April 17 — Mowers, tools, radio equipment, household, coins, collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 17 — Tractors, equipment & misc., coins, guns, household, furniture at Kansas City, KS for Estate of H.E. Bledsoe. Auction-

eers: Miller Auction, LLC. April 18 — Tractor, butchering kettle, tools, antiques & collectibles, household & misc. at Manhattan for Mrs. Frank (Margaret) Piper & Others. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

April 19 — KDOR Tax Asset Seizure auction at Wichita. Auctioneers: United Country, Eric Blomquist.

April 20 — Real estate (cropland) at Clyde for Darrell & Lois Payeur Trust. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 23 — Tractor, combine, trucks, golf cart, generator, livestock, machinery, butchering equip., motorcycles & collectibles, household & misc. at Galatia for Rufus & Alvina Haas. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.

April 23 — Show pigs at Abilene for Wuthnow Family Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

April 23 — Farm machinery, tillage, hay equip., augers, feed tanks, trucks, trailer & other at N. of Erie for Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Yarnell. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall & Mark Garretson.

April 23 — Cars, pickup, camper, household, furniture, collectibles, guns, knives, coins, tools, shop items at Galva for Clarence Russell Estate. Auctioneers: Triple K Auction & Real Estate.

April 23 — Tractors, combine, farm machinery, farm & household S. of Newton for Howard & Wynona Haun Trust. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

April 23 — Farm machinery and livestock equipment east of Onaga for Gale and Nadine McDougal. Auctioneers: Cline Realty and Auctions, LLC.

April 23 — Machinery, tools, antiques & household N. of Hubbell, NE for Norman Fangmeier

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April 23 — KDOR Tax Asset Seizure Auction at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country, Eric Blomquist.

April 25 — Farm machinery, tractors, combines at McCracken for Jay Pfeiffer & Friends. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 26 — Tractors, combine, farm machinery, grain bins & farm related items near Canton for Bruce Otte Farm, Diane Otte. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

April 28 — Pasture, farmland, house & buildings W. of Wakefield for Avery, Inc. of Wakefield. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

April 28 — Quilting & sewing at McPherson. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 28 — Saline Co. farmland & grassland w/nice home at Salina for The Larry & Agnes Sims Land. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

April 28 — Linn County farm at Lacygne. Auctioneers: Cates Auction.

April 29 — Vintage wine auction at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country, Eric Blomquist.

April 30 — JD riding lawn tractor, household, collectibles, appliances, furniture, kitchen at Blue Rapids for Martha (Petr) Kneuve Estate. Auctioneers: Rim, Tom & Rob Olmsted and Jeff Sandstrom.

April 30 — Furniture, antiques, tools & misc. NE of Aurora for Floyd & Marceline Buckley Estates. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 30 — Estate of Dr. Jones at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country, Eric Blomquist.

April 30 & May 1 — Red Wing Crocks, pottery, Dryden & Shawnee, Glassware at Salina for Shirley & Stan Swander Collection. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 3 — Real estate, lakes, hunting, fishing, country getaway at Rose Hill.

Auctioneers: Weigand Auction & Sons, Inc.

May 3 — Morris County land at White City for Sue Britt Evans. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

May 7 — Diesel dually pickup, von trailer, new furniture, fixtures and miscellaneous at Clay Center for Furniture City. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman & Bloom Auction Service.

My 7 — Real estate, farm machinery & household at Greenleaf for Lee O. Hinkle. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 7 — Tractors, combine, swathers, trucks, pickups, trailers, farm machinery, cattle equip., 4-wheeler, tools, farm items, salvage items, hay near Osborne for Johnny O'Conner Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

May 7 — Tractors, trucks, farm & hay, livestock equip., antiques & household at Glasco for Danny & Laurie Srna. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.

May 7 — Pickup, cars, tractor, car parts, signs, collectibles, tools, trencher & other at Beloit for Red & Christine Kadel Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 7 — Collector tractors, Farmall parts, loader, skid steer, compressor, trailers, machinery, car, pickups, dump truck, golf cart, concrete equip., tools, household & misc. near Odell, Neb. for Minge Construction. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

May 9 — Republic County farmland at Cuba for Rosemary Andrews. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 14 — Farm tools & woodworking equipment S. of Wamego for Delta & Kenny Alt. Auctioneers: Ivan Seele & Ron Walsh.

May 14 — Guns, antiques, collectibles, shop & tools, pickup, machinery, furniture, household & misc. at Ada for A.L. (Pro) Prochaska Estate. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Auctions.

May 17 — Marion Co. Flint Hills grassland at Cottonwood Falls for Herschman Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 19 — Acreage OK Ranch (Florence) at Cottonwood Falls for Herschman Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 21 — Home & contents at Cottonwood Falls for Busselle Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 27 — House & household, tools, Ranger pickup, 136 MF tractor at Waterville for Russell Kalous Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

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

June 18 — Real estate, antiques, furniture & miscellaneous at Belleville for Paul & Elsie Fahrbach Estates. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

July 16 — Farm equipment, John Deere 4-wheel drive tractor, JD combine, trucks, pickup, tillage equip. N. of Culver for Dean & Emma White. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.

August 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

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

September 24 — Farm sale SW of Courtland for Richard Nelson Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

November 5 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

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

Beef Board, Federation of State Beef Councils, Beef Checkoff dedicate \$200,000 for Japan disaster relief

The Cattlemen's Beef Board, the Federation of State Beef Councils and the Beef Checkoff Program have dedicated a total of \$200,000 in a combined effort to help feed consumers in Japan who were injured, misplaced and left homeless and hungry by the devastating earthquake and tsunami there.

The Beef Promotion Operating Committee last week approved an amended 2011 foreign-marketing proposal — or "Authorization Request" — that added \$100,000 from the Beef Board budget to help fund a Japan Relief Program established through the U.S. Meat Export Federation, a contractor to the Beef Checkoff Program. Federation Chairman David Dick of Missouri said the Federation voted to send an additional \$100,000 from its budget, for a combined checkoff investment of \$200,000.

"It's just about impossible to imagine the challenges those folks in Japan are facing right now," said Beef Board Chairman Tom Jones, who also chairs the Operating Committee. "As human beings, we all feel a deep sense of sympathy for them and have that heartfelt desire to be able to help out in some small way."

Jones said the funding for the CBB portion of the relief fund will come from money released from Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 projects that were completed under budget. At a recent meeting in Denver, USDA Marketing Specialist Craig Shackelford assured Operating Committee members that the measure would be in line with checkoff expenditures allowed through the Beef Act and Order, as long as it remains tied to the existing approved promotion program in Japan.

The checkoff-funded foreign-marketing program for Japan in FY 2011 includes investment in the "Trust" campaign, which also receives funding from the USDA Market Access Program. As part of that program, USMEF headed up establishment of a "Japan Relief Program" that is pooling resources from a wide range of commodity organizations, including the beef and pork checkoffs and private com-

panies throughout the distribution chain.

The beef checkoff investments will help provide U.S. beef and beef products to help with the food shortages in Japan, which are expected to continue well into the year. The relief program involves pooling resources to source beef in the U.S., ship it to Japan, and then use existing distribution channels and key accounts in foodservice and retail to develop meals for delivery to displaced consumers.

"Those of us who sit on the Operating Committee believe producers and importers who invest in the checkoff nationwide would support us in this important humanitarian effort," Jones said. "Most important, this program will deal with the immediate needs in Japan, at the same time strengthening ties with those folks by delivering the nutritious sustenance that we know our U.S. beef provides."

AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 — 10:33 AM

LOCATION: Sunrise Optimist Bldg., 50th & Rochester
TOPEKA, KANSAS

(Across the road, North from Seaman School)

PICKUP

1998 Chevy S10, 4 cyl., 2200 SFI, 5 spd. stick, 80,004 miles, 1 owner, silver, bedliner, new battery, AC.

FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Nordic Track treadmill; Avita rowing machine; Nordic Track stationary bike; body shaper.

TELEVISIONS, DVD EQUIP., CDS, COMPUTERS

Sony 60 in. TV; Toshiba TV & several other TVs; DVD player; DVD rack, oak & marble; Toshiba DVD recorder; over 800 DVDs, mostly action & comedy, some complete sets; over 200 music CDs; CD holders; approx. 25 VHS movies; HP desk top computer; HP laptop computer w/case, has Windows XP on it; monitor; keyboard; speakers & flatbed scanner.

MODERN FURNITURE (Most have been purchased since 2007)

4 sofas: Ashley, Southwest, most have recliners in them; loveseats to match 2 of them; floral sofa that has matching wingback chairs w/reclining feet; 2 recliners, La-Z-Boy; oak dining room table w/6 chairs & leaves; oak coffee tables, round glass & one w/deck glass; oak tables, 12 in. square, antique & round wooden one; oak end tables w/glass tops; lamps, brass, ceramic, glass; 4 oak china hutches, Ashley, small corner one, large corner one; wine cabinet, TV cabinet that has been converted; buffet; pie safe; Ashley armoire; curio cabinets; bedroom suites, Ashley 5 pc.; Ashley 4 pc.; Ashley 5 pc.; queen mat-

tress set; oak rolltop desk; area rugs; poker table; oak hall tree.

GARDEN & YARD ITEMS

LT 2000 Craftsman riding lawn mower, 20 hp OHV, automatic transmission w/catchers, 4 yrs. old & always shedded, new blades, bearings & belts; Troybilt power washer; Eagle statue; Wesco 4 wheel dolly; Skil saw; circular saw; B&D electric trimmer; weed eater; long handle tree trimmer; seed/fertilizer spreader; battery charger; cordless shears & charger; shelving units; steel wheel barrow; electrical cords on spools; garden hoses; garden tools; patio table, "Garden Oasis"; Toro leaf blower; Kenmore gas grill; mole trap; 12V air compressor; Ryobi 9.6 V drill; hand tools.

MISCELLANEOUS

22 cal. H & R 939 pistol, 6 in. barrel, 9 shot; air boot; 2 ammunition boxes; White Mountain ice cream freezer; Cuisinart coffee pots; GPS, Nuvi; tackle box & 2 rods & reels; Maytag dehumidifier; 4 AT&T telephones; baskets; card tables; folding chairs; artificial trees & Christmas trees; Electrolux vacuum; wine racks; drapes; fan; file cabinets; fireplace screens; pull type golf cart; luggage; bear collection, approx. 27 pcs.; bedspreads & bedding; men's Schwinn bike & helmet; alum. crutches; lots of decorations, Christmas & Halloween; stadium seats; gas cans; 6 ft. alum. ladder.

GLASSWARE & COINS

Pottery pcs. & lg. pottery vase; 26 pc. punch bowl set; 1901-1908, 10 Indian Head pennies framed; "The Silver Story" Series 1957 framed.

MUCH MISCELLANEOUS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: If you're looking for quality modern furniture and furnishings, this auction will have it! So clean and nice, all of it new within 3 or 4 years, some newer than that. George and Maxine are moving and downsizing, so take advantage! Sunrise Optimist Club will have a lunch stand. Plan to join us on Saturday, April 16 at 10:33 a.m. View these quality items on our website:

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FARM EQUIPMENT & ANTIQUES

AUCTION

DATE: Saturday, April 16TH, 2011 @ 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: OTIS, KANSAS — 8 MILES NORTH, ¼ MILE WEST, ON S. SIDE

SELLERS: CLARENCE & MARY SUPPES

TRACTORS: Case IH Magnum * #7120 Front Wheel Assist. Diesel Tractor, Cab, Air, 3-pt., Shredded * M & M Mod. "U" * Mod. "D" Gas Tractor. **COMBINES & ACCESS:** Model "L" Diesel Combine, Cab, A/C, 24 ft. Header, Engine Overall Kit (Sleeves Pistons, Rod Bearings & A/C Compressor) * Combine Header Trailer * Gleaner Mod. "M" w/ 20 ft. Header. **FARM EQUIP:** Pride of the Prairie 12 Bale Cap., 3 Axel 21,000 pd. Bale Hauling Trailer * 4" Grain Fill Auger * 8" x 41 ft. Grain Auger PTO * 6" Grain Auger Gas * Field Sprayer * (2) 500 Gal. Fiberglass Tanks * * 28 ft. Crust Buster Hoe Drill New Hoses * Blade Undercutter, Pickers, New Tubes *28 ft. Crust Buster 3 Row Spring Tooth Row Harrows * 16 ft. Crustbuster Double Offset Disc (Good Discs) * Win Power Portable Farm Alternator, PTO, 25 KVA, 120/240, 1-Ph. * Chaff and Milo Stock Wagon (Pulls Behind Combine) * Post Hole Digger w/ 9" and 13" Augers * Hay Stackers Fits Case Loader. **FARM TRUCKS:** 1963 8 Cyl. C-60 Farm Truck, 13 ½ All Steel Grain Bed w/ Lift * C-50 Farm Truck 16 ft. Grain Bed, 76,000 Mi. Hydr. Lift. **MOTORCYCLE:** 1963 Honda Dream 250 Motorcycle Style MC ID# CA7220563. **ANTIQUES:** Drills * Binder * Row Lister * Work Horse Harness, Collars, Saddle, Bridle & Lead Ropes * Lead Ladder * Synth * Traps * Handle & Water Pump * Post Vise * Climax Seed Cleaner * Pedal Grinding Wheel * Double Jaw Water Well Pulling Blocks * Wash Tubs * 12 Gal. Crook & 3 Gal. Jug * Cream Cans * Leather Harness, Supplies, Buckles * Tins * Machinery & Repair Books, Black Smithing * Tobacco & Cigar Tins * Wooden Egg Cases * Cream Separators * Old Wagon Seat * Block & Tackle * Ornate Bed Frame. **SHOP & TOOLS:** "Bench Grinder * Electric Welder * Acetylene Oxy. Torch Set w/ Bottles & Cart * Welding Rods * Pipe Vise * Tap & Die Set. **MISCELLANEOUS:** ¾" Sucker Rods * Elect. Fence & T Posts * New & Used Hydr. Cylinders * Creosote Wood Posts * LP Bottle w/ Weed Burner * 1 ½ Ton Chain Hoist * 6" Wheel Grinder * Lumber 1 in., 2 in. & Others, Shredded. **HOUSEHOLD:** Kenmore 5,700 BTU Air Conditioner (New in Box) * Kenmore Heavy Duty Clothes Dryer * Dry Sink Cabinet * Fiberglass Tub Wall Set, (New) * Lots More. **GRAIN STORAGE:** "Butler" Round Metal Grain Bin, approx. 1,800 Bu. Cap. (to be removed from site)

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The Wandering Bull

June was taking a rene-gade bull with a tendency to “wander” to the sale barn in Dodge City. Her son helped her load the beast into their stock trailer. It was an authentic ranch trailer with lights that worked intermittently, gates that swung almost even, tires that didn’t match, and compressed rubber floor-planks whose 99-year warranty had expired!

A few miles outside of Dodge, June heard and felt a thump, crack and crunch loud enough to be heard above George Strait on KBUF. In her rear-view mirror she watched a dark object helicopter out from under the second axle!

She swerved to the right and stopped on a slant in the bar ditch. Upon examination, she found a hole in the floor of the front compartment of the trailer. The bull, butt to

the front, was eyeing the hole nervously. “Simple,” she surmised, “I’ll just open the divider gate and move him into the rear compartment and be on my way.”

She unlatched the gate and it swung it open. The bull was coaxed around the hole to the rear and June hurried around to close the divider. It was on a good slant. She pushed it closed and raced back around to latch it... but, not in time! It swung back open. Three times

she attempted the maneuver, when she heard someone say, “Can I help you?”

A handsome, strong Kansas State trooper smiled.

June left him to push and hold while she went around to catch and latch. When the divider banged closed it spooked the bull who tried to climb over the back gate, slid to the down side and spooked the trooper who fell back writhing in agony! He was on the ground grasping his

knee! She reached to help him, “No,” he groaned, “I can do it!” He keyed his collar mike, “Officer down! Officer down! I’ve been injured and need assistance!”

Within five minutes the horizon in all directions was filled with red and blue flashing lights and sirens blaring! They closed Hwy. 400. Well, nobody could get around all the Dodge City police cars, Ford County Sheriff deputy pickups, the ambulance, fire trucks, tow

truck, first responders and one Wildlife and Park Service utility vehicle.

After a thorough questioning, they realized the truth. The upset June told them she thought they were going to handcuff her and leave her in the ditch while they searched her rig for contraband! One big burly officer laughed and said, “Yeah, but if we’d done that, you could’ve told’em it took six of us to get the job done, and you put one of us in the hospital!”



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