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## Paradise Ranch home to All Wether Marching Band

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Dwite Sharp and his wife, Mary, had never before owned goats. But a decade or so ago, when they read an article in *Mother Earth News* about a man in New Mexico who had pack goats, they were intrigued. They did quite a bit of hiking, and the goats seemed like they could be a good fit for them. Now their acreage near Council Grove is home to a large and varied herd of goats, as well as the Paradise Ranch All Wether Marching Band. The Sharps have become known as authorities on pack goats and give seminars and clinics to numerous groups throughout the year.

Their venture into pack goats began with Stuart and Louis. Dwite says that Stuart was the best goat they ever had. He trained the goats himself, spending several hours each day getting them used to the saddle and gradually adding weight to the packs.

"Not much is really known about old wethers, because they are usually butchered for meat," Dwite said. "The biggest challenge is getting them through the winter." Stuart succumbed to the elements and his own lack of body fat one winter. "Their teeth wear out as they get older," Dwite explained. "They eat the food, but because they can't chew it properly, they don't get the nutrients and calories that they need." They have started floating the teeth of the older wethers in an effort to alleviate the problem. He also believes that the larger the goat is, the shorter his lifespan.

Stuart may no longer be with them in body, but he is in spirit, and his ashes are carried by Louis in his pack. "Wherever Louis goes, Stu-



Dwite Sharp of Council Grove discusses some of the unique characteristics of the pack goats within his herd at Paradise Ranch.



Mudslide, an Oberhasli, and Louis, an Alpine, wait patiently at Meadow Lake, Teton Bridger Nat. Park, Wyoming while their human traveling companions enjoy the lake.

art goes with him," Dwite said.

Three years ago Dwite and his family took a pack trip to the Buffalo River National Park in Arkansas. Fifteen goats packed their supplies as the eight people hiked in. They crossed the river six times, with the sure-footed goats keeping their gear safe and dry. While camped, a storm blew in and soon the river was 23 feet out of its banks. "We couldn't risk the water crossings again, so we went up and over the top of the mountain to get out," Dwite described.

The inception of goat packing is credited to John Mionczynski, a scientific researcher for the U.S. Forest Service. In 1972 he was tasked with following a herd of Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep that had been fitted with radio collars and recording their food habits and behavior in the wild. At first he used horses to carry his equipment and supplies,

but soon discovered that they weren't well-suited for the job. They could get to the base camp, but couldn't manage the terrain where the sheep lived. There also wasn't enough grass in the country for him to leave the horses picketed out for more than a day at a time, so he would have to go back each day to move and water them.

Desperate, he imagined a goat that could carry a pack like a horse, but didn't give it serious consideration at first. But when he returned home for a few days' break, he decided to give it a try with one of his goats, an 11-year-old wether named Wethervane, that he had used to haul water on a travois from the creek to his cabin. He began by using a saddle bag and gradually added weight as he led the goat around. Even as the weight increased, the goat acted like he was carrying nothing at all. He made a saddle out of 1x6" boards and cross bucks from a sawed-up shovel handle.

Once in the mountains, Wethervane proved to be a quiet, faithful partner. Even when the sheep began to migrate, which can be as much as thirty miles in one move, Wethervane had the stamina to keep up. Wethervane was killed several years later by a hunter on the opening day of deer season. Mionczynski developed his own goat-centered outfitting/guide service and built custom pack saddles as well as raising pack goats.

The Sharps will either sell their kids when they are a couple of days old, or keep them until they are about six months old and begin their training.

"Goats are one of the smartest creatures on the planet," Dwite said. "They will bond with you. As far as they're concerned, their only reason for existence is to eat. So you have to work the eating into their training."

Goats will follow without being led, and even on a long pack trip, Sharp's



A specially made saddle distributes the weight of the packs and harnesses to keep them from slipping.



Packs attach to the saddles to carry gear for the Sharp's hiking and camping trips. "If we can get it in the pack or tie it to the goats, we take it," Dwite said.

goats remain unharnessed.

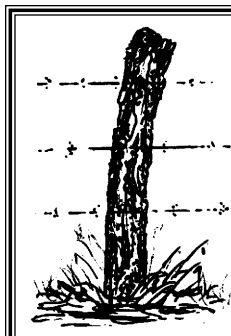
"Goats don't tolerate violence," he continued, emphasizing that trust in the relationship with the goat is very important. And that trust could one day pay off, because when confronted with danger, pack goats will surround their human leader and face the danger rather than flee.

Mary is the primary caretaker at Paradise Ranch, and Dwite is a lead welder for thenBNSF railroad out of Emporia. "But," he says, with a sweeping gesture towards the rolling land around him that is just starting to turn green since the spring burning, "This is where I'd always rather be."



Calvin Young works with his goat at K-State's Youth Meat Goat Producer Day held on March 26 in Manhattan. Participants learned about goat selection, nutrition and showmanship.





## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator

### Empty Shelves

"May," I said, "I'll help you carry in the groceries ... What, didn't you remember the sales items? ... What do you mean, the shelves were practically empty? Ten-dollar diesel must be keeping the semi trucks from delivering. There was a run on the stores and the groceries are gone? People must be hoarding. They'll have to put limits on the amount one can buy."

Does this scenario sound far-fetched and not likely? Perhaps. But after listening to forecasts by some commentators and visiting with friends, I believe there are many who are stocking up on food — just in case. I have heard that in the event of a huge disaster or the fear of an impending one, the shelves in supermarkets could be emptied in two hours.

Fifty or sixty years ago or more, a food shortage in the grocery stores would not have impacted rural folk as much as it would today. During World War II, families were encouraged to raise "Victory Gardens" to help provide their own food, allowing more efforts in industry to be directed toward winning the war. When I was a young man growing up, my mother always raised a large garden (with my help, of course) to provide for her family — not only fresh foods but also preserving enough for winter use by canning and later freezing produce.

This will be the fourth year for May and me to plant a garden. When I started, I was amazed at how much I had forgotten about gardening. I have made plenty of mistakes. Last year I found a great book, *The Joy of Gardening* by Dick Raymond. This book of 365 pages is filled with good information, pictures and illustrations. The author has been gardening since 1955, starting as a young man, and has taught gardening and been featured in television shows and films. I have found his book to be very helpful with ideas that are new to me. While my copy of the book is an older edition, purchased at a used book store for \$6, I assume one could order by phone, mail, or online if interested. The address listed in the book is Garden Way Publishing, Dept. VM, Schoolhouse Road, Pownal, VT 05261. Phone 800-441-5700.

When I was growing up, my mother and I always planted a garden in single rows. We stretched a string for a straight row, made a furrow with a hoe, dropped in seeds, covered them and tamped them in; and the job was done. After studying Mr. Raymond's book, I am moving to wide rows for many vegetables, 16 inches or the width of a garden rake. This is how we planted our peas. I have planted a 16-inch wide salad bowl row with lettuce, radishes, beets, spinach and carrots mixed together. May was somewhat skeptical about this row but will wait for it to come up before passing judgment. I also want to experiment with the gardener's four-by-four foot block gardens. He states he gets twice the produce or more, enjoys longer harvest until late November, spends one third of the time needed for planting, thinning, weeding, watering, and caring for the garden than by planting the traditional way. By planing in wide rows or blocks, he says the plants shade the ground, keeping it cooler, holding the moisture better,

and leaving little room for weeds. Enough space is left between rows for the tiller to make a pass in between them.

Here are some steps offered by Mr. Raymond for planting a wide row:

1. Prepare a seed bed 6 to 8 inches deep in loose soil. It is best done with a roto-tiller (I bought a new Troy-Bilt last fall for around \$700). Keep heavy tractors out, for they pack the soil.

2. Use a tight string to establish the edge of the wide row. Leave a 12-inch walkway to work from. Don't step on the seed bed.

3. Use a 16-inch rake to mark the exact width of rows (if you use starter fertilizer, this is the time to apply it). He recommends two cups of 5-10-10 dry for a ten-foot length and rake it in.

4. Smooth the soil with the back of the rake as level as possible. This is important.

5. Broadcast seed with hands and fingers, covering the full width of 16 inches. It takes more seed, but leave no clumps or bare spots. With practice this can be done quickly. Tiny seeds like lettuce should be around a half inch apart whereas peas and beans can be about three inches apart.

6. He suggests sprinkling in a few radish seeds in almost all the crops except corn, peas and beans. They are a good companion for the main crop for these reasons: They come up quickly and mark the rows. They act as natural cultivators for they mature quickly; and when they are pulled, they loosen the soil in the row, leaving little holes in the ground to catch water and allow space for neighboring plants to expand. They help distract bugs from the main crop because their quick growth provides early shoots to attract bugs, underground insects, and other pests. While some radishes are lost to insect damage, there should still be plenty of good ones to eat.

7. Firm in the seeds for good germination with the back of a hoe. Press seeds into good contact with warm, moist soil.

8. Cover seeds with soil. Reaching across the 16-inch bed with the rake, lift (not drag) the soil up and over onto the newly planted seeds in piles.

9. Level the piles of soil over the seeds with the back of the rake. Tiny seeds such as lettuce should be covered 1/4-inch while larger seeds such as peas and beans may be covered with two inches of soil. Consult the directions on seed packet or instruction sheet for each individual crop.

10. Tamp the seed bed gently again with the back of a hoe after leveling the soil.

11. Keep the seed bed slightly moist until seedlings come up. A sprinkler may be used to moisten the soil if it is dry after planting. A half-inch of weed-free light mulch may be used to prevent crusting or loss of moisture.

Now, I am waiting for the appearance of plants from the seeds I planted on April 18 and the potatoes and peas, which were planted four days earlier. I think I'm going to enjoy gardening this year with the help of my book. It is filled with fun ideas.

## Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

This week is our annual sheep and goat edition. My life is fairly far removed from either of those species any more, but there was a time when that wasn't the case. Due for the most part to our oldest son, we had a wide variety of goats and sheep over the years. His younger siblings dutifully jumped on the bandwagon, because as you know, that's what younger siblings do, and our backyard became the scene of many a goat circus or whatever else their young imaginations dreamed up.

Goats were good animals for them to begin showing at the fair. They were manageable and overall fairly cooperative. Our county Extension agent at the time vowed that it would be over his dead body that goats would ever be allowed in the Round Robin, but he did at least give us a couple of pens at the fair. It's been several years since we took goats to the fair, but other families have caught goat-fever and make sure the pens get occupied each year.

Last week I visited a goat farm for my cover story and walked around wishing my kids were still young and could have been there with me. My boys in particular would have loved it. The girls — they would have tolerated it pretty well had I promised to stop for ice cream on the way home.

It made me recall new lambs and kids running around the place, which I think is one of the cutest sights you'll ever see. It also brought back memories of the goat that strolled up and chomped three pages out of the *Little House on the Prairie* book I was sitting on the swing reading to my kids one sunny afternoon. Or the goat that put his horns underneath the slippery slide on the swing set and ripped it from the frame. I think it was at about that point that my oldest daughter decided she didn't care for goats much. It was her book that got chomped and she really loved that slippery slide.

Her younger sister hung in there pretty well for several more years, showing sheep

at the fair and doing her best to make her brothers proud. Until one day a lamb got the better of her in the show ring — I think it was the hoof print on her cheek that was the final straw — and she turned in her lead rope for good, content to show pigs and bake cookies for the fair from that day forward.

As the grandkids get older, I wonder if sheep and goats will be part of their lives? I suspect they will, and I imagine their mothers will stand at their kitchen windows and watch as they lead them around the yard, try to teach them tricks and explore vast unknown territories with goats as their faithful companions.

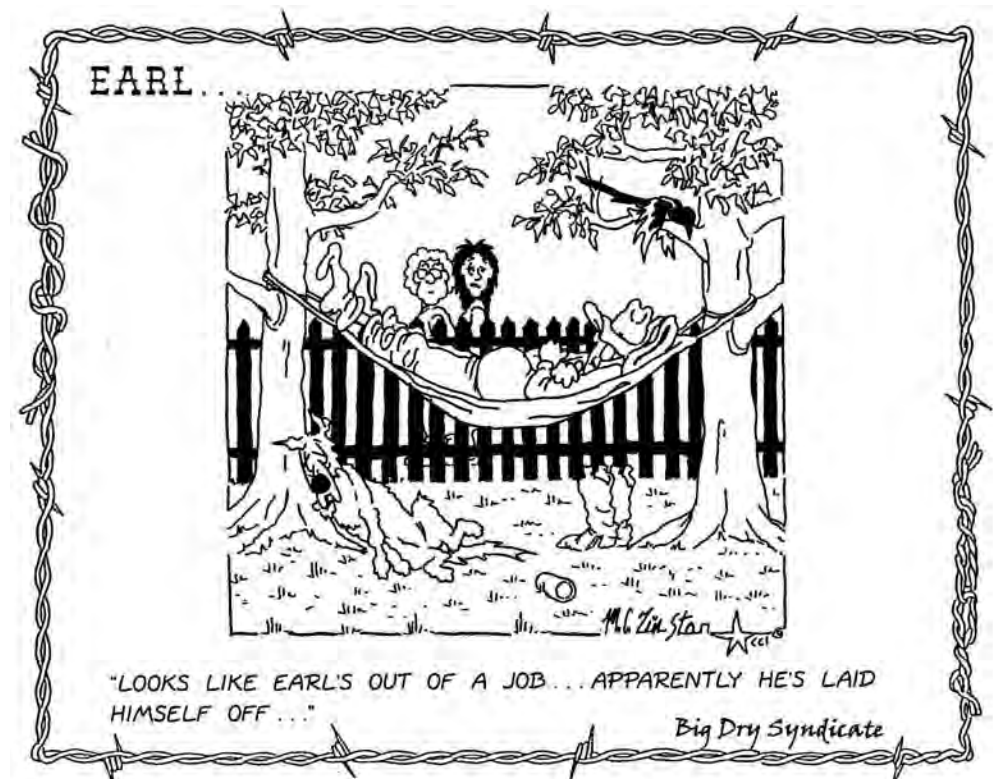
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By Derek Sawyer,  
McPherson

Deadlines are associated with nearly every occupation in America. Reporters must meet their deadline for the next day's paper and production managers have to keep their lines running to get product to their consumer. Agriculture is no different. The deadlines I face everyday on my farm in central Kansas, however, are not enforced by a boss looking over my shoulder. They are enforced by Mother Nature.

As farmers, we rely on the weather to plan our week's activities. We look to weather forecasts to determine the optimum time to swath hay, plant corn, and wean calves. We allow the current conditions to dictate the work we accomplish each day. I consider April to

be one of the busiest times on the farm. Breaking ground, applying fertilizer, and cultivating weeds are activities that all occur between the ground thawing and corn or soybeans being planted. Add in wishing for timely rains to help prepare the seedbed and provide time to move cattle to summer pasture and it's a wonder why I even consider the input my "social calendar" provides!

Grabbing a cup of coffee at any local café will quite often get your day started with a "farmer's forecast" of the weather. Years of experience for the old timers give them the confidence to make their bold predictions and feel more accurate than "that guy on TV". These farmers often use signs from the earth to make planning decisions for their farms.

A couple examples include:

- Three days after seeing a sundog (a reflection of the sun beside itself) the weather will change.
- One hundred days after a fog you can expect a rain.
- Red sky in the morning sailors take warning, red sky at night sailor's delight.
- Rain on a full moon in June starts the monsoon.
- Turtles having relations in the road means a rain is coming. (I have heard this, but not really sure about the accuracy!)

Since the beginning of agriculture, farmers have harbored a love/hate relationship with Mother Nature. We look to the ground to be in shape to nourish 1 planted seed as it grows and multiplies and we look to the sky to provide the sunlight and moisture needed for the process. Now if you'll excuse me, I have a few more acres of corn to plant and I just spotted a whirlwind spinning counterclockwise...

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BAKED SPAGHETTI

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 28-ounce can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 4-ounce can mushroom stems & pieces, drained
- 2 1/4-ounce can sliced ripe olives
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 pound ground beef, browned & drained
- 12 ounces spaghetti, cooked & drained
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large skillet saute onion and green pepper in butter until tender. Add tomatoes, mushrooms, olives and oregano. Add ground beef. Simmer 10 minutes uncovered. Place half of cooked spaghetti in greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Top with vegetable mixture. Sprinkle with 1 cup shredded cheese. Repeat layers. Mix soup and water until smooth and pour over casserole. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until heated through. Makes 12 servings.

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- Amanda Demars, Glasco:  
CRISPY  
PEANUT BUTTER BARS

1/2 cup honey roasted peanuts, chopped
- 10-ounce bag peanut butter chips

Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan with nonstick spray. Microwave peanut butter chips and butter in a large glass bowl, stirring every 20 seconds, until blended and smooth. Add cereal and stir until evenly coated. Spread
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter

6 1/2 cups crisp rice cereal
- 12-ounce bag semisweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup light corn syrup

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cereal mixture into pan, pressing firm into an even layer. Place pan in freezer for 10 minutes. Melt chocolate chips as directed on bag. Add corn syrup, stir until blended. Spread over cereal mixture, sprinkle evenly with nuts. Refrigerate 1 hour to firm.

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Linda Kepka, Dorrance:  
SWEET CHOCOLATE CAKE  
1 package chocolate cake mix  
14 ounces sweetened condensed milk  
12-ounce jar caramel ice cream topping  
8 ounces whipped topping  
3 candy bars (any flavor), broken into small pieces  
Bake chocolate cake mix in a 9-by-13-inch pan as directed. Pierce cake with the end of a wooden spoon. Mix together condensed milk and caramel topping and pour over cake. Cool for several hours. Top with whipped topping and candy bar pieces.

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Mary Rogers, Topeka:  
OLD-FASHIONED SLAW  
1 head green cabbage, finely shredded  
2 cups matchstick carrots  
2 cups finely sliced red bell pepper  
1 cup finely sliced Vidalia onion  
8-ounce jar dill relish  
1 cup mayonnaise

3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar  
2 tablespoons sugar  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
In a bowl whisk mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper. Combine all other ingredients. Pour mayonnaise mixture over cabbage mixture tossing to coat. Cover and put in refrigerator at least 8 hours.

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Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:

BREAKFAST HASHBROWN DISH  
2 cups frozen hash browns  
4 cups hot water  
5 large eggs  
1/2 cup cottage cheese  
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
2-3 tablespoons minced onion  
1 teaspoon salt  
8 slices uncooked bacon

In a bowl place hashbrowns. Pour hot water over hashbrowns. Let stand for 10 minutes then drain well. In a bowl add eggs; beat well. Add hashbrowns, cottage cheese, cheddar cheese, onion and salt. Pour into a 9-inch pie plate. Arrange bacon slices on top. Refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight. Place cold pie plate uncovered in cold oven. Bake at 350 for 35 minutes or until potatoes are tender and set.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge:  
CORNBREAD CHICKEN  
8 1/2-ounce package cornbread muffin mix  
1 envelope Ranch salad dressing mix  
1 cup whole milk  
6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (4 ounces each)  
2 tablespoons canola oil  
In a large resealable plastic bag combine cornbread mix and salad dressing mix. Pour milk into a shallow bowl. Dip the chicken in milk then place in bag and shake to coat. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, brown the chicken in oil on both sides. Cook, uncovered, over medium heat for 6 to 7 minutes on each side or until a meat thermometer reads 170 degrees.

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Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "Quick and easy to make and very good."

EASY SALISBURY STEAK  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/3 cup bread crumbs  
1 small finely chopped onion  
1 egg  
1 pound ground beef  
Mix 1/4 can soup, bread crumbs, onion, egg and ground beef. Mix well and shape into 4 patties. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a skillet.

Cook patties until brown. Drain. Add remainder of soup. Bring to a boil and cover and cook over low heat 10 minutes and until is cooked through.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:  
GRITS & CORN BAKE  
10 slices bacon, chopped  
2 cups frozen whole kernel corn, thawed & drained  
4 cups chicken broth  
1 1/4 cups quick-cooking grits  
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream  
2 cups shredded smoked Gouda cheese  
1/2 cup minced green onion  
2 large eggs  
1/2 teaspoon salt

In a skillet cook bacon and corn over medium heat, stirring until bacon is crisp. Drain well and set aside. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 9-by-13-inch baking dish. In a saucepan bring broth to a boil. Slowly stir in grits, reduce heat and simmer for 4-5 minutes or until thickened. Stir in cream. Remove from heat. Add cheese, onion, bacon mixture to grits. Add eggs and salt, stirring until combined. Spoon mixture into dish. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for about 10 minutes before serving.

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## GREEN PEPPER STEAK

1 pound beef top sirloin steak  
1/4 cup soy sauce  
1/4 cup water  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
2 to 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided  
2 small onions, thinly sliced and separated into rings  
1 green pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces  
2 celery ribs, sliced diagonally  
2 tomatoes, cut into wedges  
Hot cooked rice

Partially freeze beef. Thinly slice across the grain into bite-size strips; set aside. For sauce, combine soy sauce, water and cornstarch; set aside. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet or wok over high heat. Stir-fry half of the beef until browned. Remove and repeat with remaining beef, adding additional oil as needed. Remove meat and keep warm. Add onions, green pepper and celery to pan; stir-fry until crisp-tender, about 3-4 minutes. Return beef to pan. Stir the sauce; add to pan. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 2 minutes

more. Add tomatoes; cook just until heated through. Serve over rice. Yield: 4 servings.

**Nutrition Facts:** 1 serving (1 each) equals 261 calories, 13 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 63 mg cholesterol, 993 mg sodium, 11 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 25 g protein.

*From Taste of Home 2010*

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*The following are from the website allrecipes.com:*

## SAM'S FAMOUS CARROT CAKE

3 eggs  
3/4 cup buttermilk  
3/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 1/2 cups white sugar  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
2 cups shredded carrots  
1 cup flaked coconut  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
8-ounce can crushed pineapple with juice  
1 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour an 8-by-12-inch pan. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine eggs, buttermilk, oil, sugar and vanilla. Mix well. Add flour mixture and mix well. In a medium bowl, combine shredded carrots, coconut, walnuts, pineapple and raisins. Using a large wooden spoon or a very heavy whisk, add carrot

mixture to batter and fold in well. Pour into prepared pan, and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Check with toothpick. Allow to cool for at least 20 minutes before serving.

**Nutritional Information:** (Amount Per Serving) Calories: 374, Total Fat: 18.8g, Cholesterol: 43mg

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## ANNIE'S FRUIT SALSA & CINNAMON CHIPS

2 kiwis, peeled & diced  
2 Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored & diced  
8 ounces raspberries  
1 pound strawberries  
2 tablespoons white sugar  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
3 tablespoons fruit preserves, any flavor  
10 (10-inch) flour tortillas  
Butter-flavored cooking spray  
2 tablespoons cinnamon-sugar

In a large bowl, thoroughly mix kiwis, Golden Delicious apples, raspberries, strawberries, white sugar, brown sugar and fruit preserves. Cover and chill in the refrigerator at least 15 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat one side of each flour tortilla with butter-flavored cooking spray. Cut into wedges and arrange in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Sprinkle wedges with desired amount



of cinnamon-sugar. Spray again with cooking spray. Bake in the preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes. Repeat with any remaining tortilla wedges. Allow to cool approximately 15 minutes. Serve with chilled fruit mixture.

**Nutritional Information:** (Amount Per Serving) Calories: 312, Total Fat: 5.9g, Cholesterol: 0mg

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## SPRING LAMB SUPPER

1 pound boneless lamb meat, cut into cubes  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
2 cups thinly sliced yellow summer squash  
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced  
2 medium tomatoes, seeded & chopped  
1/2 cup sliced green onions  
3 cups cooked brown rice  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed

In a large skillet, saute lamb in oil until no longer pink; remove from the skillet with a slotted spoon. In the same skillet, stir-fry the squash, mushrooms, tomatoes and onions for 2-3 minutes or until tender. Return lamb to the skillet. Stir in the rice and seasonings; cook and stir until heated through.

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## SPRING FRUIT TRIFLE



## 36 NILLA Wafers

2 tablespoons orange-flavored liqueur or orange juice  
3 cups seasonal fresh fruit, such as sliced peeled kiwi, blueberries and/or sliced strawberries  
3 cups cold milk  
2 packages (4 serving size) JELL-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling  
(6) 1-ounce squares BAKER'S Premium White Baking Chocolate, melted, cooled slightly

8-ounce tub COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed, divided

Break wafers coarsely into 2 1/2-quart clear glass serving bowl. Sprinkle with liqueur; top with layers of fruit. Pour milk into medium bowl. Add dry pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Refrigerate until pudding starts to thicken. Add chocolate; stir with wire whisk until well blended. Gently stir in half of the whipped topping. Spoon over fruit; top with the remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes or up

to 24 hours before serving. Store leftover dessert in refrigerator.

**Nutritional Information:** (Amount Per Serving) Calories: 190, Total Fat: 9g, Cholesterol: 10mg

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## FRENCH SPRING SOUP

1/4 cup butter  
1 pound leeks, chopped  
1 onion, chopped  
2 quarts water  
3 large potatoes, chopped  
2 large carrots, chopped  
1 bunch fresh asparagus, trimmed & cut into 1" pieces  
1/3 cup uncooked long-grain white rice  
4 teaspoons salt  
1/2 pound fresh spinach  
1 cup heavy cream

Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Stir in the leeks and onion, and cook until tender. Pour water into the pot. Mix in potatoes, carrots, asparagus and rice. Season with salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer 30 minutes, until vegetables and rice are tender. Stir spinach and heavy cream into the soup mixture, and continue cooking about 5 minutes before serving.

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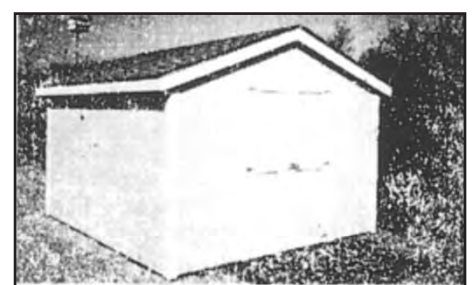


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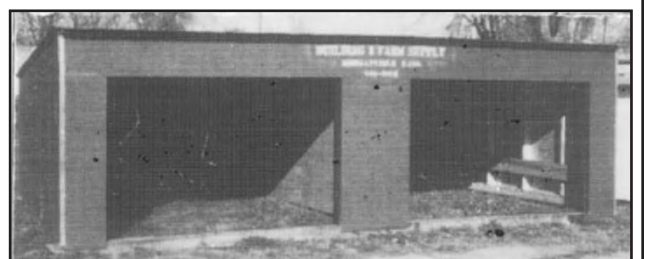
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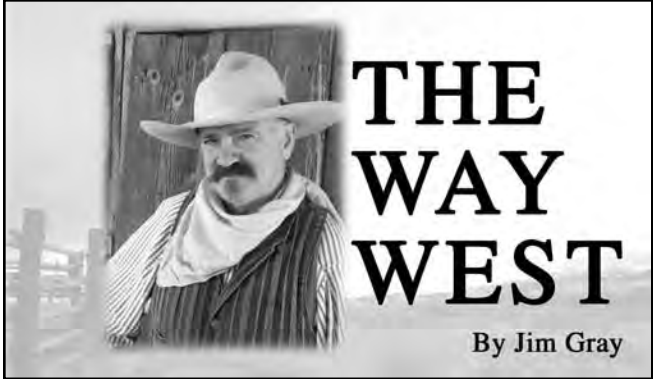
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At the same time, General Winfield S. Hancock rode out of Fort Riley at the head of a command that swelled to fourteen hundred men by the time it reached Fort Harker. The General planned to confront Cheyenne and other tribal leaders near Fort Larned with the powerful presence of the United States Army in hopes that the would-be renegades would submit to the authority of the United States. Hancock’s command impressed the Indians all too well. Fearing an attack, the Cheyenne abandoned

their village and fled toward the Smoky Hill Trail with the Seventh Cavalry in hot pursuit. The troops arrived at Fort Hays, completely exhausted, having been outrun by the Indians. At Manhattan, Kansas, Indian troubles had long moved west with the frontier, but with Fort Riley nearby, news of Hancock’s campaign captured the moment. Manhattan was already a thriving municipality in 1867. The state legislature authorized the Kansas State Agricultural College in 1863 (today’s Kansas State University). The arrival of the railroad in 1866 brought a modern connection to the urban centers of the east. Suddenly everyone in Manhattan was drawn together in one thought as attentions turned to the ground beneath them on Wednesday, April 24, 1867. At approximately 2:40 in the afternoon a rumble from beneath the earth preceded an awful shaking of buildings. Chimneys fell and walls were cracked. The epicenter was identified east of town, south of the newly established town of Wamego near a place called Mount Mitchell. The quake was felt

across eastern Kansas and into Iowa and Missouri. At Fort Riley, Libby Custer wrote to her husband who was with demoralized troops at Fort Hays. “I heard a great rumbling in the direction of the plateau... as if many prairie-schooners, heavily laden, were being spirited away by the stampede of mules. Next, our house began to rock, the bell to ring, and the pictures to vibrate on the wall... Women and children ran to the parade-ground, all hatless, some half-dressed. Everybody stared at every one else, turned pale, and gasped with fright. It was an earthquake, sufficiently serious to shake our stone quarters and overturn the lighter articles, while farther down the gulley the great stove at the sutler’s store was tumbled over and the side of the building broken in by the shock. There was a deep fissure in the side of the bank, and the waters of the Big Blue were so agitated that the bed of the river twelve feet deep was plainly visible.”

At Ottawa, the new school house was damaged and declared unsafe. A wall of the post office building collapsed at Paola. Waves were reported two feet high on the Kansas River. High on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River the White Cloud newspaper, *The Kansas Chief* reported that the Missouri River appeared “considerably agitated, receding from and approaching the banks, like the water in a large vessel that has been violently shaken.” From the view on the bluff “The surface of the earth seemed to have a wavy appearance, something like a field of wheat or tall grass, when the wind blows over it.”

At St. Joseph, Missouri, the earth rocked “...from east to west and west to east, which continued for 20 seconds. The alarmed populace sought the streets and there was intense excitement. The public school buildings shook, the plastering cracked, huge seams being observed in the walls; the children screamed and the teachers, being bewildered and perplexed, dismissed the frightened pupils and hastened to their homes. Never before was there such consternation in the city. In a few seconds the air was as calm, the earth as tranquil, the face of nature as placid and everything as harmonious as though nothing unusual had occurred.”

And life carried on as McCoy made Abilene a great cattle town at the head of the Chisholm Trail. Custer continued to chase elusive Indians across the plains and adventures were resumed 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](http://www.droversmercantile.com).



Dan Nurnberg of Eudora and Bobbi Godfrey of Cottonwood Falls look through the Hinkson Ranch catalog at their Angus Performance Bull Sale southeast of Cottonwood Falls. Dan runs a black/Simmental cow/calf and feeder operation. Bobbi’s cattle interest consists of Angus and she was looking for some heifers at the Hinkson Sale.

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Kindergarten teacher Theresa Farris was recently named one of five recipients of the national "Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture" award.

## Ag foundation's Teacher of the Year wins national KFAC teaching award

Theresa Farris, a kindergarten teacher at Service Valley Charter Academy in Oswego, was recently named one of five recipients of the "Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture" national award. Farris is Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's (KFAC) 2011 Teacher of the Year.

The award program honors outstanding teachers who bring innovation and practical teaching about agriculture into the classroom. It is co-sponsored by the Agriculture in the Classroom Program (AIRC) of the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the National Agriculture in the Classroom Consortium. Farris will be recognized during the AIRC national conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., this

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"It is an honor for Theresa and the state of Kansas. Theresa's work with her students and her leadership in her school towards including agriculture as a part of the standard curriculum is exceptional," said Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director. "We are so pleased to have a teacher who uses KFAC resources receive this national award."

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# Saving the prairie chicken: work in Kansas has national significance for declining species of grassland bird

The greater prairie chicken is a declining species across the nation, but studies by researchers at Kansas State University may help boost its numbers.

“Kansas has national importance as a stronghold for some of the largest remaining populations of prairie chickens in the United States,” said Brett Sandercock, an associate professor of biology who studies the behavior of the birds.

Sandercock and his research team are especially busy with field work in the spring. It’s mating season for the prairie chickens, which usually arrive at their breeding or booming grounds, also called leks, shortly before dawn and stay only a few hours.

“Right now this means we have to get up at 5 a.m. to arrive at the leks by 6 a.m., with the birds coming in between 6:15 and 6:30 a.m.,” he said. “Prairie chickens will come into the leks in the evenings too, but are usually less active.”

Prairie chickens have been declining for the past 30 years. Low populations in other states have been linked to inbreeding and low egg viability. “High testosterone levels can increase the chance that a male mates with a female but also may reduce survival through effects on immune function,” Sandercock said.

The researchers will travel long distances in the sometimes harsh spring weather to collect data on the birds.

“The breeding season is a relatively short one-month period and we have to work a lot to capture birds and to record behavioral data,” Sandercock said. “The genetic analyses

have required careful attention to detail and optimization of different molecular markers by Samantha Wisely and her students.”

Wisely is an associate professor of biology at K-State who also studies prairie chickens.

“The radio-marked females can move long distances over a big area and it takes a lot of hard work by dedicated field assistants to track and monitor the birds over large distances,” Sandercock said. “Much of the areas where we’re working are rangelands managed for cattle production. Our projects would not be possible without cooperation by landowners who have generously permitted us access to their private lands.”

Prairie chickens have an unusual mating system, Sandercock said. The males form groups at the leks, which females then visit to select mates. Their selection is based on the males’ behavior in aggressive interactions with other males.

Understanding patterns of mating helps with repopulation management of prairie chickens around the nation.

“Translocations of birds from Kansas are currently being used to re-establish populations of prairie chickens in Missouri,” Sandercock said. “Understanding patterns of mating will help to develop translocation programs and decide how many birds should be moved.”

The public can view the mating rituals of the greater prairie chicken at the Konza Prairie Biological Station, the 8,600-acre tallgrass prairie jointly owned by K-State and the Nature Conservancy and

managed by the K-State Division of Biology. The Konza’s environmental education program offers a blind for viewing the birds,

which is available Thursday through Sunday mornings from March through late April.

K-State’s prairie chicken

behavioral project has been supported by two grants from the National Science Foundation, including the Konza Prairie Long-Term Ecological Research Program and a Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant to Jackie Au-

gustine, a May 2007 K-State doctoral graduate. Additional support included a research grant from the American Ornithologists’ Union and a First Award from the Kansas National Science Foundation EPSCoR program.

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**TRACTORS, TRUCKS & FARM MACHINERY**

2008 TYM T433 diesel tractor, LT500 loader, FWA, dual hyd., 3 pt., PTO, 65 hrs.; 1980 John Deere 4440 diesel tractor, dual hyd., 3 pt., PTO, quad range, 6807 hrs.; Ford 5610 diesel tractor, GB 800 loader & grapple, hyd., 3 pt., PTO; 1970 IHC cab over truck, 20' bed & hoist, 5+2; 1968 Chevy truck, 18' bed & hoist, tag axle; IHC truck, 16' bed & hoist; 1969 Chevy 1/2 ton pickup; 1988 Buick LeSabre 4 door car; 2011 Continental 7x16 enclosed cargo trailer, tandem axle; Pace 6x12 single axle enclosed trailer; 14' trip. axle implement trailer, ramps; 6 1/2' x 12 1/2' single axle tilt bed trailer; 5 1/2' x 12' single axle trailer, ramps; 7x18 tandem axle trailer, winch & ramps; 2 wheel trailers; 1976 Gleaner L combine, 22' header; Hesston 2210 28' field cultivator; John Deere 8300 8-20 grain drill; IHC 490 21' tandem disc; Krause 14 shank chisel; Krause 14' tandem disc; 5x16 & 6x16 tandem axle open top bumper hitch stock trailers; IHC 710 5-18 semi mt. plow; MF 4-14 3 pt. plow; Case 4-16 pull plow; 4 sec. harrow; 3 pt. cultivator; IHC manure spreader; 2 - 4 wheel running gears; 2 - 3 pt. bale carriers; GH 14' chisel; 30' harrow carrier with 4 sec. harrow; John Deere 8-20 grain drill; 2 - 10' speed movers; Miller 14' offset disc; Krause 3 pt. chisel; 4 wheel header trailer; New Idea manure spreader; 5' 3 pt. rotary mower; 3 pt. blade; 3 pt. one way disc.

**FARM RELATED & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

John Deere STX38 riding mower; Honda 175 motorcycle; 4 - 300 gal. fuel tanks; 110 gal. sq. fuel tank, pump; Lincoln welder/generator; drill fill auger; 8x12 dog run; 8x12 metal building, to be moved; 10x20 carport in box; 2 rendering kettles & jacks; 2 sets IHC H fenders; 27' mobile home frame; welded wire panels; 2 slip in stock racks; 6"x21' auger on carriage; stock tanks; Poulan 14" chainsaw; 55 gal. barrel hyd. oil; 4 old saddles; bridles & bits; push mower; ladders; used lumber; 2 Craftsman roll away tool boxes; Century battery mig welder; air compressor; line trimmers; 50' air hose; 2 elec. chain saws; wood sack; Fimco 15 gal. sprayer; IHC cream separator; instant heat water heater; tires & wheels; chains; boomers; hyd. cylinder; 3 wheel bike; lg. meat grinder; scalding tank; wash tubs; wooden chairs; old cabinets; enamel; ice tongs; hand tools; food dehydrator; egg basket; records; glassware; toys; crock; butter churn; dressers; 6' Eden church pew; clocks; hats; baskets; pots & pans; Norman Rockwell cups & saucers; canners; high chairs; crib; Tupperware; kitchen dinette table & chairs; 3 pt. gin pole; 70"x2" cattle feed racks; calf stanchions; garden gates; copper boiler; bath tubs; mt. deer head; egg baskets; vibrating recliner; trundle bed; railroad ties; nail kegs; bowling pins & ball.

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## The Battle Of Rudy Creek

Ron said it was just one of those days. In fact, it was the day before the regular auction in Ft. Pierre, SD. He had sorted off a truckload of cows he needed to get rid of. They were in a rain-soaked pasture down by the road that had no corral.

No sweat, he and his son hauled a set of portable panels and ramp to a wire fence by the road and assembled a loading pen. It took considerable cowboy skills to ease the bunch into the strange set-up. The neighbor across the road had a pasture full of range hogs and farrowing facilities. Two sows heard the ruckus on the highway and came to check it out. These 400-pound curious

beasts arrived, spooking the cows who turned and stampeded back to the other side of the pasture!

It took till noon to re-gather the renegade cattle,

pen them and load them in the truck. Our cowboys climbed aboard and things went smoothly till they topped the rise that sloped down to Rudy Creek Bridge.

An hour earlier a Reservation farmer who was pulling a 40-foot singlewide mobile home headed south on Hwy. 63 had high-centered on the Rudy Creek Bridge. The hapless mover was laying planks in front of the axles to drag it over. Ron

topped the rise, saw the blocked bridge and stomped on the brakes! He managed to reduce his speed to 20 m.p.h. before he drove the nose of his truck all the way in to the built-in shower and bath combination! Ten tons of beef loaded in the back of a charging diesel behemoth packs quite a punch!

It was 4:30 p.m. before the wreck was untangled and they could proceed. The radiator survived but the compressor and headlights

were broken; no lights, no brakes.

As the dusk began to descend they were drawn between driving faster to save daylight, or driving slower so they could stop. Ron crested another hillock and, "Lord, have mercy!" saw two cowboys pushing a small bunch of cows down the road. Ron laid on the horn!

The runaway truck sailed through a flurry of cows that scattered to both sides! Over

the bar ditches and through the fences they flew! Ron could actually hear the screaming and curses over the engine and the blaring horn!

At the sale the next day Ron told his story many times. And with each telling he became a better driver, a good Samaritan, a tour guide, a historian and eventually he absolved himself of any responsibility for the damages done. He blamed it all on the pigs!

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Joe was never in a hurry to go anywhere or do anything. He took his time and let you know he'd work at his own pace. He never got irritated when you wanted him to speed up, he just kept plugging along at his slow speed. He didn't have any bad vices except being the last one to finish a job. You had to have a lot of patience to work with Joe.

Joe was a 15-hand bay gelding. His hooves were all black like his mane and tail. There was a long, ugly black scar that ran from the base of his neck down his left shoulder. It didn't do much for his looks; in fact, old Joe wasn't much to look at. He was kind of scraggly looking and that big scar made him look like a reject from the sale barn.

He hated worm medicine with a passion. If he saw you coming with a needle and syringe in your hand, you could bet there was gonna be a battle before you sunk that needle in his hide.

He never kicked or bit anybody and would always come when you called him whether you had a halter in your hand or not. Joe was a pretty sociable horse and got along with everybody whether it was a newcomer or an old pasture mate. He'd put up with most anything as long as it wasn't worm medicine or needles. He'd share his pile of hay or

grain with other horses and even let the calves get their share of his feed. Joe stood like a statue when you trimmed his feet and nailed shoes on. He never leaned on you and made your job as easy as he could. He was just so darn slow.

There were certain jobs Joe was good at; like fixing fence or roping calves to brand or doctor them. He was good to ride fence because when you found a stretch that needed fixin' you could wrap his reins around a post a couple times and he'd stand there without pawing or dancing around pulling on the reins. He'd stand stock still until you finished the job whether it was ten minutes or several hours. He took great pleasure roping and doctoring calves. He kept the rope tight until you had the critter flanked and pinned to the ground. Then he stepped forward to give you some slack. This was his favorite time because he could stand there and rest until you finished the job.

Now, there were only certain jobs that Slow Joe was called on to perform. You never saddled Joe if you had a long way to travel or a hard drive to make in heavy brush. He just didn't like to move very fast on a long trail and he'd take forever to get anywhere. He'd

pick his way so carefully through brush popping cattle out of their hiding places that it would take all day to get the job done.

People wondered why Joe was kept on the ranch since he was only good for a few slow jobs and feed was getting expensive. Selling Joe and picking up a good ranch horse at one of the sales seemed like a smart thing to do. Then one day Joe paid his dues and earned his tenure on the ranch. He showed his love for the cowboy he worked with and earned the right to graze the fertile pastures of the ranch for the rest of his days. They rode out late one spring morning to ride herd and look for any problems. They would have left earlier but Joe's rider had to wait around while Joe took his old sweet time munching his grain. It seemed like Joe had to savor each speck of grain as he slowly consumed his feed.

The sun was well on its way to mid-morning when they opened the last gate to the calving pasture and rode amongst the white faced cows and calves. This was Joe's favorite kind of work. His slow pace was just right for looking the animals over. He poked along through the herd with his ears at attention as if he was looking for a problem.

They spotted a calf that needed help. Joe knew what was expected of him when the rider shook out a loop. The calf showed signs of scours. He looked dehydrat-

ed and his flanks were caved in. Diarrhea was evident. The rider roped the calf and Slow Joe kept the rope tight while a balling gun and a scours bolus was found in the saddle bags. Joe was in his glory as he held the rope tight till the calf was secured and the medicine was administered down the calf's throat. The rope was released from the calf and Joe stood stock still waiting for the cowboy to get back in the saddle. That good rider gave the calf a shove trying to get him to move away, letting him know he was free. The calf bawled and took a step backwards. The rider shoved him again. That was more than the calf's mother could take and she charged the rider to protect her baby from more abuse from the human.

She lowered her head and smashed into him, hurling him into the air and breaking his ribs. She began rooting her head into him when he hit the ground causing more injury. Joe looked on in horror as the rider tried to get away from the frenzied cow. Joe jumped into action, moving faster than anyone had ever seen him move. He slammed into the cow, throwing her sideways and giving the rider a chance to escape. The cow started for the rider again but she had to go through Slow Joe first. Joe danced sideways to the cow and hit her again with his shoulder, giving the rider more time to get clear. Joe's luck ran out when the

cow smashed into his shoulder with her horns and raked them the full length of his shoulder, all the way to the base of his neck, laying Joe's hide open and gushing blood. The calf bawled again and the cow turned her attention to her baby, leaving Joe and the rider licking their wounds. Joe was in pain from his great wound but he made his way to where the injured rider had stopped and witnessed Slow Joe's heroic effort to save his life. Tears came to his eyes when he saw Joe's bloody shoulder. "Joe, you are faster than you ever let on. You saved my bacon with that giant burst of speed to stop that cow from killing me. I'll do

everything humanly possible to ease your pain. We are partners forever."

And so, unconcerned with his own injuries, that grateful cowboy led Slow Joe the long miles back to the ranch, nursing Joe's wound the whole way.

The story of Joe's burst of speed saving the injured cowboy spread across the country and Slow Joe earned the right to spend the rest of his life poking around the pastures of his home ranch, at his own pace, with that long black scar standing out as a badge of honor.

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## 2-DAY AUCTION

### SATURDAY, APRIL 30 & SUNDAY, MAY 1

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

#### SELLING SATURDAY, APRIL 30 — 10:00 A.M.

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Rare 5 gal Waconda Water jug w/large wing RW Union oval; rare 2 gal Waconda Water jug; Mason fruit jars; Red Wing rolling pins; RW refrigerator jars; bean pots; mini chicken water; sponge ware bowls; RW cookie jars; RW Collectors Society Commemoratives 1986-2007; RW Trails

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Blue custard; custard patterns; water tumblers, spooners, vases, sugar bowls;  
**Ruby Flash; Pattern glass;** mustache cups w/saucers;  
**Depression glass;** canister

**SELLING SUNDAY, MAY 1 — 10:00 AM**

set; barrel mugs; Shirley Temple blue; amethyst w/white daisies & orange center barber bottle; purple compote, honey dish; 3 new oak 4 door displays.

**See last week's Grass & Grain for complete listings.**  
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# AUCTION

## SATURDAY, MAY 7 — 10:00 AM

### LOCATION: 735 N. 65th Road — GLASCO, KS

From Glasco drive East on Hwy. K-24, 2 miles to 65th Rd., turn left, drive North on 65th Rd. 3 1/2 miles, auction on West side of road.

#### CONSISTING OF TRACTORS, TRUCK, FARM MACHINERY, ALFALFA HAY & HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLE, LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** Will start the auction on household, then hayrack items, then on to the truck and machinery. For internet viewing go to [www.ksallink.com](http://www.ksallink.com) and [www.waconda-trader.com](http://www.waconda-trader.com)

#### FARM MACHINERY

John Deere 4840 tractor, cab, power shift, 3 pt., PTO, 3 hyd. outlets, like new 480/80R 42" rear rubber and duals, low hours on engine overhaul suit-case front weights, SN 017889RW; Case 1175 tractor, 3 pt., PTO, dual outlets, real dual rubber, 20.8x38 rear rubber and 1100x16 front rubber; John Deere semi-mount plow 5x18; John Deere 1610 pull chisel w/points and sweeps; Sunflower model 1233 C-flex disk, 21 ft., front blades over 20"; IHC model 745 tandem disk, 18 ft. manual fold; IHC field cultivator 30 ft. w/spring tine drags; Crustbuster hydro-harrow 28 ft. w/drag; John Deere roto-hoe 3 pt. 4 sections; John Deere 8300 DD grain drill; Crustbuster hoe drill 26 ft. 10" spacing; Allis Chalmers 8 row planter on 24" centers hyd. markers; Gehl 2275 hydro-swing swather w/crimper; Eudora hay rake, 10 wheel, 3 pt. hitch; Hesston model 5585 big round baler; homemade 3 pt. big round bale mover; Haybuster series G big round bale feeder, PTO, 2 pt. hitch; Koker field sprayer, 200 gallon, 3 pt. w/Delvan 8 roller pump; Wyatt 6"x30 ft. grain auger w/hyd. drive; John Deere #200 small square bale elevator; John Deere 4-wheel running gear; John Deere 3 pt. 5 section harrow; John Deere 5x16 plow; PTO wire ender.

#### AUTOMOBILES

1972 Ford 600 truck w/giant 16 ft. bed, steel floor, V8 motor, 4x2 trans., 900x20 rubber; 1979 Dodge Sportsman motor home, Mobile Traveler 25 ft., sleeps 6, V8 motor, auto trans., new rubber.

#### SHOP TOOLS & MISC. ITEMS

Lincoln 225 electric welder; Wayne air compressor; small bench grinder; new Alpine window water cooler; small table saw; 2 section shop storage

#### ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES

Red Wing #5 stoneware crock; Red Wing #4 stoneware crock; #6 stoneware crock; stoneware chicken waterers; Bucklet's chicken waterers; Monarch malleable wood kitchen stove; old shop wood burning stove; horse drawn cultivator; 4-wheel pull type road grader; 2-man saws; hand wrenches; child's sled; 10 gallon milk cans; old metal pot; old wire stretcher.

#### TO SELL FOR NEIGHBOR

Jantz 2 combine header transport trailer; Versatile 54 ft. x 8 in. grain auger, PTO; hyd. drill fill auger; Hinker 42 ft. field cultivator w/drag; John Deere roto hoe, 3 pt., 30 ft.; John Deere 9 ft., 3 pt. rear blade; John Deere 15 ft., 3 pt. roto hoe; homemade 3 pt. big round bale mover; Danuser 3 pt. post hole digger.

Many other small items too numerous to mention with some household items.

**TERMS:** Cash. Not responsible for accidents. All items sell in as-is condition. Statements made day of sale take precedence over printed matter. LUNCH SERVED.

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# Keep dairy cows on full rations despite today's high corn prices

Increasing corn prices and lowering milk prices are causing dairy producers to think twice about what they feed their cows this spring.

"Dairy farmers can't afford to take cows off feed now because it takes too long to bring them back into full production," said Mike Hutjens, University of Illinois professor of animal sciences emeritus. "The good news is that dairy cattle have an advantage because they can utilize forages and byproduct feeds. The bad news is that the price of corn increases the price of alternatives as well."

Alternative feedstuffs such as distillers grains, corn gluten, fuzzy cottonseed, alfalfa and hay may not be corn, but they are all in the same market, Hutjens added. As nutrient prices go up in starch and energy, it drives the other prices up as well.

"Producers need to look at how much corn they should be feeding," Hutjens said. "For a dairy cow, 24 to 26 percent starch is the typical level. Producers can get that from hominy, corn silage or shelled corn. So the question becomes what are the more economical sources available at the farm?"

As prices go up, sugar becomes an alternative that can feed rumen bacteria (target 4 to 6 percent in the total ration dry matter). Another source is soluble fiber, or fiber that

the rumen microbes can break down in the rumen (target 10 to 12 percent in the total ration dry matter).

"The bottom line that our producers need to realize is that you can't cheat the bacteria — they don't read the farm magazines and know the price of corn went up to \$7.60," Hutjens said. "They just know they need certain carbon structures in the rumen to produce. We never want to slow them down. As a result, they produce 80 percent of the cow's energy and 60 percent of her amino acids. Make sure rumen microbes are maxed out even if the price of corn appears to be high."

Corn is still a good buy for producers today, Hutjens said. Sesame, a software program developed by The Ohio State University, evaluates 30 different feedstuffs in the Midwest. It compares energy, protein forms and fiber sources to come up with a commonality that says what the feedstuff is worth.

"Believe it or not, corn is underpriced," he said. "We can afford to pay more than we are now when you look at all the other energy

sources available. We can pay over \$8 a bushel, and it's still a better buy than looking at most alternative feedstuffs, with the exception of corn silage and distillers grains."

Corn distillers grains need to be on the radar screen for dairy producers along with corn gluten feed, Hutjens said. Both of these feedstuffs are underpriced at this point. In fact, distillers grain is underpriced by nearly \$100/ton.

"The big question producers want answered is how much distillers grain can they feed," he said. "I typically advise five pounds of distillers grains dry matter per cow per day. It ends up being about 10 percent of the ration, and that prices out very economically."

While the price of corn is projected to remain very high through the summer months, the price of milk is projected to fall through the end of the calendar year. Hutjens suggests using Sesame to find the break-even price at full feed.

"High producing cows fed correctly will make money in 2011 with \$7+ bushel corn," he said.

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## AUCTION

**SATURDAY, MAY 7 — 9:00 AM**

Auction will be held at the East edge of BELOIT, KANSAS corner of Main street & Hwy. 24.



**PICKUP, CARS & TRACTOR**  
1947 Hudson Super Six pickup, column shift, very good condition, has ran in the last 10 years; 1952 Cadillac limousine, good condition; 1939 Plymouth 4 door, suicide doors, 6 cy, all the above cars have ran in the last 10 years and have been shedded; 1934 Ford 2 door sedan, V8 restorable; DC Case narrow front tractor (serial number 5401732); **Car bodies inc.:** 1950's Cadillac's 30's Chev. 4 door w/suicide doors, Hudson Super Jet, 48 GMC pickup.

### CAR PARTS

Large assortment of car parts 1920's & 30's mostly Model A & T inc.: Model A frame & motor, 5 Ford roaster bodies (28,29,30,31), roaster trunk lids, fenders, bumpers, wheel covers, head lights, dashes, hoods, radiators, radiator shells, radiator caps, hub caps, steering wheels; tail lights; chrome head light rings; cowl lights, hood ornaments; Hudson 8 ornament; 1927 Chev Quota trophy; hub caps; 1933 Ford radio; flat head V8 heads, pressure plates, starters, rear ends, generators, coils, new 5.25/5.50-17 tires, new 17" & 18" tubes, large assortment of other tires, large assortment Model A & V8 Ford wheels; Ford V8 short block overhauled never used; V8 engine 21 bolt head; car trunks; 50's Ford car hood w/viewing window; rim spreader; car parts boxes; large assortment of parts.

**Note: Red has collected for many years, there is a very large collection of car parts, and collectables. There are many nice collectables. Check our website at [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com) for pictures.**

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### SIGNS & COLLECTIBLES

Skelly Regular & Conoco gas globes; signs inc.: porcelain Hudson Terraplane Service, porcelain The K-T Oil Corporation, tin McCormick Deering McCarthy Hardware, porcelain Genuine Chevrolet, Pennzoil, 6" Gargoyle Mobil Oil Artie, School Zone stop sign, Mobil oil, Standard Oil, Arend Millinery, wooden US Post Office Asherville, KS, cardboard Avenue Hotel & Coffee Shop Beloit; RC thermometer; 5' oak show case; cast iron leg store table; 80 drawer store cabinet; 12' base store cabinet; pine 2 door wall cabinet; cast iron fence 30 sections, posts, & 3 gates; 180 lb anvil; visible gas pump frame & 10 gal glass; cast iron George King bridge sign; 4' x 8' safe (Mosler Safe Co.) from First National Bank; lamp base; Reeds vending machine; string holder; Schick shaver cabinet; Red Goose Shoe bank; railroad lanterns; well wheels; fancy cast iron plate; cast iron Rockford planter plate; cast iron seat; Ford Antifreeze tin; Good Penn



Motor Oil tin; long tail horse & football windmill weight's; horse weather vane; Marvel Drawcut Saw no 2 saw; quack doctor machine; double tire pump; cast iron track level; brass oilers; door handles; scale weights; crocks; forge; seeder; heaters; Red Jacket well pump; pitcher pump; well pump handles; spoke shavers; rope maker; IHC tool boxes; cast iron legs for showcase; windmill shutoff; rug beater; check writer; pedal grinder; pitcher pump; dehorners; JD manifold; bell ringers; petrify rock; shoe lass; brass hinges; brass scale beam; hatchets; wrenches; cotton scales; tractor calendars; 1950's Popular Mechanics; bumper stickers; Burger King ads; Old Car magazines.

### TOOLS, TRENCHER & OTHER

24" new trencher w/hyd motor for small skid loader; Skat Blaster glass bead cabinet like new; Craftsman 10" electronic radial arm saw like new; Atlas 8" table saw; Quincy twin cylinder air compressor; upright air compressor; 2 other twin cylinder air compressor; Faeth iron drill press; parts washer; 2-10 ton press; floor grinder; tire changer; band saw; chop saw; Wagner 10 ton floor jack; air bumper jack; belt driven drill press; planes; drills; sazall; 7 section revolving bolt bin; shop tables; welding tables; shop fan; metal 2 door cabinets; metal parts cabinets; Napa cabinet; metal shop shelves; wheel barrow; chain hooks; new boxes cotter pins; screws, bolts; cable clamps; wood bits; 300 gal diesel tank on 2 wheel trailer; assortment used tires; large assortment of other items.

## 3 BEDROOM HOUSE TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 21 — 10:00 AM



This home was the major construction project of the Abilene High School Carpentry Class under the supervision of Mr. Gregg Dutt.

**DESCRIPTION:** This home has 3 bedrooms, crown raised panel oak cabinets, 9' ceilings, Aqua glass tub & shower, Heritage shingles, vinyl clad casement windows with oak wood interior, ¾" tongue and groove sub floor, cement lap siding, Manifold plumbing, cable and phone line wired to every room.

**LOCATION:** This house is located just south of the Vocational Building at Abilene High School.

**OPEN FOR INSPECTION:** Any day between now and sale day by appointment only. School 785-263-1302 ask for Greg Dutt, Home 785-263-1478. Nathan Howard, 263-2484. **For additional information go to [www.abileneschools.org](http://www.abileneschools.org).**

**SOLD AS EXHIBITED:** The house must be moved from the present building site by August 1, 2011 unless special arrangements are made the day of the auction with superintendent of schools. Moving will be at the owner's expense and in accordance with city ordinances.

**TERMS OF PURCHASE:** 10 percent of the purchase price on the day of auction with balance plus sales tax to be paid before the building is moved from school premises. Sale is subject to School Board approval.

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### REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY



**SATURDAY, APRIL 30 — 10:00 AM**

**2207-3415 LANE (CURTIS CREEK RESORT) — JUNCTION CITY, KS**

**DIRECTIONS:** From Junction City go to the Highway 57-77 Intersection then West on 57/244/Trail Road 8.3 miles to the sale site. From Chapman go North on Rain Road to 3400 Ave (Upland), then right (East) on 3400 Ave to Trail Road. Turn left (North) on Trail Road and go approx .2 mile to the Sale Site. Watch for Signs.

**REAL ESTATE SELLING AT 1:00 P.M.**

**FOR VIEWING: CALL OFFICE (785) 762-2266 OR JAY (785) 223-7555 FOR APPOINTMENT.**

**REAL ESTATE:** 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Ranch Home w/Central Air/heat, Fireplace, Wood Deck W/Roof and Attached Garage, on 1.2 Acres in Curtis Creek.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Curtis Creek Resort, S15, T11, R04, BEG 10.5' E NW CORNER LOT 3, THENCE E 195.8', S 300', W 45.2', N 30', W 147.5', N 279' TO POB AKA PT LOTS 3, 4 CURTIS CREEK SUB & PT LOT 1 C25 & VAC RIDGEWAY ST., more commonly known as 2207-3415 Lane, Junction City, Dickinson County, Kansas.

**TAXES:** \$1,365.40 Taxes for 2010 and all prior years will be paid by the Sellers. 2011 Taxes will be pro-rated to Closing. Closing & Possession on or before JUNE 15, 2011.

### FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

Couch (Hide-a-bed), Overstuffed Chair, 2-Recliners, Glider Rocker, Elect Lift Chair, 2- Single Beds, 5 Drawer Chest, Triple Dresser, 2-4 Drawer Chests, double dresser, cedar chest, 2 night stands, 2-Curio Cabinets, Kitchen Table w/4 Chairs, Kitchen Cabinet, Microwave Stand, Cutting Board Cabinet, Entertainment Center, 2-Bar Stools, Bookcase, Pine Corner Cabinet, 3 Drawer Drop Front Ladies Secretary, Lamp Stand, Magazine Rack, Metal Kitchen Stool, 2-Sanyo TV's, Singer Treadle Sewing Machine, Dirt Devil Upright Vac, GE Microwave, Samson Microwave, Magic Chef Gas Range, 21' Maytag Refrigerator w/Ice Maker (White), 22' Upright Freezer, Chest Freezer,

er, Frigidaire Washer and Elect Dryer (White).

### GLASSWARE & COLLECTIBLES

Pressed Glass Candy Dish, Fostoria Bowls, Lefton Music Box, Bird Figurines, Large Collection of Chicken Figurines, Nesters, Hurricane Lamp, Graniteware, Several Kerosene Lamps, Wash Tub, CI Waffle Iron, Steamer Trunk, Fisher Metal Detector.

### TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS

B&D Circular Saw, 10" Ryobi Miter Saw, Craftsman 14.4V Circular Saw & Drill Set, DeWalt 7-70 10" Deluxe Radial Arm Saw, 2-20" Gas Mowers, 20" Gas John Deere Self Propelled Mower, Craftsman Tool Box, King Craft Air Compressor, Campbell-Hausfeld Impact Wrench, Chicago Pneumatic Grinder, Stanley & Craftsman

Elect Staplers, 6-12V Battery Charger, Hand Tools, Organizers, Wards Creeper, Jack Stands, Saw Horses, 4" Vise, Wheel Barrow, 8' & 6' Werner Step Ladders, 6' Alumn Step Ladder, Garden Planter, Garden Tools, Plastic Lawn Chairs, Seeder/Spreaders, Bedding, Pillows, Mud Rugs, Braided Oval Rugs, Luggage, Brief Case, Books, Cook Books, Kitchen Utensils, Corningware, Toastmaster Roaster, Fishing Rods & Reels, Numerous Metal Storage Cabinets, Several Metal Shelf's, 2-Pick-up Toppers, Park Bench, Magna Stride Tread Mill, Boys Bike, Concrete Yard Art, Covered Van Trailer, 8-Sheets 8' Wafer Board, Misc Doors, Dimension Lumber (2/4's & 2X6's), Scrap Aluminum, Scrap Iron, AND MANY MORE ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST.

**TERMS:** Cash or check. Not responsible for accidents. Lunch available.

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# Suhn Cattle Company reports highlights of their 18th annual sale

A windy day with moderate temps greeted buyers on March 22 and enthusiastic cattlemen packed the Suhn Cattle Company sales facility for the 18th Annual Suhn Cattle Company bull sale. This marked the second year that this event was held under the GEN-ETRUST banner—a marketing alliance Suhn Cattle Co. entered into along with nine other progressive breeders from throughout the U.S. Satisfaction with the product presented was confirmed with predominantly repeat buyers on the seats.

Highlighting this year's sale offering was Lot 36, TJM Coronado 535X, a truly top end EPD package with performance to back it up and sired by perhaps the most consistent sire of the Brangus breed, CB Hombre 561T3. He was purchased by the partnership of John Milam, Draggin' M Ranch, El Dorado, Ark. and Todd Garrett, Garrett Brangus,

Midlothian, Texas for \$25,000. David and Nada Wood, Double W Ranch, Houston, Texas purchased Lot 1, Suhn's Affirmed 30T, a proven herd sire with phenomenal data and EPDs for \$9,000. Lot 34 Oaks Escalante 1302X2 a deep, thick, structurally sound son of Hill of Brinks 30S63 was purchased by Mark Watson, Watson 3 Ranch in Garrison, Texas for \$8750. Suhn's LTD 919W23, sired by LTD of Brinks 415T28, was impressive with his exceptional eye appeal and EPD rankings in the top 20% or better in four traits. He commanded a selling price of \$7,500 from Duane Hahn, Platte Valley Brangus, Columbus, Neb.

The enthusiasm for the Ultrablack bulls was again strong this year. Lot 10, a grandson of the super calving ease sire, Newt of Brinks 302P16, and whose dam was a Connealy Lead On daughter. He was purchased by Troy and Cindy Lemay, Lemay Cattle Co., Winfield, for \$7000. Lot 11, WAT Lead Gun 404W3, brought \$5750 from Kristen Kastner, College Station, Texas combining the bloodlines of Lead Gun and Bon View New Design 878 with six traits in the top 10% of the breed. Another Ultrablack, Lot 35, Holcomb's Trademark 1417X5, a deep ribbed son of "BT" was purchased by Cavender Ranches, Jacksonville, Texas for \$5500.

Headlining the Angus offering was Lot 151, Valley View Protégé 0237, an incomparable son of the immortal sire GAR-EGL Protégé — purchased by Kates Angus Farm, Rosamond, Ill. and Betzold Farms, Nokomis, Ill. for \$10,000. Deep, long, structurally correct, good footed with overall depth of rib and stoutness. Brian Hind, Madison, purchased lot 146 a son of Connealy Network, Valley View Network 9218 for \$5000.

Comments from new and repeat customers were most favorable with many noting the overall phenotypic and genotypical consistency and uniformity of the bulls. Bulls sold into twelve states this offering. Volume buyers included Danny Wright represented by his ranch manager Pee-Wee Brookshire, Okla.; Frosty Tipton, Nev.; and Trent McKnight, Texas.

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## 80-ACRE MORRIS COUNTY LAND AUCTION



**TUESDAY, MAY 3 — 7:00 PM**  
White City Community Building  
118 W. MacKenzie St. — WHITE CITY, KANSAS

**DESCRIPTION:** 80 acres more or less with 76.3 acres of farmland with the balance waterway and road right of way. Property is terraced and well maintained. Approximately ½ of the acreage can be planted to spring crops and possession will be given to the buyer at closing. The balance of the acreage is planted to wheat and will be subject to tenant's rights with the buyer given possession after the wheat is harvested. Contact the office for acreage amounts concerning this matter. Excellent location with easy access just 2 miles south of G Ave, a paved county road, on 2700 Rd., 5 miles west of White City. For Ariel map and soil types go to [www.hallgrenauctions.com](http://www.hallgrenauctions.com)

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** S½ SW¼ Section 1-15-5 Morris County Kansas.

**TAXES:** \$360.36 78.3 taxable acres

**TERMS & CONDITION:** 15% earnest money due the day of the auction. Balance is due when merchantable title and warranty deed are delivered. Closing on or before May 17, 2011. Property sells in As Is condition. Sale is not contingent upon the Buyer obtaining financing. Acreage amounts are based on FSA and county records and are deemed reliable but are not guaranteed. **Broker and Auctioneer's are representing the Seller.** For information contact **Greg Hallgren, Broker & Auctioneer at 785-499-2897.**

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# AUCTION

**SATURDAY, MAY 7 — 9:00 AM**

**LOCATION:** To be held at the North edge of ODELL, NEBRASKA

**VIEWING:** Thursday, May 5, after 5 p.m. • Friday, May 6, ALL DAY!

**NOTE:** Auction starts at 9 a.m. on small tools. Household items sell at 11 a.m. Tractors, parts, loader, skid steer, car & pickup sell at 12 Noon. Two rings will be selling simultaneously at various times. Plan accordingly!

### COLLECTOR TRACTORS

1955 Farmall 300, gas, narrow front, fast hitch, LPTO, TA; 1953 Farmall Super M, gas, single front; 1948 Farmall Cub w/Woods 48" mower; 1945 Farmall A Cultivision; 1948 Ford 8N.

### FARMALL PARTS

Lightbar tool box & side frame tool boxes; battery box; 460/560 seat; umbrellas; 5 fiber & steel pulleys; front & rear drawbar plates; pair of feeders, clamp type; starters & generators; wheel lugs H&M front hoods; Abbot fast hitch/3 pt. adapter, Cat 1 & 2, cranks; pan seat; LP regulator; H/M PTO shield; fast hitch arms; tricycle front end; side screens; grease gun holders; other parts.

### LOADER, SKID STEER, COMPRESSOR, TRAILERS & MACHINERY

1994 Case 1840 uni-loader, diesel engine, 5' bucket, 1700 hrs., one owner; Allis Chalmers 1600 industrial loader w/shuttle clutch, 64" bucket; Sullair Model 185 2-wheel air compressor w/4 cyl. gas engine; heavy duty 8'x24' 3 axle trailer; 7'x16' 2 axle flatbed trailer; Fast Line single axle utility trailer w/ramp; David Bradley steel flair box wagon; IH #311 3x14 fast hitch plow, complete w/coulters & gauge wheel; 2 IH 2 row mounted listers; 7' 3 pt. blade; Bush Hog 5' 3 pt. shredder; 2 wheel trailer; IH steel wheel wagon w/40 bu. earcorn box.

### CAR, PICKUPS, DUMP TRUCK & GOLF CART

2000 Oldsmobile Intrigue GL, 3.5 engine, 4 door, front wheel drive, 161,000 miles; 1997 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup, Laramie SLT, 4x4, 2 door, long cab & long box, 176,000 miles; 1992 Chevrolet 3/4 ton, 4x4, 200,000 miles, motor recently replaced; 1975 Ford F600 dump truck; E-Z-Go 3 wheel golf cart, gas engine; Reese 5th wheel camper hitch.

### CONCRETE EQUIPMENT, TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS

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# Tillage: Think seedbed and rooting zone

The large amount of tillage done last fall, and the good soil conditions even where no fall tillage was done, raise questions of how much tillage is needed this spring. While many producers are doing spring tillage as usual, others are thinking that this may be the year to do less, said Emerson Nafziger, University of Illinois Extension agronomist.

Nafziger said there are two fundamental reasons to do (or not do) tillage.

"First, we need to be able to place seed well, at uniform depth and with good seed-to-soil contact," he said. "We may not need tillage to accomplish this. Where we do need tillage, we should create good conditions for the seed while keeping moist soil formed around the seed."

The other reason to consider tillage is to create a favorable place for roots to grow.

"This means having no distinctive physical barrier, such as soil compacted by previous operations," he said. "It also means having good soil-to-soil connections with the deeper soil in order to keep water moving to the surface as the plant starts to take up water."

Deep ripping when soils are dry enough, and not driv-

ing on soils when they're still wet, can do a great deal to help create these conditions. But no-till can also help to preserve these conditions when they exist, he added.

Some producers might want to consider "stale seedbed" planting this spring – planting into soil tilled last fall without any additional tillage. This can help preserve soil moisture while eliminating the time and cost to do more tillage in the spring.

"Fall tillage tends to reduce the number and size of winter annual weeds, so burndown plus residual herbicides should be effective in stale-seedbed plantings," he said. "Planters may need to be adjusted to keep from planting seeds too deep. While we haven't done or seen enough stale seedbed planting to recommend it, the unusually good seedbed conditions this spring may make it worth trying, at least in a field or in some strips."

Though there aren't many fields going to corn that weren't tilled last fall, current soil conditions should also make no-till easier to do well this spring, Nafziger added. One tillage option that may allow fields – especially corn following corn – to be counted as no-till is vertical tillage.

Vertical tillage uses a wide variety of equipment types

## USDA seeks public comment to improve access to critical programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is asking for public comment as it reviews existing program rules to determine whether any should be modified, streamlined, clarified, or repealed to improve access to USDA programs. The intent is to minimize burdens on individuals, businesses and communities attempting to access programs that promote economic growth, create jobs, and protect the health and safety of the American people. The review was directed by President Obama in Executive Order 13563, which he signed January 18, 2011.

"As we work to out-build and out-innovate the rest of

the world, we must ensure that people across the country are able to access the critical programs and resources that USDA offers," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The comments will allow us to hear directly from those who use USDA programs as we work to streamline rules in a way that improves access to resources intended to create jobs and grow the economy."

USDA initially intends to focus on Rural Development, the Risk Management Agency, the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The

Department is particularly interested in hearing from the public concerning areas where USDA can simplify and reduce the reporting burden for entry and access to USDA programs, while reducing its administrative and operating costs by sharing similar data across participating agencies.

USDA is seeking input

from the public through May 20, 2011. Those interested in offering comments are asked to provide them at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), a Web-based portal to make it easy for citizens to participate in the federal rulemaking process. All comments received will be considered as USDA reviews its existing rules.

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and brands, with the common theme being fast, shallow disturbance of the soil with little residue incorporation. Many of these implements also have attachments that help break corn residue into smaller pieces, but leave most of it on top, helping seed placement while preserving cover.

"Because these implements do not till to a uniform depth, they tend to produce less of a distinct break, with loose soil on top and untilled soil underneath," he said. "If it gets dry, such a break can be tough for roots to break through, in which case vertical tillage may provide some benefit. But if soils stay moist until roots have reached deeper than this, there will be little benefit."

For example, in a six-year study conducted by Eric Adey at the Monmouth Research Center, vertical tillage produced the same yield as no-till in corn following soybean.

"Because rooting conditions following this past fall and winter should already be in good shape, the emphasis this spring should be on doing as little compaction damage to the soil of the rooting zone as possible," Nafziger said. "This means driving on fields as little as possible, staying out until soils are dry enough, and doing what we can to reduce compaction when we till or plant."

**AUCTION**  
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## Starter fertilizer may help soybeans planted in nutrient-deficient soils

Soybeans can remove significant amounts of nutrients per bushel of grain harvested. As a result, they may sometimes respond well to starter fertilizers, depending on several factors, said Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, K-State Research and Extension nutrient management specialist. "The most important factor is the fertility level of the soil. Soybeans will respond to direct fertilizer application on low-testing soils, particularly with regard to phosphorus," he said. K-State soil test recommendation guidelines for soybeans include phosphorus, potassium, sulfur, zinc and boron, Ruiz Diaz explained. The most consistent response to starter fertilizer with soybeans would be on soils very deficient in one of those nutrients, or in very high-yield-potential situations where soils have low or medium fertility levels, he said. If fertilizer is recom-

mended by soil test results, then fertilizer should either be applied directly to the soybeans or applied indirectly by increasing fertilizer rates to another crop in the rotation by the amount needed for the soybeans, he said. The method of application is important. "Banding fertilizer to the side and below the seed at planting is an efficient application method for soybeans. This method is especially useful in reduced-till or no-till soybeans because phosphorus and potassium have only limited mobility into the soil from surface broadcast applications," the K-State agronomist said. However, with narrow row soybeans, it may not be possible to install fertilizer units for deep banding, he added. "In that situation, producers can surface-apply the fertilizer. Fertilizer should not be placed in direct seed contact with soy-

beans because the seed is very sensitive to salt injury," Ruiz Diaz said. Soybeans seldom respond to nitrogen in the starter fertilizer, although that's not to say it can't happen, he said. "Some past research in irrigated, high-yield environments at K-State's Irrigation Experiment Field in Scandia suggests a potential benefit of small amounts of nitrogen in starter fertilizer, as long as it is not applied directly to the seed," he added. In addition to directly benefitting soybeans in some cases, starter fertilizer in soybeans also can be a good way to complement nutrients that may have been removed by high-yielding crops in the rotation, such as corn, Ruiz Diaz said.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters to host eighth annual cattle drive May 7

Big Brothers Big Sisters will host its eighth annual cattle drive fundraiser on Saturday, May 7, 2011. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine. According to Roy Crenshaw, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, McDonald's of Manhattan/Junction City, The Jim Kleve Memorial and Caravan Antiques have been named as Title Sponsors for the 2011 Cattle Drive. Host Sponsors for the 2011 Cattle Drive include Shamrock Angus Farms of Manhattan, and Downey Ranch, Inc. of Wamego. Riders will meet at Shamrock Angus Farms, and pay a fee to round up, sort and move 300 cow/calf pairs on Downey Ranch property in the scenic

Kansas Flint Hills. "The trail includes the nationally historic Wabunsee and Tabor Valley region, and the ride will cover between 7 and 15 miles with the distance depending on rider's choice," said Crenshaw. According to Crenshaw, the 2011 BBBS Cattle Drive will be complemented by a Nature Walk. "The Big Brothers Big Sisters Cattle Drive is an opportunity to participate on horseback in a real working cattle drive and another option is hiking

all or a part of the same route. Through the support of riders, sponsors and nature walkers we are able to make a difference in the lives of youth in our community." Big Brothers Big Sisters mission is to help boys and girls, most of whom are considered at-risk achieve their full potential through long-term personal relationships with carefully screened and caring volunteers. Additional information about this BBBS event is available by calling (785) 776-9575.

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April 27 — (Bidding starts to close) Ag Equipment online only auction (www.purplewave.com). Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

April 27 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, trailers, combines, harvest, forage, planting equip., skid steer & attach., lawn & garden ATVs online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

April 28 — Tractor, machinery, antiques & misc. at Wakefield for Avery Inc. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

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 30 — Farm Toys, Pedal Tractors, Pedal car at Sabetha for 2 Private Collections & One Estate. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

April 30 — Farm machinery liquidation NW of Morganville for Ferd Schwab Estate & Edna Schwab. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC

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, glassware, appliances, primitives, collectibles, tools & misc. at Topeka for Estate of Billy Joe Vinning. Auctioneers: Kooser Auction Service.

April 30 — Real estate, Farm equip., collectibles, lawn & garden, vehicles, toy tractors at Colony for James R. (Riley) & Katherine Hill. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

April 30 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, farm related & household items at Moundridge for Nelson & Joan Goering. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

April 30 — Cars, trucks, SUVs at Junction City. Auctioneers: Gross Wrecker.

April 30 — Machinery, combine, tractor, hay & livestock, vehicle, shop & tool, antiques, building, toys, furniture, collectibles & antiques at South Hoisington for Duane Popp Estate. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.

April 30 — Tractor, garage items, collectibles, furniture, kitchen & household items at Carbondale for Gary Wilson. Auctioneers: Prudential First Realtors Auction Dept. Gary Henson, Wayne Hunter.

April 30 — Real estate, furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Dollie Wiseman Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

April 30 — Tractors, skid loaders, trucks, pickups, trailer, combine, machinery, lawn tractor, shop tools & misc. at Wamego for Dorothy Winterman & Neighbors. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

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 — Tractors, combine, trucks, hay equipment, equipment, livestock & misc. at Bonner Springs for Estate of Bill Knipp, executor Lillie Gray. Auctioneers: Moore Auction Service, Inc.

April 30 — Real estate & farm equipment at Hartford for Ronnie Thomsen & Tracy Thomsen. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

April 30 & May 1 — Pottery, Glassware, mechanical banks & toys, antique furniture, Antique animal traps, antique lamps at Greensburg. Auctioneers: Scott Brown Auction & Real Estate.

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 1 — Household, antiques & car at Clay Center for Sam & Linda Gibbs & Others. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, 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 3 — Shop tools, furniture & collectibles at Newton for Darrell Penner Estate, Ruth Penner, seller. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

May 4 — Lyon County creek & river bottom farmland & timber at Olpe for Heirs of the Farthing Family Trust. Auctioneers: John Flott.

May 5 — (bidding starts to close) Tractors, combines, bean/flex head, planting equip., sprayers, trailer, riding lawn mower, manure spreader, wagon, chopper & more online only (www.cornleairon.com).

May 5 — (bidding starts to close) Combines, tractors, hay & forage, trailers, heavy trucks, utility vehicles, mowers online only (www.purplewave.com). Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

May 7 — Lonnie Wilson's consignment auction at Salina. Auctioneer: Lonnie Wilson.

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

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

May 7 — Boats, jet skis, trailers, cycles, RVs at Wichita. Auctioneers: Newcom Auction.

May 7 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, farm related items & shop equipment at Moundridge for Virgil & Mel Goering Farms. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

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 — Woodson County land at Toronto. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

May 7 — SUV, furniture, collectibles, lawn & garden at Overbrook for LeOra Mae Woodruff Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auction Company.

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

May 7 — Marshall County land at Waterville for McKenna Marshall Trust. Auctioneers: Donald Prell Realty & Auction.

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 9 — Washington County land at Brantford for Dunn Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 11 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery at Durham for Dennis White. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

May 12 — Flint Hills land E. of Augusta. Auctioneers: Weigand Auction & Sons, Inc.

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 14 — Real estate, tools, antiques & household at Westmoreland for Mr. & Mrs. Lavern Friesen. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

May 14 — Real estate, pickup, furniture & household items at Moundridge for Margie (Darrel) Kaufman. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

May 16 — Consignment auction at Council Grove for Council Grove FFA.

May 17 — Tractors, machinery, livestock equipment at Newton for Eugene Claassen. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

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

May 17 — Chase County river bottomland at Florence for Betty Yoder Estate, c/o James Yoder. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

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

May 19 — Cloud County real estate at Aurora for Glen Gutka. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 20 — Finney County real estate & minerals at Garden City for Norman E. Becker Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auctions.

May 21 — Abilene High School Carpentry house at Abilene for Abilene High School Carpentry Class Project. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

May 21 — Tractor, pickup, 4-wheeler, antique furniture & other household furniture & misc. W. of Wabunsee for William Marten & Harold Soelter. Auctioneers: Ivan Seele & Ron Walsh.

May 21 — CCCHS carpentry home at Clay Center for Unified School District 379. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC

May 21 — Tractor, vehicles, shop & household near Newton for Helga Schmidt Estate. Archie J. & Sheila Schmidt, sellers. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

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

May 21 — Tractors, vehicles, furniture, household, im-

plements, tools, shop supplies & more at Salina for Ted & Norma Webb Estate. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

May 24 — Antique tractors, train caboose & equip., yard decorations, furniture & collectibles near Haven for Louise "Babe" Hefling Trust. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

May 24 — Seward County real estate at Liberal for J.H. Salley Trust B & Richard J. Salley Irrevocable Trust. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auctions.

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 Fahrback Estates. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estates.

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 2 — Farm machinery consignment at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC

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.



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# Field crop scout training offered in May

A May 10 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension crop scout training course will provide crop scouts an opportunity to enhance their skills.

The training is designed for entry level scouts who will be working for crop consultants, industry agronomists or farm service centers across Nebraska and neighboring states, said Keith Glewen, UNL Extension educator.

The course is from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m. at the university's Agricultural Research and Development Center near Mead, Neb.

"Past participants have given the training high marks and state that the knowledge gained from attending greatly enhanced their scouting skills," Glewen said.

Topics include: how corn and soybean plants

grow and develop, soybean and corn pests, insect quiz, plant morphology, using a key to identify weed seedlings, identifying weeds, crop diseases and quiz, and nutrient deficiencies.

"Some of the benefits registrants stated the training provided included practical/working knowledge and better accuracy in field scouting," Glewen said. "Other participants appreciated the hands-on, practical format."

Cost is \$120. Fees include lunch, refreshment breaks, workshop materials and instruction manual. Registrants should preregister to reserve their seat and to ensure workshop materials are available the day of the training session. Updated reference materials are included in this year's take home instruction manual.

A total of 5.5 Certified Crop Advisor Continuing Education Units is anticipated in the integrated pest management (4.0), crop production (1.0) and soil fertility (.5) categories.

For more information or to register, contact the ARDC, CMDC Programs, 1071 County Road G, Ithaca, Neb., 68033, call (402) 624-8000, fax (402) 624-8010, email cdunbar2@unl.edu or visit ardc.unl.edu/cmde.shtml.

The training is part of the UNL Extension Crop Management Diagnostic Clinics and is sponsored by Extension in the university's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Additional diagnostic clinics include: Mid-Summer Diagnostic Clinic - July 21; Mid-Summer Diagnostic Clinic - July 22; and Late Season Diagnostic Clinic - Aug. 25.

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