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Pittsburg State University students Brandon Thompson, left and David Deters with the "Mini-88" ready for paint and decals.

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The completed "Mini-88" on display at the 2011 USCHI convention in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Photo by CNH

PSU students construct half-pint harvester

By Philip McNew

Upon completion of their internship with Case New Holland (CNH), Pittsburg State University (PSU) seniors David Deters and Brandon Thompson had a little unfinished business. Their mentor Kelly Burgess, a product quality manager for CNH, approached the two Manufacturing Engineering Technology majors with a "mini" project to take back to school.

As a world-class manufacturer of harvesting equipment, CNH staunchly supports the mission of the U.S. Custom Harvesters Inc. as well as the Association of Canadian Custom Harvesters, Inc. Each of these professional organizations include members from the for-hire grain harvesting as well as forage harvesting markets. As part of this support, CNH provides each group with a donated item for their respective, annual, convention to be auctioned off as an association fundraiser.

Burgess mentioned "We try to provide a unique item harvesters can relate to, has some realistic functionality and shows off the ingenuity of CNH employees." In years past a barbecue grill and meat smoker were fabricated from Case IH Axial-Flow® combine rotors, as well as a full-body, Case IH themed go-kart. "For 2011 we wanted to raise the bar of this endeavor and show off the expertise of our dedicated employees," Burgess stated. "We had the additional motivation that the USCHI 2011 convention was being held in Grand Island, Nebraska, home to the final assembly plant for our Case IH Axial-Flow® combines," he added.

Over a couple of glasses of sweet tea, with a napkin as their canvas, Burgess and his CNH colleagues planted the seed of an idea to fabricate a ¼ scale combine, as the 2011 auction entry. Dubbed the "Mini-88" after its big brother, the Case IH 7088 combine the project team included CNH employees Andy Dozler (fabrication), Chris Larson (electronics), Jason Schuster (CAD), Cy Werda (financial), Mike Wetzel (fabrication) and Burgess (project manager). However, the bulk of the metal fabrication landed on the young shoulders of Deters and Thompson. With CAD (computer aided design) files in hand and a rolling chassis provided by CNH, the two PSU students headed back to their Pittsburg campus, to begin fabrication and their spring semester classes. Working under a very tight timeline required the pair to put in some late nights and weekend hours to meet their late February 2011 delivery to CNH, at Grand Island, for final assembly and painting.

Low carbon steel was the material of choice as the two PSU fabricators used water jet cutting to create several of the pieces for the "mini" puzzle. The majority of the grain tank, side shields and feeder house components were CAD scaled-down versions of an actual 7088 but a good number of the parts had to be hand fabricated. Plasma arc cutting, hand-grinding and an occasional well-placed hammer blow was the norm. Nearly all welding was accomplished with the Gas Metal Arc Welding (MIG) process with one or two components requiring the precision of Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (TIG).

"All in all we didn't have a lot of fabrication problems," stated Deters, "however, it definitely was a challenge as many of the parts were one-of-a-kind, as you can imagine." One example of a problem, for the crew, was the steering mechanism, which was accomplished by the use of lawn-tractor steering gears and shop fabricated control arms. "We were given quite a bit of freedom in our manufacturing," mentioned Thompson, "which is evident by the use of exhaust tubing and elbows, as the simulated unloading auger. Not to be left off the list was the unit's header, as well as the 'essential' header-trailer, for transport from field-to-field," Thompson laugh-ed. A hitch was welded to the rear frame of the unit, thus allowing the header-trailer to be towed behind the combine.

The specifications of the "Mini-88" include two-wheel hydrostatic drive, with a 13 ½ h.p. gas engine. The feeder-house and header can be raised and lowered, but due to safety concerns the header does not have a working cutter-bar. The movable

bat-reel functions manually, while the unloading auger extends and retracts by use of an electrical actuator. This same type of actuator was used for the movement of the feeder-house, previously mentioned. All of these functions, as well as the movement of the unit, are controlled by the propulsion handle, which is the same type used on full-sized harvesters. The handle was mounted on a console next to the operator station, which seats the operator on top of the cab. Working field-lights round out the mechanics of the machine.

Preparation for and painting was a team effort which included the CNH employees previously mentioned and a local Grand Island vendor, USA Auto Body. Decals, corporate logo and lettering are scaled down versions from current 7088 models.

With only days to spare the completed combine, header and header trailer were readied for display at the USCHI 2011 convention in Grand Island, which was held from March 3-6, 2011. "It was a hot topic and a real attention getter, during the trade show portion of the convention," mentions Burgess. "There were several three and four year-olds ready to take it home," he laughed. In reality, as previously mentioned, the "Mini-88" was sold during the fund-raising auction which was held Friday evening, at the close of the convention day. The winning bid was received from customer harvesters Marilyn and Al Kuntz, Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada. "This is such an awesome piece of equipment and we are so thrilled to have the only one in the world (so far)," stated Marilyn Kuntz. In addition

to their custom harvesting business the Kuntzes are avid toy show collectors and attendees. The Kuntzes plan on taking the "Mini-88" to future toy shows and other events. An evolution of the project can be seen on the Kuntz web page: <http://www.kuntzharvesting.blogspot.com>

Burgess adds, "We were very pleased with the outcome of the project. It actually exceeded our expectations, but if you noticed Mrs. Kuntz's statement that they had the "only one in the world (so far)" it alluded to

the fact that our work is half done." "We have a second "Mini-88" to produce for the late 2011 convention of the Association of Canadian Custom Harvesters, Inc." Burgess stated. When asked what kind of projects to expect for next year, Burgess responded with a wry smile and said, "Stay tuned."

The author is a Professor in the Manufacturing Engineering Technology Department at Pittsburg State University and served as the faculty advisor for the PSU portion of the project's fabrication.

Making the ag connection



Reid Shipman of Blue Valley High School in Randolph talks to a group of Riley County third graders about pigs as part of the Kids Ag Day event held at the fairgrounds in Manhattan on April 27. Stations were set up in two buildings for the students to hear presentations about agriculture and food production. A lunch of pizza and ice cream was served, demonstrating how all the ingredients are produced on the farm. The event was put on by Riley County Farm Bureau with assistance from local FFA chapters, the Riley and Pottawatomie County Conservation Districts and K-State Research and Extension.

Photo by Donna Sullivan

American Agri-Women examine critical ag policy issues

In an effort to better understand Arizona border issues, American Agri-Women (AAW) heard from several speakers on the topic at its annual agricultural policy review meeting held recently in Phoenix.

Sue Krentz, wife of

rancher Rob Krentz who was murdered by an illegal alien as he checked cattle on his southern Arizona ranch in March 2010, and Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu, just back from testifying before a Senate committee hearing in Washington, D.C., spoke

about the hardships they face because of the “porous” border.

Barbara Jackson, current vice president of American National Cattle-Women from Tucson, AZ, described ANCW’s new “animal well being” educational program and suggested that people check the internet and go to RestoreOurBorder.org to learn what the Arizona Cattlemen’s Association recommend on improving the border situation.

Anna Marie Knorr, representing Western Growers Association, echoed previous speakers but emphasized that it is imperative for farmers, ranchers and growers to have access to legal foreign workers through new legislation.

AAW president Chris Wilson, Manhattan, explained that the border issue was only one of many issues discussed at the meeting of members from The work group was comprised of 58 women from 20 states who updated last year’s legislative positions in preparation for their annual trip to Wash-

ington, D.C., to meet with congressional leaders in June.

“Since its beginning in 1974 American Agri-Women has strived to obtain a legal workforce so that we can continue to harvest perishable crops and enable dairies and cattle operations to produce food for our citizens,” Wilson said. “Without a change in our country’s immigration policy we will lose the ability to feed our own people, much less the world, and we will depend on foreign sources of food which may not have our high quality standards or inspection requirements.

“In addition to ag jobs and securing the border,”

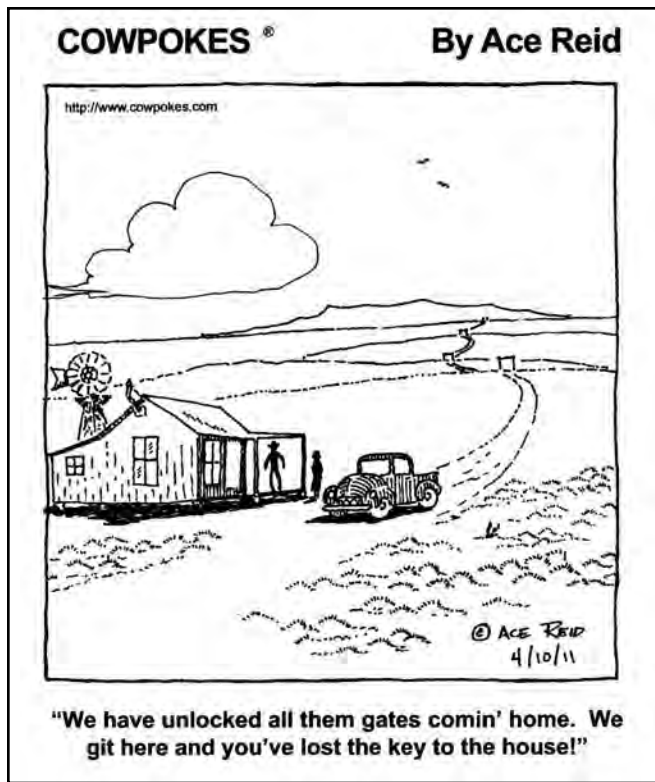
Wilson continued, “we also put at the top of our priority list overregulation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and loss of private property rights. There are two particular concerns we have as detailed by our speaker, Karen Budd-Falen, an attorney from Cheyenne, Wyo. Budd-Falen discussed the Open Equal Access to Justice Act, which was first introduced in Congress last year and urges members of Congress to require an accounting of how much money is paid out by the federal government to environmental groups who sue government agencies.”

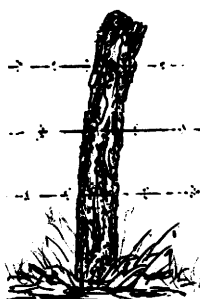
Budd-Falen also point-

ed out the possible danger of losing grazing rights when Bureau of Land Management acres are designated as “Wild Lands.” This change is being supported by the present administration.

A dozen Arizona women leaders in agriculture were guests of honor at an AAW reception held in anticipation of a new state affiliate being organized there. Groups represented included the Cowgirls Historical Foundation, Arizona CowBelles and Arizona Farm Bureau.

For more information on American Agri-Women and the upcoming June 12-15, Washington, D.C., Legislative Fly-In visit AmericanAgriWomen.org.





The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

How To Keep Utility Costs Low

Thirty-two huge 300-foot wind towers stand tall in the distance, three to six miles from our ranch, and 35 more are within our view east of Highway 81. Like sentinels, they stand guard 24 hours a day every day, regardless of the weather, be it day or night, whether the price of a barrel of oil is \$50 or \$110; they stand, turning in the wind.

As a member of the Wind Energy Technology Advisory Council at CCCC, I attended the council meeting recently along with six other members. We meet at the airplane hangar, where the lab classes for the WET (Wind Energy Technology) program meet to learn to repair the fiberglass blades and to mix and pour concrete using fiberglass instead of reinforcing rods and mesh. They also learn how to tie heavy components with straps so they can be elevated to the top of the towers safely without swaying or falling. Much time is spent on safety and knowing how employees can be lowered to the ground when a mishap occurs.

What impressed me most was the book the WET staff has written and published, covering everything being taught at CCCC in preparing students to be able to service, repair and maintain wind towers, regardless of size or make. The text covering the course content is well written with ample pictures, charts and graphs. It was evident the staff had spent many weeks, or months, preparing it and will be helpful not only for teaching students but for informing the wind energy industry of what is covered in the curriculum. Thus, they can be assured of the training received by graduates of the program when they are looking to be hired at wind farms.

A concern discussed at the meeting was the loss of community college teachers in the WET program

to the wind industry. These companies are willing to pay premium wages to instructors from the WET programs, and the college cannot compete salary-wise. Thus, the turnover means having to find qualified ones to replace those that leave. Also, the industry seems willing to hire students to work at the wind farms before they have completed the course. The need for qualified people in the industry is great, and the pay is good.

At present, CCCC has three turbines turning in the wind to produce electrical power to supply the electricity needs of the college. Yet, they must stay on the power company grid for the days when the wind does not blow.

Realizing the heating and cooling system at the school was old, inefficient and unreliable as well as costly and difficult to maintain, the college board opted to go with a new Geo-thermo HVAC system. There were 99 holes, or wells, drilled 250 feet deep, each with three seals. Four big electric pumps were installed, which are operated by electricity generated by the three wind turbines. The total cost for this new system was \$3.2 million, but the utilities expense at the college should be minimal for many years to come.

As an added bonus, the three college-owned wind turbines are used by the class of 150 WET students in learning to maintain repair, climb, elevate objects to the top, and conduct safety drills.

There are 19 community colleges and hundreds of school systems in Kansas. Is there enough evidence given in this article to encourage all these schools to develop wind power with an updated heating and cooling system to hold utility costs in check. It is something to think about.



I’m going to say something that I am well aware will get me labeled as an old-fashioned prude. So I guess I should start by saying, I really don’t care.

Here goes. What has happened to our society that things like common sense, common courtesy and common decency have become so completely uncommon? Where and when exactly did the wheels fall off the train? And what, if anything, are we going to do about it? Or do we even care enough any more to try?

Anyone who knows me well will tell you that I am eternally optimistic – to the point of being quite annoying to the more realistic, pessimistic or cynical among us. So, true to my nature, I believe that, yes, we can do something about it. And I believe that the first step is to stop accepting unacceptable actions and behavior. We have to start with ourselves. What bad habit or characteristic within myself have I given up trying to change and just resigned myself to accept? After all, I’m only

human and nobody’s perfect, right?

Then we set boundaries on the treatment we will accept from others. If I would not treat someone in an unacceptable manner, why should I accept unacceptable treatment from them? If I treat others with common courtesy and respect, is it unreasonable to expect the same from them? I don’t think so.

Next, we raise the bar a bit for what we expect from those we place in leadership roles. If they want our respect, they can act in a respectable manner. If I don’t lie, cheat or scream obscenities, then I don’t think it’s unreasonable to expect any less from them.

Just for the heck of it, let’s give it a try. Let’s admire those who act in a respectable manner and stop pouring accolades on those who don’t. Let’s stop elevating rude, crude and unacceptable behavior to an art form and demand a little more.

If you ask me, we’ll all be better off for it... even if we do get labeled old-fashioned prudes.



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Federal budget powers up work at NBAF

Former KBA chief Thornton takes job in Ohio

The federal budget bill passed by Congress April 14 brings good news for Manhattan and Kansas State University: \$40 million to fund the next round of work on the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility being built at K-State.

“We’d like to thank members of the state’s congressional delegation for helping secure this vital funding for NBAF, which is an urgent national priority,” said K-State president Kirk Schulz. “This funding shows Congress understands how vital NBAF is to the nation’s food safety and security, and why Kansas State University is the right place for this important facility.”

U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins, who represents Kansas’ Second District, which includes Manhattan and K-State, commented, “I have always said the federal government should have only a few foundational duties at its core. The first among these central obligations is the protection of the homeland and the American people. The work that will be done at NBAF in Manhattan to protect our food supply will fill a critical missing component of our national security. I am pleased to see that Congress and the president have again made NBAF a funding priority. Our security transcends politics, and I will continue to fight day in and day out for the protection, promotion and funding of the NBAF in Manhattan.”

The \$40 million, which is being matched with \$40 million in state funding, will be used for a central utility plant on the NBAF site, said Ron Trewyn, K-State vice president for research.

“It will be great to have the project started and see the first building under way on the NBAF site,” Trewyn said. “NBAF will be a modern, world-class research facility built in the most safe and secure manner possible.”

The \$650-million federal facility, to be constructed over the next few years at the northern edge of campus, will feature highly secure biosafety level 3 and 4 laboratories to develop vaccines and countermeasures to foreign animal, emerging and zoonotic diseases that threaten the U.S. animal agriculture and public health. It will be operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Construction of the utility plant also is the start of an expected economic boost to the Manhattan area, Trewyn said. Work on NBAF is projected to bring 1,500 to 1,600 construction jobs to Manhattan over the four- to five-year period that the facility is being built, with the majority of the contractors, construction workers, plumbers and electricians from the region and using Manhattan’s hotels, restaurants and retail stores.

“The Department of Homeland Security wanted to build the lab in an area with high levels of research, and K-State is known as a national leader for its expertise in livestock medicine, food science and infectious diseases,” Schulz said. “NBAF enhances K-State’s goal of becoming a top 50 public research university by 2025 and opens the way for collaborations and partnerships between the facility and the university.”

The former president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Bioscience Authority has taken a new job in Cleveland.

Tom Thornton resigned under fire in April as head of the KBA. The Wichita Eagle reports that he’ll serve in a top level position with Cleveland Clinic Innovations.

Brian Kolonick, a spokesman for the Cleveland Clinic, said Thornton’s primary responsibilities involve working with entities seeking to commercialize new drugs and medical treatments.

Thornton’s resignation came shortly after it was revealed that the Johnson County District Attorney’s office had started an investigation into the agency. Prosecutors have refused to say what they are looking into.

KBA officials have denied any wrongdoing and defended Thornton’s job performance.

Term ends for KCA’s president and vice president

In April, the Kansas Cattlemen’s Association Board of Directors said goodbye to president Perry Owens from Minneapolis and vice president Hal Luthi from Madison. Both men served a three year term on as part of the KCA leadership. Elected to the Board of Directors in 2009, both were also selected to serve on the executive committee for their 2010-2011 term.

“Both men have had a tremendously positive impact on KCA and the industry as a whole. They have helped to grow the association and have been very active in addressing the needs of producers. Hal has hosted a number of meeting and events throughout the Flint Hills of Kansas to bring awareness to industry issues. Perry has been involved in the Kansas Animal Disease working Group and well as the Kansas Foreign Animal Disease Response Committee, where KCA has worked to protect the integrity of animal health as well as rancher’s rights,” KCA board member Aaron Winter explained.

Board member Danny Herrmann stated, “Both did a very good job in working for producers here in the state of Kansas. Although their time on the board has ended, both will undoubtedly continue to be active within the organization and the industry.”



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- Antioxidants help reduce the damaging effects of oxygen in tissues. Nuts are superfoods with antioxidant capacity that meets or beats other fruits and vegetables.

(NAPSA) — Increasingly, many healthcare professionals are promoting the benefits of a plant-based diet.

For instance, the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans point out that a shift in food intake patterns to a more plant-based diet — one that emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains and nuts — can help Americans live better.

PEANUTS AND A HEALTHY DIET

Here's how peanuts can play a role in such a diet:

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BRINGING PLANT-BASED PROTEIN TO THE TABLE

Experts say two-thirds of your plate should consist of vegetables, whole grains, beans, nuts and fruit, and one-third — or less — of your plate should be animal protein.

By including familiar foods in your diet, such as peanuts and peanut butter, you may be more willing to try new recipes. Here's an example:

PEANUT APPLE TOASTIE
2 slices bread, toasted & buttered
2 tablespoons peanut butter
1/2 apple, sliced
Lemon juice
Cinnamon
1 teaspoon brown sugar

Spread peanut butter on one side of each of the two slices of toasted bread. Dip apple slices in lemon juice. Arrange apple slices on peanut butter and sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. Put on a baking sheet and place under broiler. Broil 3-5 minutes or until lightly browned.

To learn more about nutrition and recipes, visit www.skinnyonnuts.com.

GRILLED CHEESE 101

(NAPSA) — A few simple tricks can help a popular comfort food — the grilled cheese sandwich — come out great every time.

For example, brush the tops of your bread with ultrasoft or melted, unsalted butter for even cooking. Using quality bread is important. You should shred or grate cheese when it's cold (easier to handle) but cooking cheese at room temperature is best for quick melting. A couple of super meltable cheeses that are available presliced are Jarlsberg and Jarlsberg Lite. After the first "flip," press with a tool, like a spatula, heatproof plate or cake pan to get that crispy, golden-brown crust. Always cook on medium-low heat and use a nonstick skillet. Want to use less butter? Toastabags are a neat new alternative.

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Meanwhile, here are some gooey-delicious combinations to consider:

- Jarlsberg, ham, pickles and mustard on whole wheat or rye.
- Fresh Chevre (a soft, unripened goat cheese) and thin-sliced beets (roasted in balsamic vinegar and honey) on multi-grain bread.

- Jarlsberg BLT on country white bread.

- Brie (such as Woolwich Dairy, a triple crème goat brie) with cooked crumbled prosciutto and fig jam, on soft sourdough.

- Jarlsberg, pastrami and sauerkraut (or coleslaw) on rye.

Whether you try these innovative versions or stick to the classics, this delicious dish is one way to get almost anyone to smile and say "cheese."

Money-Saving Vegetable Gardening

(NAPSA) — Millions of us are buying seed packets or plants and heading to the backyard to plant our own vegetables. The reason? According to the National Gardening Association, it's all about creating better-tasting produce and saving money.

"Tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, beans and carrots are some of the most popular vegetables to grow in your backyard," said Lance Walheim, co-author of the "Sunset Vegetable Gardening" book and gardening expert for Bayer Advanced™.

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Walheim has a few tips for successful vegetable gardening:

- Choose the easiest veggies to grow. Tomatoes, radishes, zucchini, carrots, peas, peppers and lettuce will help make your first attempt at vegetable gardening successful.

- Choose the sunniest spot. Vegetables need up to eight hours of direct sunlight in rich, well-drained soil. Start with a 6' x 10' plot to keep the size manageable. Use string to mark off rows running east to west for the best sun exposure.

- Plant at the right time. Your local county Extension service can help guide you on what to plant and when.

- Control destructive pests. Aphids, mites, leafhoppers and mealybugs are the kinds of pests that eat veggies. Bayer Advanced™ Natria Multi-Insect Control kills harmful insects on contact and it's made with canola oil. It's for organic gardening (www.BayerAdvanced.com). Always read and follow label directions.

- Deep, infrequent watering is key: Stick your finger in the soil. If it's dry, then water. One inch of water will wet sandy soil a foot deep and clay soil about five inches deep.

- Organic mulch helps keep the weeds out. It also decomposes, feeds the plants and keeps the soil loose and cool.

- Feed your veggies. Apply nitrogen fertilizer regularly, especially when they're young.

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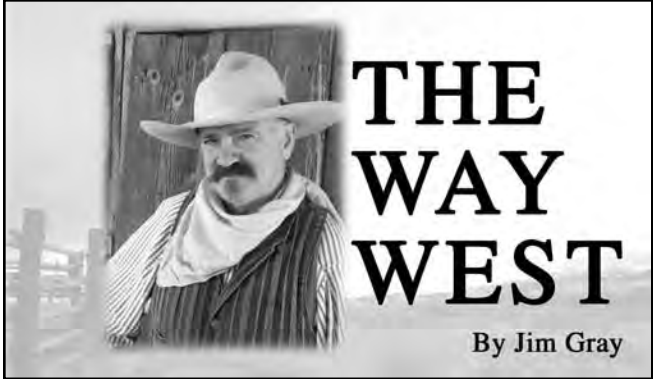
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The physical and moral difficulties that lay before the pioneer mother were monumental. Fowler relates an amazing story of a pioneer mother that deserves retelling.

In 1866 a squad of United States Cavalry was en route from the Great Bend of the Arkansas River in central Kansas to Fort Riley. Somewhere east of the wetland basin of Cheyenne Bottoms the commanding officer swept the horizon with his field glass and was surprised to see a small object moving

in their direction from the west. "No other living thing was visible throughout their field of vision, and conjecture was rife as to what this single moving object in that lonely waste could be." It moved slowly, hesitatingly, as though it could barely take another step, but then onward it pressed "resuming its sluggish course towards the East."

As the squad changed its course, moving toward the mysterious object, the form of a woman became obvious. She kneeled in a defensive posture, raising her rifle to her shoulder as the soldiers approached. The men waved their hats and shouted to her that they were friends. She held her ground for a few moments and at last lowered the rifle.

Hardened soldiers suddenly became chivalrous knights of honor before the small, frail woman who had mysteriously appeared before them on

that barren plain of endless grass and infinite horizons. "Her pale, wasted face bore those lines which mutely tell the tale of long sorrow and suffering." The officer tenderly inquired how she happened to be alone in such a desolate place. Twice she tried to speak and twice she broke down. Questions could wait as the soldiers silently set about to feed and comfort her. A full day later she found the strength to tell her story.

Three years earlier she had left eastern Ohio to make a home on the plains with her husband and four children. They had followed the Smoky Hill River until turning south. From her description they settled somewhere near present-day McCracken. To be that far west in 1863 would have isolated them entirely alone with no neighbors or contact with the outside world.

They settled in to raise cattle and tilled only enough ground to provide food for the family. Two more children were born. Their days were filled with bounty and joy. Pass-

ing Indians treated them kindly.

But fortune turned to adversity as suddenly as day turns to night. A sickness spread through their cattle. Grasshoppers destroyed their produce and a drought reduced the lush prairie to a desert. As Fowler says "Terrors come not as single spies, but in battalions."

Her husband became ill, suffered intensely for a week and died in delirium. She dug his shallow grave on the bluff near their home and with her slender arms placed her husband's body in the ground. Her three oldest children were already suffering from the cruel ailment. One by one each of her children breathed their last in their mother's arms and were laid beside their father.

Only the baby had endured in perfect health. But then the mother felt the first pangs of the pestilence. Through her fever she perceived the early signs of the destroyer in her baby's eyes. In her bed she prayed that this might be the last resting place for herself and her child.

The little one soon "faded like a flower in the hot blast of July."

She lay with her lifeless child on her breast for three days before her fever broke. Raising from the bed "with shaking frame" she laid her last child on its father's grave and covered it with dried grass, crowned with yellow autumn leaves.

There was only one choice for survival. One last look at the "home once so happy, but now so swept and desolate," her destiny was soon joined by the squad of soldiers. Her

ultimate end was not disclosed. Her name has been lost to time, but her incredibly tragic story lives as a testament to the strength and courage of mothers who challenged the frontier 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* ©2011

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KCA executive committee begins new leadership role

As the next term of the Kansas Cattlemen's Board of Directors commences, the board has elected Paul Acton from Blue Mound and Aaron Winter of Dodge City as president and vice president respectively.

A graduate of Ohio State University, Acton runs a commercial cow/calf operation and also raises and sells show stock. Acton has served on the board for two years and has been a KCA member since 2005. Believing that fair trade and more producer involvement in the Beef Checkoff is critical to the future of the cattle industry, Acton hopes that producers will take an active role in their industry and join KCA.

Winter has served one year on the board and currently works as the yard manager for Winter Livestock, one of the oldest and largest privately owned auction markets in the country.

"We [all producers] need to come together and work toward the same goal, what is best for the industry," states Winter. "The industry has changed so much since I first became a part of things, from the way that we run our cow-calf herds to the way that we market our fat cattle."

Ivan Reimer of Meade was re-elected for his second year as the secretary/treasurer.

Brandy Carter, KCA Executive Director explains, "The staff is very excited about this year's executive committee. Each gentleman brings new and fresh ideas to help the organization provide additional and better services for Kansas producers. That is what KCA is about, working for the producers and helping to keep rural communities thriving. Paul and Aaron are ambitious, think out of the box, and truly bring a new perspective to the association."

Salina woman wins national volunteer award

Tracey Martin is the winner of a national award, NRCS Earth Team Volunteer Coordinator Award for 2011. Martin is an office automation assistant with U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Salina.

Earth Team is the official volunteer arm of NRCS. It is a program that partners volunteers with NRCS employees to help conserve, maintain and improve natural resources and the environment. NRCS state conservationist Eric Banks applauded the selection. "Tracey Martin is an Earth Team coordinator for the state office and the Plant Material Center (PMC) in Manhattan. This is a very important collateral duty. She works with staff pro-

moting and advancing the Earth Team program while also serving on the management services team at the Kansas NRCS state office. The Earth Team program expands our ability to serve our customers and Tracey is instrumental in making this effective program work for the state office and PMC," he said.

Martin became part of the Earth Team Volunteer Program in 2008. In the time that followed, the number of volunteers increased from 25 to 89, and the number of volunteer hours jumped from 261 to 972. "Tracey is a strong Earth Team advocate," said Banks. "Each year she contacts area schools to recruit students to participate in the Kansas Apprentice Program. This is an Earth Team

effort where volunteers learn on-the-job skills learn and about career choices that may help them get hired at NRCS or in the natural resources conservation field. It's proven to be successful. Several Earth Team volunteers have been hired and one student/volunteer was selected as a USDA/ 1890 National Scholar."

The Earth Team Volun-

teer Coordinator Award is a yearly competition which represents the best NRCS volunteer manager in the U.S.

For more information about being an ET Volunteer, contact Jan Klaus, Kansas Earth Team volunteer coordinator, 785-625-2588 or go to the Kansas NRCS homepage at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov, and click on Earth Team Volunteers.

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New USDA rule encourages the purchase of local agricultural products for children's nutrition assistance programs

Agriculture undersecretary Kevin Concannon recently announced that USDA's child nutrition programs are implementing new rules designed to encourage use of local farm products in school meals. The final rule, published in the Federal Register, will let schools and other providers give preference to unprocessed locally grown and locally raised agricultural products as they purchase food for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, Child and Adult Care, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable, and Summer Food Service programs. The rule is part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 signed into law by President Obama and one of the key provisions to bolster farm to school programs across the country.

"This rule is an important milestone that will help ensure that our children have access to fresh produce and other agricul-

tural products," said Concannon. "It will also give a much-needed boost to local farmers and agricultural producers." The rule supports USDA's 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' initiative which emphasizes the need for a fundamental and critical reconnection between producers and consumers. The effort builds on the 2008 Farm Bill, which provides for increases and flexibility for USDA programs in an effort to revitalize rural economies by supporting local and regional food systems. 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' is helping to break down barriers that keep local food systems from thriving, create new opportunities for farmers, ranchers, consumers and rural communities, and expand access to healthy food throughout the country. USDA expects consumer demand for locally grown food in the U.S. to rise from an estimated \$4 billion in 2002 to

as much as \$7 billion by 2012.

The Farm to School component of this effort is designed to help connect schools with regional or local farms in order to serve healthy meals using locally-sourced products in their cafeterias. USDA currently is sending teams out to select school districts to work on farm to school issues. Some of these programs also incorporate nutrition-based studies, as well as food-learning opportunities such as farm visits, gardening, cooking, and composting activities.

Improving child nutrition is also a focal point of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act that recently passed Congress and was signed by President Obama on December 13, 2010. This legislation authorizes USDA's child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program and the

Summer Food Service Program. It will allow USDA, for the first time in over 30 years, the chance to make real reforms to the school lunch and breakfast programs by improving the critical nutrition and hunger safety net for millions of children. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act is the legislative centerpiece of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Initiative. To learn more, visit www.LetsMove.gov.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service administers 15 nutrition assistance programs including the Summer Food Service Program; the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; the National School Lunch Program; the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; and the Emergency Food Assistance Program. Together these programs make up the federal nu-

trition safety net. USDA administers these programs in partnership with state and local agencies and works with faith and community-based organizations to ensure that nutrition assistance is

available to those in need. Additional information about the programs can be found at www.fns.usda.gov and the USDA's Farm to School initiative at: www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/.



Riley County Extension agriculture and natural resources agent Greg McClure and Riley County High School FFA member Lindsay Bulk discuss sheep with Riley County third graders during the Kids Ag Day held on April 27 in Manhattan.

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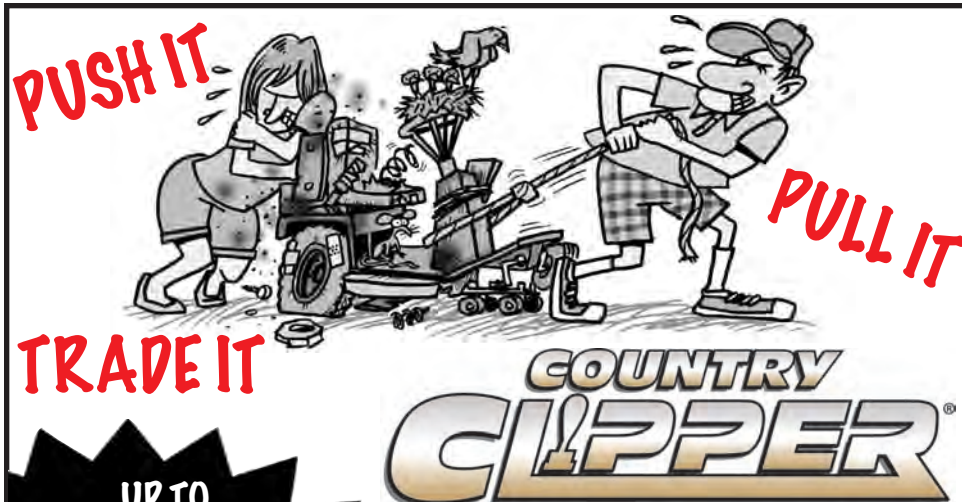
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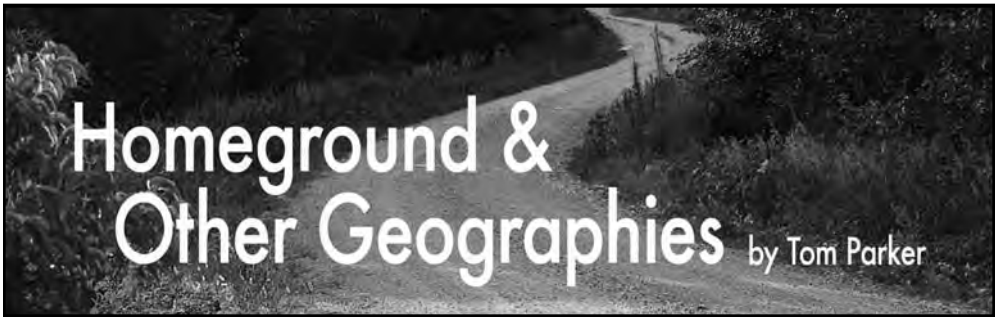
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My Brilliant Idea

Like some of my more unusual proposals, the idea of a brush pile was met with intense skepticism by my significant other. “It’ll look junky,” she said.

“No it won’t,” I scoffed. “We’ll keep it contained.”

“Brush piles aren’t containable,” she said. “It’ll look junky.”

“Who cares?” I looked around our two-acre spread in feigned surprise. At the time we had no neighbors to speak of.

But her tone had taken an edge I didn’t care for. As a man, the ability to market my ideas was never one of my finer traits. Men prefer to blast their way through obstacles, until, that is, the obstacle is the wife. Then, tact and feeling are crucial.

“What are we going to do with all the tree limbs?”

I asked. A wind storm had obliterated most trees within 30 miles of our town and our yard was no exception.

“We’ll take them to the dump.”

“You have time to do that?”

Her eyes turned steely. After a long pause she grimly shook her head, a barely perceptible movement.

“I’ll start behind the shed,” I said.

For those who like their yards neat and orderly, the very epitome of an Americanized, suburban English garden, a brush pile is an abomination. To bugs, snakes, lizards, rodents, birds and larger mammals, a brush pile is the Ritz Carlton.

From the start, birds in particular seemed to gravitate toward the safety of the interlock-

ing branches. For the base I used the thickest of the tree limbs, fashioning a loose sort of grid that left large spaces between each branch. Succeeding layers of narrower branches created a pyramidal lattice-work that rose exponentially to the weather. Most of our trees were planted in the mid-fifties and all of them showed signs of brittleness. So many branches fell or splintered to hang until pulled free that it seemed that picking up sticks was a metaphor for life, a slow debridement that whittled away the fat, leaving only a withered skeleton. Loss was the only reality.

And yet, year after year they leafed out, almost miraculously so, and year after year wind and ice broke them apart. In summers I couldn’t mow until

doing a thorough inspection; winters were more treacherous due to the cold and ice shards that cut like razors. All the while, the pile grew taller, deeper and wider.

Birding our backyard became a delightful exercise in one-upmanship. Birders are notorious listers, their lists kept more for bragging rights than data retrieval, and I was no different. Each spring and fall I’d try to trump my last record of the number of different species found in the yard, or the number of different species of sparrows, say. My high count was seven sparrows, a record still unbroken. Almost all of them were found in the brush pile.

When cottontails moved in to their ready-made warren, I felt I’d hit the jackpot. Their presence went unnoticed at first until a blanket of late-

spring snow revealed a dizzying number of tracks entering and exiting the pile. Meanwhile, our thick-et — a 40x80 forest erupting where our garden had once languished—grew ever more denser, creating its own microhabitats. A covey of bobwhites moved in, and on foggy mornings they’d migrate out to feed in the yard. The brush pile provided safe haven from the occasional bobcat, feral cat or coyote.

Over the years I’ve seen opossums, raccoons, various species of snakes and lizards, plus a solitary wood chuck that made itself at home for about a week before moving on. The brush pile, it appeared, wasn’t just permanent housing but also took in itinerant migrants.

This week, while clearing out the garden for planting, two tiny rabbits nosed out to watch us. We froze and held our breath as

they took several tentative steps into the open. After munching on a few dandelions (a benefit, as any groundskeeper will attest), they broke out into wild happy dances, chased each other in circles and zipped back into the safety of the warren. We could barely contain our laughter and delight.

My wife now grudgingly admits that the brush pile was a good idea, though I can tell that she still has a few reservations. Now and then she asks how much bigger I’m going to let it get, and I usually suggest we start another, maybe on the opposite side of the yard closer to the thicket. Her expression is a dead giveaway for the chances of that happening. As I watch her eyes flash and her lips tighten, I calmly shrug and say, “Oh, I don’t know. A little bigger.”

But I already have the ideal spot staked out.

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1948 Willys Jeepster purchased from Harrah's Collection—running condition, new top & upholstery, stored inside, very neat.

1961 MG 1600 Sports Convertible, running condition, 2nd owner, has been stored inside, no rust.

1966 Ford Ranchero, red, running, very nice.

Scorpion Mark III 400 by Trail-a-sled Snowmobile.

Canoe & trailer; Car hauling dolly trailer with winch.

Wood butcher block from Peak's Store in Manhattan; leather covered fainting couch; small Oak & glass Purry Prize Cake display; pedal tractor; ox yoke; Oak & glass slant front Eversharp razor case; small

Blacksmith forge; 2 small corner chairs; Texaco gas pump gumball machine; old dresser; ski bike; sleds; Stan Herd Painting (preliminary for Ft. Riley mural); Harley Davidson phone; Varga prints (framed); various prints & watercolors including Alfreda Peterson; 2 glass oil bottles; collection of Military Airplane models; John Deere constructions toys; radios; WWII Aircraft picture; WWII snow clothing; Texaco garage clock; collection of car banks & die cast cars (approximately 50 pcs); decanter; New Lionel train; John Wayne plate; wood bucket & utensils; KWBC sign; Kick n Go scooter; square Wagner cornbread pan; granite post; archery items; golf clubs; variety of

repro metal signs; dress form; anchor; hunting, fishing & camping items; leather scabbards; mounted Elk head; Budweiser peanut dispenser; Military air rafts; ski clothing, boots & supplies; hunting & sailing clothing; Stetson hat; workmate bench; folding chairs; stool chest; new wood burning stove; fold-out bow hunting targets; plastic/wood display cases (nice); snow shoes; skis; pictures; frames; shark ceiling fan; meat grinder; hats; horns; chairs; footstools; bottles; cast iron circus wagon; lamps; Craftsman tool chest; metal shelves; hand tools; saws; car parts; saw horses; exerciser; fruit jars; organizers & hardware; auto items; lot more fun items!

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AUCTION

SUNDAY, MAY 15 — 1:00 PM

10245 Military Trail Road, Sand Creek Self Storage — MANHATTAN, KS
(East of Manhattan, KS on Hwy 24 to Military Trail Road)

1975 Harley Davidson Sportster XLH, antique title; **1996 Ford Born Free** 'Built for two' E350 camper, 21', 59,000 miles, hardwood cabinets, shower, toilet, kitchen, clean & ready to go!; **1970 Ford F250** camper Special pick-up, 331 stroker engine with 4-speed overdrive, running & good; **1991 Ford 150 XLT Lariat** pick-up, 302 engine, automatic, running, very clean interior; utility pick-up top; **1995 Chevy 2500** ¾ ton pick-up, running & good motor; **1961 Ford Fairlane**, 2-door sedan, not running; **1968 Ford F-100** pick-up, 6 cylinder, 3spd overdrive with camper top, not running; **Honda Fourtrax 4-wheeler**; **1997 E-Z-GO Freedom** golf cart with winter cover, new tires.

John Deere 31 series mule drive

rear mount roto-tiller; John Deere 37 series front mount snow blower; 2-wheel pick-up bed trailer; 5' pull type brush hog; John Deere hydraulic tandem disk; 64 Evinrude 18HP boat motor, electric start, running; Poulan 2000 16" chain saw; 110 portable arc welder; Forney 220 welder (no cables); 110 air compressor; engine stand; power winch; tow bar; Sears 200 amp battery charger; sandblaster with tank & cabinet (near new); 2 wheel lawn utility trailer; pick-up toolbox; shop lights; kerosene heater; 4 skill saws; 2 jig saws; approximately 35 rods & reels; boat seats; air raft; Coleman & other folding chairs; camping awning; tent; backpacks; lawn chairs; patio table & 4 chairs with umbrella; Rubbermaid & Coleman cool-

ers; **Pro form treadmill** (very good); 2 push mowers; gas weedeater; new corner shower unit in box; new toilet; window air conditioner; new turbo air vents; 2 sets car ramps; 5 small propane bottles; doors; PVC pipe; wall cabinet; kitchen stove hood; metal sawhorse; lantern; **Fender Squire bass guitar**; Fender base amp; Yamaha Pacifica electric guitar; Sub Woofer speakers; upright Coke machine; **Petrified Buffalo skull** found in Republican River; several survival & other knives; chest-of-drawers; coffee & end tables; office chair; miscellaneous furniture; fans on stands; pressure cooker; household miscellaneous; hand & garden tools. **PIC-TURES ON WEBSITE**

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AUCTION

MONDAY, MAY 9 — 2:00 PM

8049 NW Capper Road — ROSSVILLE, KANSAS
(NORTH OF ROSSVILLE ON BLACKTOP ROAD)

Antique Oak Grandfather's clock; Walnut heavily carved high back bed; large Oak curved glass china cabinet; lighted 2-door Oak china/curio cabinet; Maytag automatic washer & dryer; Signature deep freeze (small); modern Oak dining table & 4 chairs; marble top table; small round Oak dining table (old); Oak entertainment center; hide-a-bed sofa; Queen size Maple bed; Maple nite stand; 2 chests; pr lamp end tables; glass top end tables; 2 wood framed glider rockers; electric organ; dropleaf table & 6 chairs; Oak stand; turtle footstool; coffee table; aquarium on stand; hat rack; stereo & speakers; CD stand; Magnavox TV; various chairs; shelves; stainless steel cart on rollers; cabinet; metal shelves; lawn chairs; treadmill; patio table, 6 chairs & 2 footstools; picnic table; BBQ grill.

GUNS

Ted Williams 22, model 34; older Japanese disassembled parts gun; German 22 pistol.

Brass AT&SF bell & stand; 29 Collector's plates; 31 cups

& saucers; stemware; Precious Moment; 5 German steins; Ruby Flash; antique spoons; Oriental, bisque & other figurines; Angels; set of Rogers silverware; Regulator wall clock; antique kitchen clock; bowls; candy jar; dog figurines; cloisonné vase; Remington Indian print; silverware; Frankoma bowl; plates; new microwave; kitchen appliances; jewelry box; bell; pr small kerosene lamps; stoneware dishes; Southwest décor; brass spittoon; Bunn coffee maker; Vision ware; pots; pans; cutlery; pressure cooker; bedding; towels sheets; dresser lamps; Tupperware; can opener; Corning ware; dish towels; Pyrex; slow cooker; platters; mixing bowls; Forman grill; bread machine; pressure cooker; roaster; dehydrator; wok; rotisserie oven; mixer; crockpot; paper shredder; kitchen utensils; fan on stand; cast iron Dutch oven; boom box; scales; lots fruit jars.

1999 Subaru Outback Limited; **Ford Workmasters 601**

tractor, completely restored & new tires! Kubota BX2230 tractor with mower, blade & roto-tiller (like new); Troy Bilt 22HP 46" cut lawn tractor (near new); Troy Bilt Pony rear tine tiller; commercial Cyclone pull type rake with bagger & Briggs engine (new near); 8HP leaf mulcher/shredder; 12'X6' single axle trailer (factory made); small 2-wheel trailer; power rake/dethatcher; Mantis tiller; Lawn Boy push mower; pull behind fertilizer spreader; lawn sprayer; pull-type aerator; harrow section; Bee Hive boxes; band saw; acetylene set with cart; Delta 8" bench grinder; 4 chain saws; jointer & stand; Craftsman 10" table saw; Craftsman portable air compressor; Husky power washer; 3 weedeaters; large drill; roll-around tool chests; toolboxes; many hand & shop tools (Mac & Craftsman); jacks; chains; garden tools; lawn & oil products; very nice assortment of tools; shop vac; motors; router table; jack stands; wheelbarrow; aluminum & wood ladders; many miscellaneous items.

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Non-ambulatory cattle management bilingual training program available online from KSU/BCI

Beef and dairy producers, veterinarians and other people involved with animal agriculture condemn willful acts of animal abuse.

A key component to preventing this type of cruelty is the education of animal caregivers on downed animal care and humane euthanasia techniques. An online non-ambulatory cattle management training program that allows tracking of the people who have completed the training is now available in English and Spanish for animal caregivers on beef and dairy cattle operations (www.animalcaretraining.org).

The Animal Care Training Program, managed by the Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University, was developed by beef and dairy cattle veterinarians, animal scientists, farmers and ranchers to aid the beef and dairy industries and provide 24-hour relevant training for animal caregivers. The online modules outline how to care and treat downed animals. There also are modules available to help producers gain knowledge on how to make the difficult decision on when to euthanize an animal. The modules recommended methods of how to euthanize animals are described and illustrated in accordance of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

"Animal abuse is not tolerated in our industry, protecting our animals from abuse starts with proper training of those caring for the animals," says Dr. Dan Thomson, Jones Professor of Production Medicine and Director of the Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. "Care for downed animals and humane euthanasia are not pleasant. However, it is our responsibility to care for

these animals and relieve their suffering in a professional manner with dignity for the animals that provide for us.

"Proper training of individuals caring for these animals is the responsibility of the farm or ranch," he says. "The ability to verify or track the training is important to show that individuals received a standard or level of training to care for the animals. Also, if animal abuse occurs, the person was trained appropriately, but independently chose to act inappropriately."

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners recently reported on the animal abuse incident in Hart, Texas. The AABP stated that the people who performed the willing acts of animal abuse on the calf ranch should be prosecuted and procedures need to be put in place to prevent these types of acts from happening in the future. The incident was captured by undercover video and released to the public by a group called Mercy for Animals. This group is calling for stricter legislation to prevent people from abusing animals.

According to the Mercy For Animals website, animal welfare expert Temple Grandin, says, "It is obvious that both the management and the employees have no regard for animal welfare." Mercy for Animals filed a legal complaint against the cattle ranch in a Texas county law enforcement agency.

"Proper euthanasia is a very important issue that we face in the livestock industry. If an animal is euthanized it needs to be done in a rapid efficient manner that follows one of the three AVMA-recognized methods," says Dr. Jan Shearer, professor of Vet Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine at Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine. "It is absolutely critical and

essential for those individuals that euthanize animals to be properly trained, whether they are owners, managers or employees. Many employees on large dairy operations and feedlots are Spanish-speaking and the online training modules allow those employees to be properly trained in non-ambulatory cattle management. The modules increase awareness of euthanasia, understanding of euthanasia and educate animal caretakers how to properly do their job."

The effectiveness of online training has been documented in a peer-reviewed journal (<http://ojrrp.org/journals/ojrrp/article/viewArticle/266>) by animal science and veterinary faculty to improve farm, ranch or dairy employee knowledge base in areas such as downed animal care and euthanasia, regardless of language preference or experience.

Ryan Ruppert, senior director, Beef Quality Assurance, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, says, "As the largest association of cattle producers, NCBA works to create total quality management and continuous improvement through our Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program. The animal abuse avoidance and euthanasia certification on the Animal Care Training program are valuable tools to advance your operation and continue to implement BQA. The proper ways to euthanize and handle distressed animals are based on AVMA standards. Certifying your employees in proper euthanasia and animal abuse avoidance shows your commitment to the best care you can provide for the cattle that you care for every day."

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CAR PARTS

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er; car parts boxes; large assortment of parts.

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 Art, 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; Reeder 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

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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.

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AgriLabs announces scholarship winners

Steve Schram, AgriLabs President and CEO, announced the winners of AgriLabs academic scholarships for 2011-2012. AgriLabs continues to value its commitment to the community and to the industry it serves through these scholarship programs. "AgriLabs believes that education is the key to personal and community socioeconomic development. Our corporate-sponsored scholarship programs have provided over \$100,000 to encourage and advance quality educational programs for a generation of AgriLabs Scholars, who have gone on to become leaders in their chosen fields and communities," he reported at the Annual AgriLabs Shareholders Meeting.

The AgriLabs Dennis Feary Memorial Scholarships in Agriculture was endowed to provide funding for eligible students enrolled in or entering college. The \$2000 scholarships are awarded exclusively to students in pursuit of a two or four year college degree in agricultural studies. These studies include Agricultural Business, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural and Environmental Engineering Technology, Agronomy, Animal Science (including veterinary medicine and biological sciences), Crop and Soil Science, Dairy Science, Food Science and Technology, Mechanized Systems Management, Resource Conservation and Management. Taylor Renee Wilson, Beattie, was one of recipients of this scholarship. Both of her parents, Thomas and Sandra Wilson, are employed by Valley Vet Supply in Marysville. Taylor wants to pursue a degree in biology.

The AgriLabs Herman Haenert Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 to honor and recognize the contributions that Mr. Haenert made as both a founder of AgriLabs and as vice president of business development from 1992-2005. The award provides \$5000 per academic year and was endowed to provide funding for eligible students enrolled in or entering a two or four year college degree in any field of study; it is available to employees and immediate family members of AgriLabs and its shareholders.

It was awarded to Miles Andrew Barber, Marysville. Miles' mother, Ellen Barber, works for Valley Vet Supply. He will attend Grace College studying pre-vet medicine.

AgriLabs Scholarships are managed by the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, which is solely responsible for qualifying and selecting applicants. Applications for AgriLabs awards are available at www.agrilabs.com/scholarships.



Taylor Wilson

The 51st Annual Quality Beef Day was held on Saturday, April 9, at Hedstrom Hall in Marysville.

There were 85 head of livestock exhibited by 45 youth and adults from Kansas and Nebraska. The livestock were judged by Spencer Schrader of Wells.

Fifty-seven youth and adults participated in the 4-H, FFA, and Adult Livestock Judging Contest.

"We had great weather for our 51st Annual Quality. There were many new faces at this year's Quality Beef Day, with some people traveling from as far as Wichita to attend this event. Overall, we were very pleased with the number of spectators and participants, the weather was very nice for exhibitors and spectators, and we appreciate the financial support that our Marshall County area businesses provided at this year's Quality Beef Day," stated Michael Vogt, Marshall County Extension agent and secretary for the Quality Beef Day Committee.

The winners were:

BREEDING BEEF COMMERCIAL: Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Hilary Johnson, Washington.

Reserve Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Jenna Hennerberg, Washington.

REGISTERED AOB (11)

Champion Registered AOB Female 4-H/FFA, Kael Lange, Clifton.

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Quality Beef Day held in Marysville

LeDoux, Agenda.

SHORTHORN (1)

Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Kobie Camerlinck, Leonardville.

ANGUS (7)

Champion Bull 4-H/FFA, Lauren Prill, Wichita.

Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Eva Henrichsen, Westmoreland.

Reserve Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Kady Figge, Onage.

CHAROLAIS (3)

Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Caleb Obermeyer, Marysville.

Reserve Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Caleb Obermeyer, Marysville.

SIMMENTAL (4)

Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Logan Marple, Westmoreland.

Reserve Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Joell Sylvester, Wamego.

HEREFORD (20)

Champion Bull 4-H/FFA, Luke Prill, Wichita.

Champion Bull, BJ Valek, Agenda.

Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Lauren Prill, Wichita.

Reserve Champion 4-H/FFA Female, Logan Marple, Westmoreland.

Champion Female, Mandy Valek, Agenda.

SUPREME HEIFER

Champion Supreme Heifer 4-H/FFA, Hilary Johnson, Washington.

Reserve Supreme Heifer 4-H/FFA, Kael Lange, Clifton.

MARKET BEEF CROSSBRED/ALL

OTHER BREEDS (18)

Champion Crossbred Steer 4-H/FFA, Haven Johnson, Washington.

Reserve Champion Crossbred 4-H/FFA, Lindsay Bulk, Riley.

SHORTHORN (1)

Champion Steer 4-H/FFA, TJ Schroeder, Beatrice, Neb.

ANGUS (0)

MARKET HEIFER (3)

Champion Market Heifer 4-H/FFA, Hadley Schotte, Marysville.

Reserve Champion Market Heifer 4-H/FFA, Lindsay Bulk, Riley.

CHAROLAIS (2)

Champion Steer 4-H/FFA, Hadley Schotte, Marysville.

Reserve Champion Steer 4-H/FFA, Caleb Obermeyer, Marysville.

SIMMENTAL (3)

Champion Steer 4-H/FFA, JW LeDoux, Agenda.

Reserve Champion Steer 4-H/FFA, Kobie Camerlinck, Leonardville.

HEREFORD (5)

Champion Steer 4-H/FFA, Logan Marple, Westmoreland.

Reserve Champion Steer 4-H/FFA, Lela Chaundry,

Marysville.

SUPREME AND RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION MARKET BEEF

Overall Champion 4-H/FFA, Haven Johnson, Washington.

Reserve Champion 4-H/FFA, Lindsay Bulk, Riley.

SHOWMANSHIP (40)

Champion Senior, Joelle Sylvester, Wamego.

Reserve Champion Senior, Lauren Prill, Wichita.

Champion Intermediate, Hadley Schotte, Marysville.

Reserve Champion Intermediate, Luke Prill, Wichita.

Champion Junior, Logan Marple, Westmoreland.

Reserve Champion Junior, Eva Henrichsen, Westmoreland.

Top Youth Individual, Tyler Ohlde, Leonardville.

Top 4-H Club/FFA Chapter, Luke Prill, Lauren Prill, and Hadley Schotte, Wichita/Marysville.

Top Adult Male, Steve Schotte, Marysville.

Top Adult Female, Melissa Borgerding, Marysville.

"We are looking forward to planning and hosting the 52nd Annual Quality Beef Day," Vogt stated.

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Pamela Schlodder, Monsanto Representative and Fontanelle Territory Sales Manager, left, was on hand to help present the check to Jan Brown, George Brown and David Stuewe, president of the Wabaunsee Pines Golf Association Board.

Wabaunsee County Farmer wins \$2,500 for Wabaunsee Pines Golf Course

George Brown of Alma has been selected as a winner in the America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM program, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. The Monsanto Fund sponsors the program, and winning farmers designate a local nonprofit organization to benefit from the donations. Brown has designated the Wabaunsee Pines Golf Course, located in Alma, to receive the donation.

Brown says he is very excited to have been selected as the winner for Wabaunsee County. "The (America's Farmers) Grow Communities program is great. I chose the golf course because this is the only golf course our community has. It's being built by a volunteer effort, and we need all of the help we can get."

Mary Reed Spencer, treasurer of Wabaunsee

Pines Golf Association, Inc., said, "I think it's wonderful that George chose to help our organization and that Monsanto Fund is being so generous. This is a great thing for communities. I'm certainly a fan of this program."

The \$2,500 donation was awarded at a ceremony held April 23 at the Wabaunsee Pines Golf Course.

In more than 1,200 eligible counties, farmers can win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit. The Monsanto Fund expects to invest more than \$3 million in local communities. Previous Grow Communities projects resulted in the donation of nearly \$1.2 million in 477 counties in Arkansas, California, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and South Dakota. In total, more than \$202,000 has been donated to nonprofits in Kansas.

Kansas Farmers Union members discuss biofuels, farm bill with members of Congress

Three Kansas Farmers Union (KFU) members, along with Farmers Union members from across the country, visited with Congressman and Senators during the National Farmers Union Spring Fly-in.

KFU President Donn Teske of Wheaton, KFU Communications Specialist Lauren DeMott-Clary of Windom and KFU Member Nick Levendofsky of Republic visited 18 Congressman and Senators in a day and a half.

"Members of Congress are better able to understand the issues facing American agriculture when they can put a face and name to those issues," Levendofsky said. "I feel very confident that our meetings went very well and our message was heard."

Before Farmers Union members met with their representatives, they heard from House Ag Committee Chairman Lucas and Senate Ag Committee Chairwoman Stabenow, as well as rank-

ing House member Colin Peterson and the USDA at National Farmers Union headquarters.

Congressman Lucas said the House Ag Committee would like to wait one year before finalizing the 2012 Farm Bill, so that it can be based off of next year's budget. Although, he would like to present the Bill to President Obama before the 2012 election.

"I don't think it is in the best interest of farmers to wait and work the Farm Bill next year," Teske said.

Congressman Lucas also commented that with almost half of the House Ag Committee being freshman, they hope to work with the Senate Ag Committee, who has five former chairman and a former Secretary of Agriculture.

Senator Stabenow said agriculture is facing some of the largest cuts at 14 percent below 2010.

"This is a real challenge for use. We need to set our priorities," Senator Stabe-

now said. "If you're (farmers and ranchers) successful, then we're successful as a country."

Farmers Union members urged members of Congress to support blenders tax credit, the Clean Air Act, Community Wind and investments in renewable fuel infrastructure.

"Kansas Farmers Union has long been strong supporters of renewable energy, especially wind, and in a really perfect world, community wind," Teske said.

Farmers Union is in support of the Clean Air Act, although production agriculture should be exempt from the regulating of greenhouse gases and particulate matter.

The 2012 Farm Bill was a big topic during the congressional visits. Kansas Farmers Union informed Representatives about the 2008 Farm Bill programs

without baseline funding beyond 2012. Of these 37 programs, eight are energy programs and five are conservation programs.

"A lot of what was considered more progressive, socially accepted, parts of the past farm bill were funded from non-baseline dollars," Teske said. "To let these expire is taking agriculture backwards."

"Even in the baseline part of the farm bill, funding direct payments with today's crop prices is going to be hard to defend," Teske added. "Farmers Union has long been supporters of counter-cyclical support programs which would shore up agriculture when needed. To focus our shrinking dollars on future farm bills that work on a stronger support system for agriculture when the prices will again be low is the responsible thing to do."

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PERSONAL PROPERTY

COLLECTIBLES, ANTIQUES, & PRIMITIVES: Seth Thomas Yale AEQAE shelf clock, milk glass, carnival glass, quilts, sewing machines and supplies, oak wall phone, trunks, Coo Coo clock, painted plates, Hall's Supreme quality kitchenware Jewell Tea china set, glassware, egg dish, Butter churns, Irons, lanterns, wooden cabinets, table top victrola with records, oil lamps, vases, oak buffet, wooden chicken coup, wood frame wheel barrow, Conde milking machine, farm primitives, wooden tool boxes, horse collars, Ice cream churn, hat boxes, school desk, parking meter lamp, set of childcraft books, assorted crocks, plus many more related items from this farm.

BARNs: Three historic barns with great barn wood to be dismantled by buyer. One chicken house, one corn crib, one dairy barn with round wooden silo. All wood typical barn wood some weathered. One 1,000 bushel steel grain bin. Buyer agrees to dismantle and remove barns within 30 days from date of auction.

FARM EQUIPMENT: MM 13 x 7 grain drill, MM 3 bottom plow, MM pull type combine (sheet metal in good condition), iron wheels, hay rake, disc, Ford 7' 3pt sickle bar mower, 2 row corn planters, Massey Harris planter boxes, farm wagon,

wooden box farm wagon, 5' pickup reel for combine, endgate seeder, rotary hoe, 3pt 3 bottom plow, wooden wagon tong, and related older farm equipment.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: 2 motorized wheel chairs one is Inva Care, walkers, hospital bed, plus other related items. All in excellent condition.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1981 Ford F-150 pickup with camper shell, wooden coffee table & end tables wagon wheel design, hand made walnut benches, desk, dressers, bedroom sets, kitchen table, kitchenware, stuffed animal collection, TV's & stands, book stands, night stands, rockers, fishing gear, handmade Bi plane mobile with 12 vintage biwing aircraft, numerous models of WW 2 aircraft, corner cabinets, Refrigerator / freezer, upright freezer, washer & dryer, kitchenware, nuts bolts & fasteners, 4,000 watt gas generator, gas cans, lawn mower, hand tools, fencing supplies, small grain auger, Stock made feed bunk, jig saw, industrial sewing machine, Wheel Horse tractor does not run, lots of older farm tools & supplies, coolers, stock tank, nail kegs, glass insulators, hand well pump, scrap iron, lots of flow-ers and garden plantings, plus many more items to numerous to mention from this farm.

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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.

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May 6 — Landscaping, lawn care equipment at Olathe. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction & Realty Service, Inc.

May 6 — Farm equipment, tools & misc. at Olpe for Ed Moran Estate. Auctioneers: Flint Hills Auction, Gail Hancock.

May 6 — Farm equipment & more at Lawrence for John & Florence Gilliland. Auctioneers: Edgecomb Auctions.

May 7 — Furniture, appliances, household, tools, outdoor, electronics, musical & sound, military clothing at Emporia for Thomas Transfer. Auctioneers: Flint Hills Auction, Gail Hancock.

May 7 — Trucks, farm items, boat, household, collectibles at Little River For Little River Congregational Church consignment auction. Auctioneers: Bill Oswalt.

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

May 7 — Jeepster, sports convertible, Ranchero, snowmobile, canoe & trailer, furniture, collectibles, wood burning stove, tools at Manhattan for Bob Baril. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 7 — Diesel dually pickup, von trailer, new furniture, fixtures and miscellaneous at Clay Center for Furniture City. Auction-

eers: 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, skidsteers, RTV, mowers, furniture, appliances, household, tools, shop items, lawn & garden, pedal boat at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Eastern KS Auction Barn, Daryl Stottlemire & Ron Weatherbie.

May 7 — Antique & modern furniture, glassware, primitives, collectibles & misc. at Topeka for Estate of Arlene Stroth (Charlie Stroth, seller). Auctioneers: Kooser Auction Service.

May 7 — Antiques, collectibles, quilting machine, trailer, TV, hand tools, power tools, furniture, appliances, household, misc. at Berryton for Darwin & Ruth Voss. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.

May 7 — Collectibles & antiques, books, old hand tools at Osage City for Mr. & Mrs. Harold Miller. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

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

May 7 — Furniture, collectibles & misc. at Junction City for Hackler & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

May 7 — Farm equipment, antiques & collectibles near Great Bend for Marion R. Harders Estate. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, Inc.

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 LeOrla 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 — Furniture, guns, antiques & collectibles, car, tractors, equipment at Rossville for Joseph D. Biggs Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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 11 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, trailers, combines, tillage, planting, fertilizer, chemical equip., lawn & garden online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

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

May 13 — Propane tank, appliances, household & more at Wamego for Harriet Woodyard. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 14 — Antique furniture, Glassware, Pottery, Crocks, Clocks, collectibles & primitives at Topeka. Auctioneers: Whitmore Thunderwood Auction.

May 14 — Guns & gun-related, collectible items at Portis for Jay Gillett. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

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 — Furniture, collectibles, automobiles & misc. at Lawrence for Robert Eggert Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions, Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp.

May 14 — KDOR & KDOW seizure auction at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc.

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

May 15 — Collectible cars, 4-wheeler, golf cart, roto tiller, snow blower, tools, rods & reels, treadmill, guitar, buffalo skull at Manhattan for Rick Towers & Dick Towers. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 15 — Miami County real estate, antiques, collectibles, farm primitives, barns, older farm equipment, flowers & plantings, pickup, hand tools & more at Bucyrus for Estate of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Oehlert. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb Realty, Webb & Associates.

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.

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1939 Nazi medal, rare; several Churchill books; Army alum. mess kettle, 1940; Colt flare gun kit; assortment of deer antlers; Winchester 30-06 bolt 670 rifle w/scope; approx. 15 fishing poles; assortment of fishing tackle; selection of old cast iron items, skillets, griddle, animals, etc.; several Western theme statues, pictures & frames, etc.; Ertl & Breyer plastic horses; good selection of Frankoma Western items; Earnhardt No. 8

Bud jacket, 4x, good; Super-speeding Fleet Flyer tall sled; Lone Ranger harmonica; antique floor lamp; selection of books, youth, Western, cook, sports, etc.; assortment of beer clocks & signs; wooden spool cabinet, old; some sports memorabilia; assortment of padlocks, keys, openers, pocket & hunting knives, old games, lighters, S&P shakers, bottles, etc.; some old hand tools; Mechanist level, Cannon Ball.

NOTE: Auction includes home decor & represents many years of collecting. If you like Southwest/Western items, cast iron, etc., antiques & collectibles, DO NOT MISS THIS AUCTION.

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May 21 — Tools, antiques & household at Topeka for Mr. & Mrs. Bargmann. Auctioneers: Raine Auction Service.

May 21 — Farm equipment & Great Plains equipment at McPherson. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc.

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 Wabaunsee 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 — Real estate W edge of Haddam for Haddam Rural Housing, LP. Auctioneers: Raymond ott Realty & Auction.

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

May 21 — Tractors, vehicles, furniture, household, implements, tools, shop supplies & more at Salina for Ted & Norma Webb Estate. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

May 23 — Twin Peaks Ranch, South Central KS, Barber County land at Medicine Lodge. Auctioneers: United County/Nixon Auction & Realty, LLC.

May 24 — Ranch home on 7 acres at Hillsboro for Gary Weber Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

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 26 — Home & 80 acres at Wamego for Trey & Daniel Springer. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

May 26 — Online auction (www.gehlingonline.com). Auctioneers: Gehling 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 5 — Recreational Marion County land near Florence for John & Susan Koslowsky. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc., Ken Patterson Auctions.

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.

AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 7 — 9:00 AM

We have closed our business and will sell the following listed truck, trailer, store fixtures, remaining new furniture and miscellaneous items at public auction at the store located at 518 Lincoln across the street south of the court house square in downtown Clay Center, Kansas.

TRUCK AND TRAILER - SELL AT 10:00AM

2002 Chevrolet 3500 crew cab long bed pickup w/Duramax diesel, automatic, electric d/w/l, gooseneck & receiver hitches, 16" wheels, bought new by the Orrs, light taupe in color, damage to passenger side rear fender, otherwise in good condition; 2,000 Trailmann 26X8&1/2ft. van box gooseneck trailer with 7,000# tandem axles and 235/85X16 tires, 14,000# GVWR, silver & maroon in color, some rust.

NEW FURNITURE & HOME DECOR - 10:15AM

(sales tax will be collected on these items only)

Many of the following items are Thomasville: matching pr. 6&1/2ft. oak audio cabinets; mahogany entertainment airmoire; matching pr. 6ft. book/audio cabinets; pine 6&1/2ft. computer airmoire; lots of nice wooden and metal coffee tables, end tables, and sets; occasional & accent tables; lots of dining room tables and chairs, some are complete sets; complete youth BR set w/dresser & mirror, chest of drawers, noc stand, single bed; lg. Von & Bassett dresser w/mirror; another nice dresser w/mirror; noc stand; bar stools and chairs; hall tree; microwave cart, still in box; (2) ornate hand painted Costa Rican serving carts; chaise lounge; several corner pieces for sectional sofas; (2) rocker/recliners still in box, both mushroom in color; plush Affordable recliner; n lift recliner; wing back chair; ottomans; (35+) wooden & metal headboards; 30 twin, full, queen & king size bed frames still in packing boxes; other bed frames; variety of twin, full & queen mattresses & box springs; full futon mattress; lg. variety of table & floor lamps; 10 massive posts for poster beds; area rugs; 160sqft of oak laminated flooring; lg. quantity of home decor & accessory items; (30+) wall pictures; lots of new display bedding; (10) new twin size mattress protectors; deer horn chandelier; ornate chandelier; many other inventory items too numerous to mention.

OFFICE SUPPLIES, DISPLAY PIECES, MISC.

Thomasville oak desk; other desks; office chairs; Kenmore refrigerator/freezer, white, nice; lg variety of other office furniture, machines and supplies; lots of carpet samples; carpet sample display racks; lg. area rug display rack; various stands and shelving; lg. wooden bolt cabinet full of furniture repair and accessory items; lighted signs; LED sign; small tools; lg. pile misc. lumber; lg. number & variety of display pieces; recliner and sleeper sofa mechanisms; lg. quantity of other items found a well equipped furniture and carpet store.

NOTE: This is a partial listing and does not portray the size and scope of this sale. This is a huge building and a wide variety of items are scattered throughout. Items to be sold will be varied throughout the day other than those items which are to be sold at appointed times as shown above. Hope to complete auction by 3:00. Bring Moma to select from a great variety of Mother's day gifts. Purchased items can be taken sale day or the facility will be open Sunday & Monday, May 8th & 9th, from 8:00 until 5:00 for the removal of sale items. Google kretzauctions.com or go to kansasauctions.net for sale listing and pictures.

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Millions of us have been down that same trail with loved ones, be it Alzheimer's, cancer, dementia or old age. The emotional cost of chronic debilitating disease is like rust on a battleship. It leaves you more vulnerable to sinking spells. I still have them.

My own sweet mother, a young widow who raised four boys, outlived two husbands, survived several major health problems, and did it all with grace and faith and endurance, died last year at the age of

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