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Urban agriculture – Kansas City’s focus on local growing

By **Lucas Shivers**

Featuring backyard vegetable gardens and high-yield greenhouses, Kansas City springs green with an agricultural field day event of its own.

Thousands of participants toured more than 40 locations on the 2011 Urban Farms & Gardens Tour, organized by Cultivate Kansas City, a nonprofit promoting local growing and eating fresh, healthy food.

“Our work is to help Kansas City grow,” said Katherine Kelly, Cultivate director and co-founder. “Literally, we want to grow fruits, vegetables and good food. Metaphorically, we help our city grow through helping farmers and neighborhoods reclaim empty lots for production, addressing their food needs and creating conditions for better health.”

Showcasing farms of all sizes, the weekend event on June 25 & 26 inspired and equipped community groups, families and people from all walks of life to get engaged in urban agriculture. In addition to garden tours, participants also enjoyed fresh food cooking demonstrations, live music, vendors and artisans.

“Our family is wanting to start a garden for the first time to help cut down on the costs of organic food,” Eric Wolf, a tour participant, said. “At our place in the city, we have almost an acre, and we would like to utilize it for a garden instead of grass.”

Suburban Spread

Warren Messinger’s retirement to suburban Shaw-



Sharing his secrets with patrons of the 2011 Urban Farms & Gardens Tour, organized by Cultivate Kansas City on June 26, Warren Messinger gives pointers on composting, time-saving tactics and marketing produce to local farmer markets.

Photos by Rachel Shivers

nee opened the door to a new adventure in gardening.

“I was raised near Strawberry Hill in Kansas City, but now I love life in Shawnee,” Messinger said. “This is the way life ought to be.”

Growing his spread from a network of raised beds, Messinger scours reconstruction projects to find cinder blocks and bricks instead of having to buy the \$100 treated lumber for the bed edges.

“I started with three raised beds, and I had to get five more the following year because people buying in the neighborhood always asked

“You got more stuff?” It’s grown to dozens now.”

In his late 60s, Messinger said the work keeps him young. He finds many practical timesaving tricks after a few years of trial and error. One example is creating a “Florida weave” made of twine and rebar stakes in the tomato beds rather than caging each plant.

Working with a team of others, Messinger hopes to continue to expand with more varieties and crops in the future.

Messinger and his team of volunteers and friends from the neighborhood collect leaves and grass clip-

pings from the area to berm a 20-foot-long, waist-high windrow of compost. After three years, this blend becomes the soil and growing medium, mixed with ash, sand, chopped coconut shells and rice hulls.

“I work from 5:30 in the morning to as long as the heat will allow in the afternoons,” Barbara Wallace, a volunteer and farmers’ market coordinator, said. “I enjoy the work, but most of all, I love getting to go by and sample as I water the rows.”

Urban Farming Guys

The gardens of Rock Solid Urban Improvement, a

local nonprofit, grow in more than a dozen formerly vacant and condemned lots in some of the highest crime areas of Kansas City.

“The lots were heaped with trash and overgrown with brush. That was the perfect place for drug and prostitution by gangs. But, we cleaned it up and now we’re growing everything from Swiss chard to Brussels

“This is all driven by volunteer families in the church and community,” Janice Gidman, site volunteer, said.

In a pilot plot last year, Janice and Daniel Gidman helped the group raised sweet corn as a gift to the surrounding community, hoping to show the benefits of local gardening and build a support base. This year, Janice said the team pre-

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Using kitchen pitchers and hoses from tanks, Kerri Masterson and her granddaughter, Caley, care for their garden box filled with cole crops, salsa blends of peppers, heirloom tomatoes and herbs in a formerly vacant lot near downtown Kansas City, Mo.

Rural towns brace for post office closings

By **Tom Parker**

The small Amish town of Yoder in south central Kansas might not share much

culturally or geographically with Haddam in the northern part of the state, but they do have two things in common: they’re both tiny rural enclaves, and they’re both in danger of losing their post office.

It might be little consolation to know they’re not alone. Green, Oketo, Baileyville, Cedar, Kendall, Bunker Hill and others have all received notice that their local post office is under review for discontinuance as part of a massive restructuring effort by the U.S. Postal Service.

“This is a financial crisis,” said USPS regional spokesman Brian Sperry. “In response to the economic shortfalls we’re experiencing, the postal service is reviewing virtually all sites.”

Daniel Taylor, Manager of post office operations, Salina, put it more bluntly. “We’re not a company that’s



The Haddam city hall was packed Monday evening with about 80 Haddam area residents for a meeting with U.S. Postal Service regional operations manager Daniel Taylor.

Photo by Tom Parker

thriving,” he said. “At this point, we’re just trying to survive.”

Last year the postal service lost more than \$8 billion, and this year they expect to lose at least that much. Besides closing 13 district offices, two area offices and reducing the workforce by 110,000 positions, revenue continues to decline. First

class postage — their “bread and butter,” according to Sperry — has disintegrated.

The first step in the process is to serve notice of review. While the local post office does an internal audit of workload, residents are asked to fill out a survey. A public hearing follows in which a USPS representative explains the reasons for the

review and its ramifications, and afterward solicits comments and complaints from residents.

Like many other towns which have been served notice, Haddam residents were at first alarmed. Then they got mad.

“Those are fighting words to me,” said Donna Brown, co-owner of Brown’s Honey

Farm, one of the few remaining businesses in the town of 153. Brown launched a campaign to rally the residents through petitions and letter-writing, and organized a meeting to bring the community together prior to the public hearing, which was held on July 18. More than half the town turned out for

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"Wul, Jake, you ain't much of a bull rider, but you shore know how to hold a crowd's attention!"



From Oz to Aus

by Brandi Buzzard

Americans are missing out on an Australian culinary masterpiece; one that is easy to prepare, affordable and downright scrumptious. I'm referring to pork crackling, which is essentially the very crispy, very salty skin left on pork roasts in Australia.

Why is the skin left on the carcass in Australia? There are several reasons, the first of which being that pigs in Australia are slaughtered at approximately 100 kg (220 lb) whereas pigs in the United States are slaughtered at about 125 kg (275 lb). The lower slaughter weight yields less fat between the meat and the skin, about 10 mm (.40 in). If the skin was left on a U.S. hog carcass, there would be roughly 20 mm (.80 in) fat between the meat and skin. Consumers in the U.S. won't buy a pork chop or roast that has al-

most one inch of visible external fat, therefore the skin and most of the external fat is removed before sale and used as by-products in various industries.

The next driving factor for the presence of skin-on pork is that Australian producers don't castrate boars. As boars mature, they produce increasing amounts of steroid hormones, such as androstenone and skatole, which negatively influence the flavor of boar meat. Commonly known as boar taint, the off-flavor can be reduced if boars are slaughtered before they reach sexual maturity, hence the lower slaughter weight. In fact, the flavor is so undesirable that several meat markets will advertise "Female Pork" to guarantee a pleasant dining experience.

Interestingly, there is an immunological injection that producers can administer to boars before slaughter. The vaccine, known as Improvac™ (Improvast™ in the U.S.), effectively castrates boars without the need of surgery and ceases the production of androstenone and skatole. It was developed in Australia but isn't being utilized by Australian producers because consumers demand skin-on pork in order to enjoy delicious pork crackling. Although Australia doesn't take advantage of this groundbreaking product, it is approved and used in over 50 countries worldwide and results in increased growth rates and feed efficiency.

Last but not least, Australia is still a country in the Commonwealth of Nations, meaning there is a substantial British influence on Australian food, language and culture. One such example is traditional pork crackling and as I've come to find out, some traditions are unbreakable, especially the delicious ones. Still haven't quite grasped what pork crackling is all about? Imagine the flavor of pork rinds without the deep fried technique and then add the crunchy, salty goodness of bacon. That, in a

nutshell, is pork crackling.

If you've now got a hankering for some Aussie-style pork crackling, you can more than likely visit a local butcher and request a custom cut skin-on pork roast. From there, a quick Google search will equip you with an easy crackling recipe and then you'll be well on your way to a full-on Aussie dining experience. However, if you're not in the mood to cook, fligh ts from

Los Angeles to Melbourne are a mere \$1200 Australian and we are always happy to have visitors.

Brandi Buzzard is a native Kansan who has been transplanted to Australia. When she isn't globetrotting or working on her thesis, she enjoys rodeoing, being on the farm and writing. You can keep track of her adventures at <http://buzzardsbeat.blogspot.com> or <http://fromoztoaus.blogspot.com>.

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Sometimes, life is just hard.

Going through my sister-in-law's (or as I prefer to call her, sister-in-love's) pancreatic cancer is the most difficult thing we have ever encountered as a family. She made the decision to discontinue chemotherapy two weeks ago, and we respect her wishes. But inside I just want to scream, "No! Don't stop fighting!"

As I lay on her bed with her that weekend, I told her, "We just won't be us without you."

My youngest daughter is a CNA and a college student, so she has gone to their home in Denver to help out any way she can. She called me last night.

"I think I'm in the anger stage," she said. Watching her beautiful aunt suffer is very difficult for her tender little heart. But like a trooper she does her best to get her to eat, makes a drinking game out of her cell phone — every time she gets a call or a text she has to take a sip of juice or water — helps with laundry and housework, welcomes the endless stream of visitors and makes her as comfortable as possible. All the while, mourning what she knows is probably coming.

We're still begging God for a miracle, and believe that He can indeed heal her, if that is His will. We know she will eventually be healed, even if it's at that moment when she crosses over into Heaven. Then we are the ones who will need a healing touch, as we face life without her precious smile and her ability to get our crazy family headed in a direction when most of the time we're like herding chickens.

There are people all over the world praying for her.

"Maybe God will just say, 'She's too much trouble,' and leave me down here for a while," she said.

Oh, how we hope.

It's the only real downside to being a close family. But even as we hurt, there are reasons to rejoice. Weddings in the family, babies on the way, fun times to enjoy just being together. And I guess that's what life is really all about — taking the sorrow with the joy and forging on together.

Yes, life can be hard, but it is also so full of blessings. And I pray that as we face each new day, we never lose sight of the wonderful gift of family that comes to us straight from the hand of God.



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Stories In Verse

When I am outside in the extremely warm temperatures these days, I am glad that Buck no longer has to suffer from the heat. Even if resting in the shade, he would have been uncomfortable. When I wrote about having my dog Buck put to sleep last month and about his final resting place nearby with his name on a limestone marker, I received understanding and sympathetic messages from several dog lovers.

In response to that article, Dr. Don Mock, who for years was a professor of entomology at KSU, sent me an original poem entitled, "The Cowdog." While I am not poetic myself, I did enjoy his poem. I think you will appreciate it, too, so I am including it here.

"The Cowdog" by Don Mock

How'd you like to make a living
Nipping at the cattle's heels?
How'd you like to miss your timing
And see how good it feels?

It's what it means to be a cowdog,
He does it every day;
To him, that kind of action
Is just a sort of play.

Perhaps he is addicted to
The danger of the game.
Perhaps a life without it
For him would be too tame.

He never pays attention
How big the bovine brute,
He'll in and nip its heels
And put it up the chute!

He doesn't always hear you when
He's concentratin' hard;
It seems like he forgets that you're
The big boss in the yard.

Sometimes you get impatient,
Sometimes he has his quirks,
Sometimes you misinterpret how
Your little buddy works.

Right or wrong, he's going to finish
Whate'er you had him start;
There's not but forty pounds of him
But thirty-nine is heart!

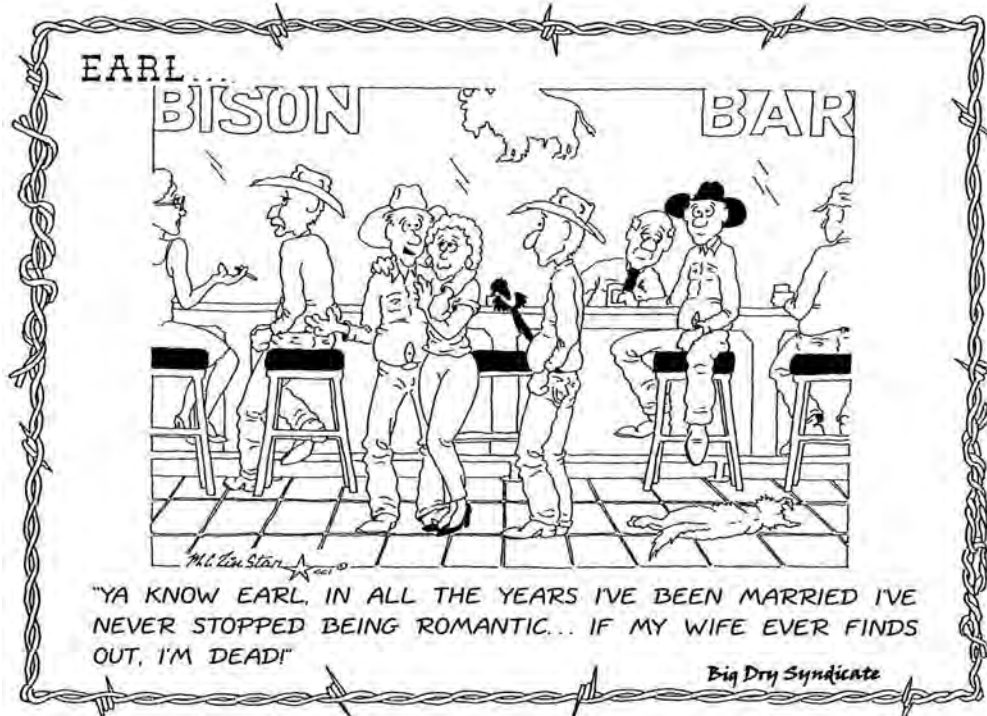
And when the job is finished
And day comes to an end,
He'll ride home in the pickup with
His face into the wind!

That night he'll think he's privileged
To sleep beneath your truck;
To have a partner like him is
A goodly piece of luck!

Actually, Don sent me two of his poems. The other one, "Drought," will probably be used in another column. With the extended heat wave we have been experiencing, it hits the nail on the head and is quite appropriate for this time. He has published a book of poems, entitled *Places and People*, which is available in Manhattan at the Hallmark Store in the Westloop Shopping Center. Both poems are included in the book.

One of my high school English teachers, who loved poetry, assigned her students to memorize the poem that begins, "Oh, what is so rare as a day in June, When sun tries earth ere it be in tune. Whether you look or whether you listen, you hear earth murmur or see it glisten." I can still recite it; even though it may not be exactly perfect, it's close enough to give you the idea. I think it's pretty neat, especially after a hard winter of feeding a bunch of cows. At the time I thought it was a waste of time and effort to memorize that poem, but I have enjoyed calling it to memory over the years and am glad I learned it. When I am especially enjoying the outdoors on beautiful days, I am often reminded of it. Sometimes I have recited it just to impress others, the ladies really like it.

I think more and more ranch people are learning to enjoy poetry. I see and hear announcements about poetry reading programs fairly often nowadays — especially by cowboy poets, who entertain with their poems. Rural folk can appreciate the way the poet expresses life with animals, nature, and everyday experiences in such a clear, clever way in verse. We ranchers and farmers



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Urban Agriculture

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pared more than fifty raised boxes for community members to adopt for their own planting. The fill material is half compost and dirt blend. An after-school kid's club started some of the seeds, and greenhouses donated starts for 10 families to transplant into their boxes.

"Gardening draws the community together. Farming is a tool to bring people outdoors and enjoy being in the open instead of inside with their blinds drawn," said Daniel explaining the connection between urban gardening and a rebirth of relationships.

"At times, kids try to vandalize the property, but our neighbors now feel a sense of ownership and look out for us. The whole process of community farming helps the city to lower crime."

Community member, Kerri Masterson and her granddaughter Caley carried brimming pitchers of water to their plot from a water tank on a rock ledge. Side by side, they weeded and cared for their boxes.

"She's enjoying getting to do it all for the first time from watering to weeding to harvesting," Masterson said speaking of her granddaughter. "It gives such a strong sense of responsibility."

Masterson, an advocate and volunteer, said her favorite organic plants this year are heirloom tomatoes and jalapeño peppers. She is also helping another neighbor raise backyard chickens.

"I now love living in this community," she said. "The work is completely worth it. The difference the project has made is huge. This is my family."

City Bitty Farms

Scouring the real estate market for a multi-acre homestead, Greg and Jen Garbos, relocated to Kansas City, Mo. and established City Bitty Farms in November, 2010.

"We've found it's important to understand that what you do on your land affects the whole community," Jen Garbos said. "Thankfully, all of our neighbors have a positive 'ag' mindset."

Four Season Tools, another Garbos enterprise, sells many creative urban tools like a collinear hoe and soil block maker, along with moveable tunnel greenhouses to lengthen the growing

season. These greenhouses, ranging in size from 10 by 12 feet to hundreds of feet long, slide easily along a V-track and enable crops to root in native soils.

"The tunnels give us an opportunity to have out-of-season, fresh produce nearly four seasons of the year," Garbos said.

Among their featured produce, City Bitty promotes their trays of micro-greens including such varieties as cabbage, beets and mustard plants. These densely planted, super-nutritious seedlings contain six times the vitamins and minerals of rich vegetables like broccoli.

"We seed the trays in complete darkness, and then move them up to the greenhouse or to a south-facing window in the winter," Garbos said. "In 10-14 days, we

trim off the top inch or so and sell them to local restaurants."

City Bitty also boasts a 15,000-gallon rain barrel tank that can be filled from an inch and a half of rain; straw bale open-air compost referred to as 'farmer's gold'; a rock retaining wall pen for 14 box turtles; plans for a tilapia pond under a chicken coop; as well as tools and books for sale on sustainable four seasons of production.



Bar S PRIDE 7818 won reserve grand champion cow-calf pair at the 2011 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 4 in Hutchinson. Grady Dickerson, Paradise, owns the February 2007 daughter of TC Freedom 104. An October 2010 heifer calf sired by B C Lookout 7024 is at side. Ty Williams, Memphis, Texas, evaluated the 97 entries.

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Winner Lucille Riggs, Moundridge:
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Cookie Dough:
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1 1/2 cups flour
3/4 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
Mix shortening, peanut butter, sugar and brown sugar together. Add egg. Mix dry ingredients and add to first mixture. Pat into bottom and up sides of a 9-by-13-inch pan or in a 12-inch pizza pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Cool. Beat together:
8-ounce package softened cream cheese
1 cup powdered sugar
Add:
2 cups whipped topping
Spread on crust.
Mix together:
3.4-ounce package instant chocolate pudding
1 3/4 cups cold milk
Spread on cream cheese mixture. Spread with whipped topping & garnish with mini chocolate chips or chocolate curls.

Amy Feigley, Enterprise: "These are also good with fresh strawberries or blueberries."

PERFECT PANCAKES
3 cups plus 2 tablespoons cake flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons baking powder
2 tablespoons sugar
2 cups milk
2 whole large eggs
3 teaspoons vanilla
4 tablespoons butter
Extra butter
Maple or pancake syrup

Mix together the dry ingredients in a large bowl. Mix together milk, eggs and vanilla in a separate bowl. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients, stirring very gently until just combined. Melt butter and add it to the batter, stirring gently to combine. Cook on a greased skillet over medium-low heat until golden brown. Serve with an obscene amount of butter and warm syrup.

Note: You can make your own cake flour, which is 1 cup (minus 2 tablespoons) all-purpose flour and 2 tablespoons of cornstarch. Sift this together and you have cake flour.

Connie Beougher, Ellsworth: "Very refreshing, cool salad for the hot summer days. Enjoy! Also a great way to use zucchini."

ZUCCHINI SALAD
(2) 3-oz. boxes lime gelatin
15 1/4-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained
2 cups grated zucchini
1/2 cup chopped celery
Mix gelatin as directed on box. Chill until partially set. Add pineapple, zucchini and celery. Let chill until firm.

Sandra Norris, Abilene:
SLOPPY JOES

1 pound lean ground beef
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon prepared yellow mustard
3/4 cup ketchup
3 teaspoons brown sugar
Salt to taste
Ground black pepper

In a medium skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef, onion and green bell pepper. Drain off liquids. Stir in the garlic powder, mustard, ketchup and brown sugar. Mix together and reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Gin Fox, Holton:
MOM'S STRAWBERRY PIE
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup water
2 tablespoons strawberry gelatin
Baked pie shell
1 quart fresh whole strawberries (slice if you prefer)
Cook water, cornstarch and sugar until thick and clear, add 2 tablespoons of strawberry gelatin. Let cool. Pour over strawberries and chill in refrigerator for 3 hours. Top with whipped topping.

Mary Longren, Holton:
CHICKEN ENCHILADAS
(12) 8-inch corn or flour tortillas, soften in hot oil
Filling:
4 chicken breasts, cooked & cut up
2 cups Cheddar & Monterey Jack cheeses, grated
Sauce:
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 cup sour cream
7-ounce can diced green chiles

1/4 cup diced green onions
Salt & pepper, to taste
Mix together sauce ingredients. Spread a thin layer of sauce on bottom of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Soften tortillas in hot oil; fill with chicken and cheeses. Roll and place in baking dish. Pour remaining sauce over top. Cover with foil. Bake for 25 minutes; remove foil for last 10 minutes. Serve with salsa and nacho chips.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
HOMEMADE BUTTERMILK RANCH DRESSING
16-ounce container sour cream
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup whole buttermilk
1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
1/4 cup chopped fresh dill
2 teaspoons ground pepper
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Doris Shivers, Abilene:
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- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 cups sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine milk and cream, beat until foamy. Gradually add sugar and eggs, beating until sugar is dissolved. Stir in vanilla and sifted dry ingredients. Chill in freezer 1 to 2 hours (dough must be firmly chilled to handle). Roll out dough to 1/2-inch thickness on lightly floured surface. Cut with floured doughnut cutter. Fry in deep hot fat at 365 degrees until nicely browned, turning once. Drain well on absorbent paper. Glaze with powdered sugar frosting, roll in granulated sugar or frost as desired. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
SPICY BUTTERMILK FRIED CHICKEN

- 1 quart buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- 2 teaspoons seasoned salt, divided
- 4 to 5 pounds chicken, cut into 8 pieces
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- Peanut oil for frying

In a large bowl combine buttermilk, hot sauce and 1 1/2 teaspoons seasoned salt; add chicken pieces, cover and refrigerate for at least 8 hours or up to 24 hours. Drain, discarding buttermilk mixture. In a shallow dish combine flour, garlic salt, red pepper, onion powder and remaining 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt. Dredge chicken in flour mixture and place on a wire rack. Let stand on wire rack for 15 minutes. In a large cast iron skillet, pour oil to a depth of 3 inches, heat to 350 degrees. Fry chicken pieces in batches for 12 to 15 minutes per side or until a thermometer inserted in thickest portion registers 165 degrees. Drain on a clean wire rack over paper towels. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:
PEACH POUND CAKE

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 3 cups sugar
- 6 large eggs
- 3 cups sifted cake flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups peeled, chopped peaches

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 10-inch tube pan with nonstick baking spray with flour. In a bowl beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well. In a bowl sift flour, baking soda and salt. Add flour mixture gradually to butter mixture alternately with sour cream ending with flour mixture, beating until combined. Add vanilla and extracts to batter, mixing well. Fold in peaches. Pour batter into pan. Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes or until toothpick in center comes out clean. Let cake cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely on a wire rack. Garnish with whipped cream and sliced peaches if desired.

Debbie Rogers, Independence, Mo.:
SPICY MEXICAN RICE

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 cups long grain rice, uncooked
- (2) 14.5-ounce cans chicken broth
- (2) 10-ounce cans diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 15-ounce can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. In a Dutch oven melt butter over medium high heat. Add onion, garlic, and rice. Cook until rice is browned stirring often. Stir in broth, tomatoes, corn, cumin and salt. Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat and cook for 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender. Spoon rice into prepared baking dish. Top with shredded cheese. Bake uncovered for 15 minutes.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
WHITE PIMENTO CHEESE

- 1 cup white cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 1 cup Gruyere cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup drained diced pimentos

In a bowl combine cheeses and pecans. Stir in mayonnaise and pepper. Gently fold in pimento. Cover and refrigerate.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
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tom of a 9-by-13-inch pan sprayed with cooking spray. Cool completely.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
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- 8 garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 1/2 pounds fresh green beans, trimmed
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- 2 teaspoons dill seed
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 5 cups water
- 3 1/2 cups cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup canning salt

Place 2 garlic cloves in each of 4, 1-pint jars. Pack beans into jars to within 1/2 inch of top. Add 1/2 teaspoon mustard seed, 1/2 teaspoon dill seed and 1/4 teaspoon pepper flakes to each jar. In a Dutch oven bring the water, vinegar and canning salt to a boil. Ladle boiling liquid over beans, leaving 1/4 inch headspace. Adjust caps. Process for 10 minutes in a boiling water bath. Yield: 4 pints.



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Kansas department of Agriculture extends water use options to additional counties

The Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources (DWR) has expanded the opportunity to apply for a 2011 Drought Term Permit to include water right holders in Kiowa, Pawnee, Pratt and Rush counties. The one-time, drought-focused term permit allows holders of existing water rights the flexibility to borrow a portion of next year's authorized quantity in order to complete the 2011 growing season.

The option was first introduced last week for the forty-six counties in Kansas that have received a U.S. Department of Agriculture emergency drought declaration for this year. Based on

feedback from stakeholders about severe drought conditions in additional counties, Kiowa, Pawnee, Pratt and Rush counties will now also be eligible for the program.

"Expanding the list of eligible counties is a direct result of conversations with producers across Kansas," Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman said. "We are committed to serving our customers and are particularly concerned about the severe drought that is taking a toll on many Kansas farmers and ranchers."

The term permit allocation will be based on the sum of the quantity authorized for 2011 and 2012. Per-

mitted use during the two years is expected to be aquifer neutral as participants will agree to deduct their 2011 overage from what they are permitted to pump in 2012. Drought Term Permit Applications must be filed on or before December 31, 2011.

Qualifying counties now include Barber, Barton, Butler, Clark, Comanche, Cowley, Edwards, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Harper, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Lane, Lincoln, Logan, Meade, Morton, Ness, Norton, Pawnee, Phillips, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Rush, Russell, Sedgwick,

Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Thomas, Trego, Wallace and Wichita Counties.

Further details of these options and application forms are available on DWR's web page at 2011 Drought Options or from the Division's field offices. For more information, contact DWR Water Appropriations Program Manager Lane Letourneau at lane.letourneau@kda.ks.gov or 785-296-3710. Information is also available from DWR field offices located in Garden City (620-276-2901), Stafford (620-234-5311) and Stockton (785-425-6787).

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Drought can force livestock to consume poisonous plants

The relentless drought that has settled over much of Kansas and states across the south brings more problems than the lack of pasture forage growth for livestock producers. One potential problem, according to K-State Research and Extension veterinarian Larry Hollis, is that weedy species with greater drought tolerance sometimes out-compete desirable grasses

and begin to proliferate. Another scenario is that desirable forage species are consumed but fail to regrow, and only weedy species are left in a green vegetative state. "Either of these scenarios can become a major problem if these remaining plants also contain toxic components," Hollis said. "Fortunately, many toxic plants are also unpalatable, so livestock species tend to

leave those plants alone. However, the problem comes when pastures are not properly managed, or forage supplementation is not provided in a timely fashion, and livestock are left with no choice but to consume toxic plants or go hungry."

"Good pasture and livestock management call for knowing the toxic plant species that are common in your area or pastures,"

he said. "It's also important to recognize when pastures are getting short enough that cattle may be forced to consider undesirable options, and either supplement the cattle with hay or other feed-stuffs or move them to dry lot situations or different pastures where available forages do not pose a toxicity threat to them. Cattle will eat toxic plants if starved."



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CRP emergency haying is now authorized in some Kansas counties

Adrian Polansky, the executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Kansas announced last week that emergency haying of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage has been approved beginning July 16, 2011, for Barber, Barton, Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Gray, Ford, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Kiowa, McPherson, Meade, Morton, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, Seward, and Stafford counties. According to the Drought Monitor, these counties are listed at level D3-Extreme Drought. All of these counties, except Sedgwick, are also approved for CRP emergency grazing.

"This authorization provides relief for many Kansas livestock producers who have suffered through severe drought conditions," said Polansky. "The drought has depleted hay supplies and affected the growth of hay and pasture in parts of Kansas. Many livestock producers cannot maintain their current herds without implementation

of CRP emergency measures."

Ellsworth County is now approved for CRP emergency grazing. Counties previously approved for CRP emergency grazing include: Barber, Barton, Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Hamilton, Harper, Harvey, Haskell, Hodge, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Lane, Marion, McPherson, Meade, Morton, Ness, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Rush, Scott, Seward, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Trego, Wallace and Wichita.

Emergency grazing in approved counties is allowed through September 30, 2011. Participants shall leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate. All livestock must be removed by the end of this grazing period.

Emergency haying in approved counties is allowed through August 31, 2011. Participants must leave at least 50 percent

of each field or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife. Hay must be removed from the field within 30 days from end of the haying period. Haying is not allowed prior to July 16, 2011, following the end of the nesting season.

Emergency haying and grazing is not allowed on the same acreage, and any other approved CRP haying or grazing is not allowed on the same acreage.

CRP participants in approved counties shall contact the local FSA county office to request emergency haying or grazing on an individual contract basis prior to haying or grazing. Participants will work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop a forage management plan. If the CRP cover is destroyed, the practice must be re-established at their own expense to remain in compliance with the CRP contract.

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Rural post offices

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the meeting, along with Sen. Mark Taddiken and Rep. Sharon Schwartz.

Taylor assured the residents that closure wasn't a sure thing, nor would a final determination be swift. Following the hearing residents had 60 days to submit additional comments. After reviewing the data, the postal service would issue a decision, subject to a 30-day appeal process. A final decision would take 120 days. "Nothing has been decided yet," Taylor said. "We won't know the final outcome for at least six to nine months, if not a year."

Should the post office be closed or consolidated with

Morrowville — something he personally doubted, naming Washington as the likely distribution point — residents could install mail boxes in their front yards and have door-to-door delivery and pickup through Highway Contract Route agents, or contract carriers. Residents would be assisted in proper placement of mail boxes. Because HCR carriers weren't postal employees, they had different rules governing their procedures. For hardship cases such as the Haddam bank, where mail must be secured at all times, HCR carriers could provide a "dis-mounted" delivery by physically entering the building to pick up and deliver mail.

"We're going to try to make this as convenient as possible," Taylor said. "We will not abandon your community."

He admitted that the solution wasn't a hundred percent perfect but stressed the financial difficulties faced by the postal service. When asked why Haddam and the others were picked rather than smaller, more isolated towns, Taylor said the main criteria involved offices without acting postmasters and declining workloads of two hours per day or less. Nor was the postal service focusing strictly on rural towns. He cited several instances of consolidations in major metropolises, included some in Topeka.

For the most part, resi-

dents addressed Taylor without rancor. Bryan Skupa received a smattering of applause when he stood and delivered a monologue applicable to any of the small towns facing the same situation.

"We're here because we're fighting for our community," he said. "The post office unites the community. Once you take that away, you take away a big part of our identity. The idea that the post office is just a building isn't true. It's much more than that — it's part of our national identity."

"We're serious about our post office," Brown said. "It's not feasible for us to have anything less than what we have. And we won't take no for an answer."

Taylor's advice was for residents to write as many letters as possible to protest the move. He also cautioned against delay. "Don't sit idle on this," he said. "It's easy to become complacent and not do anything. Don't wait."

Waiting wasn't something the residents intended to do. Following the hearing,

they gathered in loose knots outside of Haddam's city hall and started organizing for a concentrated battle.

The scene will become familiar in years to come. The first round of reviews targets 2,000 locations around the nation. Another 16,000 — fully half of all post offices — are up for review.

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Kansas farmers coping with dry soil

(AP) - A new report offers some bleak numbers on the drought's effects on Kansas farmers.

In its weekly crop-weather update, Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reports that topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies in the state are both at their lowest levels since November 2006.

Among the nine reporting districts around the state, the agency said Monday that only the north-central and central districts reported having any surplus topsoil moisture.

Meanwhile, year-to-date rainfall in the southern town of Anthony is more than a foot below normal. Ashland, Hutchinson, Medi-

cine Lodge and Dodge City are all 10 inches below normal.

Combined with another week of 100-degree-plus temperatures, the weather is taking a toll on some crops. The agency says 52 percent of the corn crop has now silked, compared with a five-year average of nearly 70 percent.

Governor requests USDA action to improve drought response

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback sent a letter last week to U.S. Department of agriculture secretary Tom Vilsack, requesting USDA action to improve drought response and alleviate the impact of the severe drought on Kansas producers and livestock.

"While touring drought stricken counties last week, I heard concerns from producers and agency personnel regarding drought response from USDA and private crop insurance providers," Brownback said. "We want to work with USDA to address these issues and help Kansans deal with this devastating drought."

The governor toured Morton, Stevens and Seward Counties last week with Kansas agriculture secretary Dale Rodman and Kansas water office director Tracy Streeter. One major concern they heard about was a lack of communication related to crop insurance. Producers were especially frustrated about having to continue applying irrigation water to a failing or failed crop until insurance appraisers arrive. In his letter, the governor requested that actions to improve crop insurance response include USDA en-

couraging approved insurance providers to respond as quickly as possible to producers who have given a potential Notice of Loss and creating a drought response team to help with interagency coordination.

"Conversations with Kansans in drought areas have revealed issues with crop insurance, preventive planting eligibility determinations, USDA disaster benefits, and Conservation Reserve Program haying and grazing," Rodman said. "I appreciate the governor's leadership urging USDA to address these serious concerns."

Brownback's letter also addressed difficulty in acquiring a Preventive Planning designation for when it is too dry to plant a dryland crop. To assist in this, he is asking Kansas State University Extension Service to provide guidance on conditions that warrant a determination.

"The USDA agencies, KSU Research & Extension and the conservation districts are the sole means of delivering federal program information to Kansas farmers and ranchers," Streeter said. "It is incumbent all of us find ways to improve our coordination and communication, especially in these

critical drought conditions."

Another issue raised during last week's drought tour is how the USDA currently requires several months of drought conditions determined by the U.S. Drought Monitor before producers are eligible to receive USDA disaster benefits. This drought clock is reset at the beginning of each year. Brownback recommended to Vilsack that USDA accounting of drought durations continue from one year to the next.

Brownback also recommended additional flexibility for haying and grazing land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). While CRP acreage can be hayed and grazed in a drought emergency, there are significant limitations. Suggestions to improve flexibility include waiving the 25 percent payment reduction for emergency haying and grazing, expanding the currently allowed 300-foot mowed or tilled buffer to protect buildings from wildfires, allowing CRP grass mowed for fire buffers to be fed to livestock and permitting CRP acres to be mowed and baled in non-drought areas if donated as feed for livestock in drought areas.

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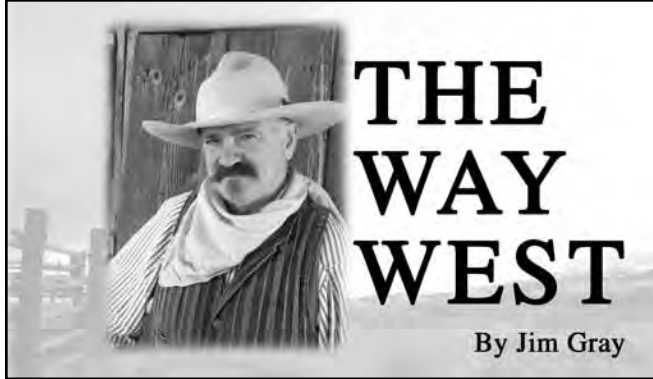
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Colonel A.D. Nelson, Commanding at Fort Hays, sent a detail of soldiers from the 38th Infantry to Hays City to clean out the town. All persons found on the streets or in the establishments after 9 p.m. were to be rounded up and arrested. Fifty-one arrests were made. Only the power of a Kansas congressman kept Nelson from closing all the saloons which would have made Hays City a ghost town. In spite of Nelson's efforts, racial conflict continued at the post and in the town.

Jim Curry, a noted gunman, purchased the Star Restaurant in Hays. Soon, a local prostitute by the name of Ida May became involved with Curry. Curry was already a desperate man but his jealousy reportedly made him into, "...one of the most desperate despera-

does of the West."

He also had made it quite clear that the black soldiers of the 38th Infantry were not welcome at the Star. Many of the soldiers figured there was plenty of reason to get even with Hays City and set out to do just that on May 3, 1869. When Jim Curry denied the black troops entrance to his establishment, a race riot ensued. Threats of burning the place were heard. Some Hays City citizens charged into the black soldiers, firing their weapons. Some accounts reported that 500 shots were fired, but only Curry, Deputy U. S. Marshal Weiss and an unnamed white soldier were wounded during the 30 minute riot. The soldiers of the 38th U.S. Infantry were confined to the post, but tough citizens of Hays City sought out and killed two black barbers who had not been involved in the riot. The Junction City Union reported, "Gamblers, pimps, prostitutes, and dead beats run the town."

Sheriff Isaac Thayer understandably resigned and left town. For reasons not

fully understood today, the governor refused to appoint a successor, saying that the county would have to wait until November to elect a new sheriff. The unbearable lawless condition led the citizens to propose their own election in August. Through mostly the power of the vigilance committee Wild Bill Hickok was elected sheriff. The vigilance committee ordered several men known to deal in stolen horses and mules to leave town. Joseph Weiss was no longer a deputy U. S. marshal and chose to run with a rough crowd which included a tough character by the name of Sam Strawhun. Both Weiss and Strawhun were ordered to leave town by vigilante member and postmaster Alonzo Webster. Taking offense at the notion, the two entered the post office a few days later to confront Webster. Webster was manhandled and threatened with a drawn pistol in front of a female customer. He calmly asked the men to wait until he gave the woman change. That moment defused the argument and Webster calmly reached into his money drawer for the "change." When his hand came up from the drawer he was holding a six-shooter instead of money. With a squeeze of the trigger the postmaster shot Weiss through the heart before he realized his own danger. Strawhun ran for his life as Webster chased after him for a short distance. Strawhun gathered some "friends" to take Webster, who had returned to the post office. As the crowd reached the office Wild Bill

arrived "just in time" and the mob dispersed. In September Strawhun and a crowd of men tried to lure Hickok into an ambush in a crowded saloon. Several versions are told of what happened next. But whe-

ther it was a face-to-face fight or a shot to the back of the head, Sam Strawhun didn't live to ride another day on The Way West.

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zine racks; dresser; small chest-of-drawers; 13" & 21" TVs; night stand; floor lamp; stereo; VCR; 5-disc CD player; VCR; microwave; various lamps; small kitchen appliances; new speakers; wheel chair; 2 magnifying lamps; floor model; umbrella stand; cuckoo clock; set of hardback Zane Grey books; Lenox; Candlewick; American Fostoria; stemware; quilts; pottery; Noritake china; lead crystal; oil painting, clown collection; Beanie Babies; Boyd's Bears; 40 pcs. Liberty Falls Americana collection; Craftsman collectible display tools in box; mirrors; brass candlesticks; magazines back to 1900; iron Dutch oven; older shotgun; shells; ammo box & AR15 magazines; many books; Christmas decorations; Corningware; pots; pans; stainless; cookbooks; Hallmark decorations; variety of colored glass, porcelain & etched glass; Ruby flash compote; Faberware electric broiler/rotisserie; food processor; fans; brass/marble floor lamp; table lamps; magazine rack; Many antique crocks 2-3-4-5 & 10 gallon Birchleaf Redwing crocks; 3 gallon Birchleaf jug; stove lids & various other Redwing crocks & jugs; binoculars;

records; flower frogs; casserole dishes; costume jewelry; wood doll house; cream cans; 1950s JC Higgins bicycle with tank; horse collar; harness hames; iron skillet; craft & sewing supplies; lots new skeins of yarn; VCR tapes; Electrolux vacuum; hand sweeper; pictures; sleeping bag; 20th Anniversary Daisy BB gun & another one; picture frames; Bicentennial glasses; dishes; large wood thread spools; kitchen items; jar collection; 3D projector & old cameras; old luggage; quilt frames; small benches; clothes drying rack; Army cots; stereo/record player; 1960s tricycle; 1950s school desk & chair; several sewing machines; skates; Fisher Price record player; Roadmaster metal tricycle; large 1950s doll house; 3 Cabbage Patch dolls; 1980s toys; assortment of large water guns; Terraplane & other hubcaps; cow pelvis; chalk dog & plaque; rakes; hoses; shovels; power lawn mower; garden equipment; Dairy crate; 2 live traps; backpacks; mitre box; large shop vac; shop lights; 4 step ladders; tools; tubs; garden hose; gas & electric weed eaters; buckets; miscellaneous.

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Cattlemen and women, educators and allied industry are invited to learn more about topics that will impact their livelihoods at the sixth annual event. Registration by August 5 is \$50 and includes a Certified Angus Beef® brand lunch. Space permitting, late registration will be \$75.

Check-in and refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m., with a welcome at 10 a.m. The program wraps up at 4:15 p.m.

Popular market analyst

Dan Basse, AgResource Company, will kick off the agenda by addressing the human food protein and livestock feedstuff outlook.

"We have asked Dan back after several years of outstanding reviews," says Larry Corah, vice president for Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). "With all of the outside pressures on our markets, both inputs and fed cattle, this is a great way to get briefed on who and what the key players will be during the next year. His presentation is always very timely and insightful." Other topics include:

- Today's Feedlot Profitability Factors by Shawn Walter, Professional Cattle Consultants
- Beef Quality Scorecard with Glen Dolezal,

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• Managing the New Workforce in the New Economy, Don Tyler, Tyler & Associates

• Clearing the Air: Livestock, Air Quality and Climate Change, Dr. Frank Mitloehner, University of California-Davis

The lunch program will feature the second annual Feeding Quality Forum Industry Achievement Award winner, Max Deets. The longtime Kansas cattle feeder and past president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association will make comments at both locations.

"Max has always been an early adopter of new

ideas, a true innovator," Corah says. He helped set up some of the first feed-out programs and bull tests, and pioneered the win-win concept.

"He is a great believer in the differences in genetics, and the merit that attention to quality has for ranchers, feeders and ultimately the end consumer," he says. The meetings are sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health, Land O' Lakes Purina Mills, Feedlot magazine and CAB. To register, visit www.cabpartners.com/events, or contact Marilyn Conley by phone 800-225-2333, ext. 298, or email mconley@certifiedangusbeef.com.

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Ending August 25 — Online machinery auction (gehlingonline.com). Auctioneers: Gehling Auction Co.
 July 27 — Tractors, combines, headers, harvest equip., trucks, vehicles, trailers, tillage, planting, farm & haying equip., ATV, loader backhoe, livestock & shop equip., forklifts online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.
 July 28 — Manhattan land (farmland with 2 homes or development property) at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Mayo Auction & Realty.
 July 28 — House in Morganville for Gary M. Oettinger. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.
 July 28 — forklifts, tractor, trailer, corvette, scooter, boat, sports item & collectibles at McPherson for KDOR Tax Asset Seizure. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.
 July 28 (ending) — Equipment Online only (www.gehlingonline.com). Auctioneers: Gehling Auction.
 July 30 — Antique furniture, glassware, yard tools

& antique glassware at Maple Hill for Richard & Shelia Callabresi Estate. Auctioneers: Raine Auction Service.
 July 30 — Antiques, household, tools & misc. at Cuba for Lavern Kopsa Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.
 July 30 — Tractors, combines, sprayers, platforms, cornheads & head movers, planters, tillage, hay equip., rotary cutters, grain & feed handling, lawn & garden, construction, misc. at Paris, Missouri. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions.
 July 30 — Tractors, cars, machinery, JD parts, manual & etc., misc. near Fairbury, NE for Henry H. Heller. Auctioneers: Schultis and Son, Inc.
 July 30 — Fleet auction at Topeka for Westar Energy. Auctioneers: Simnitt Auctions.
 July 30 — Farm machinery & shop at Sabetha for Leo & David Bindel Estates. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.
 July 30 — Vehicle, furniture, antiques, collectibles, household items, sporting goods, shop equip., lawn & garden &

misc. at Bushton for Norma Porter & the Estate of Joseph W. Porter. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auctions & Appraisers LC.
 July 30 — Farm equipment, shop tools & antique items at Carlton for Robert & Rita Engle & Mary Lou (Bogart) Engle. Auctioneers: Shivers Auction Co.
 July 30 — Dodge Caravan, power tools, generator, air compressors, hand tools, new building supplies, riding mower, lumber & misc. at Gardner for Doug & Diana Voss. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.
 July 30 — Pottery, glassware, collectors, antique toys, pictures, antique furniture at Newton for Ruben Harms Estate, Elma Harms. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, Mike Flavin, Vern Koch.
 July 30 — Ford Ranger, lawn tractor, trailer, tools, guns, grand piano, furniture, marbles, household & more W. of Dover for Bernita Hannigan. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Es-

tate & Auctions.
 July 30 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Catherine Simon & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
 July 30 — Polaris Ranger, farm machinery, misc. at Green for Evan Adee. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.
 July 30 — Trucks, cars & parts, mowers, collectibles, household & other near Glen Elder for Harold Winkel Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 July 31 — Furniture, collectibles, tools & misc. at Council Grove for Bill & Jennie Schmuck & Others. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.
 August 3 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.
 August 4 — Machinery online only (www.cornleairon.com). Auctioneers: Michael Wegener Implementation.
 August 6 — Tools & equipment at Downs for Jim Niles Estate. Auctioneers:

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 August 6 — Bronze statues, artwork, antiques, collectibles, furniture, household, outdoor, windows, doors, etc. at Cottonwood Falls for Don & Candy Linn. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.
 August 6 — Farm toys, Heston belt buckles, glassware, household at Clay Center for Harold & Charlene Habluetzel Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.
 August 6 — Farm toy collection at Sabetha from one collector. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.
 August 6 — Consignment auctions: cars, trucks,

boats, campers, motor homes, motorcycles, ATVs, tractors, farm equipment, back hoes, mowers, guns, tools, forklifts at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.
 August 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.
 August 6 — Harley Davidson motorcycle, furniture, carpet dryer, antique crocks, household, collectibles & misc. at Manhattan for Marie Long Estate & Others. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
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August 8 — Car, tractors, machinery, bolt cabinet, mower, farm items at Formoso for Wybern & Ruth Berneking. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 9 — Wabaunsee County land NE of Eskridge. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company, Chris Sankey.

August 9 — Cowley County real estate at Udall. Auctioneers: JP Weigand Realtors.

August 11 — Lyon County land, bluestem grass with home, outbuildings & pens at Olpe for Arthur Rathke Jr., living trust. Auctioneers: John Flott.

August 11 — Real estate of Jackson Farmers Coop at Whiting and real estate at Jackson Farmers at Denison. Auctioneers: UC-Pagel Realty & Auction, Wayne Pagel, Branam's RE, Dan Harris.

August 11 — Ottawa County farm & grass land at Minneapolis for Estate of John Weidler & living estate of Roma Kibler Drevets Martin. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb Realty.

August 11 — Butler County prime hunting, fishing, creek, home sites land at Benton. Auctioneers: JP Weigand Realtors.

August 12 — Jewell County real estate at Jewell for Cedars. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 13 — Tractors, trucks, trailers, farm equipment, livestock equipment, boat, scooter, motorcycle near Delavan for Eugene & Ruth Kickhaefer & Kenny Barrett. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer, Dave Bures.

August 13 — Tractors, machinery, garden tractors, engine parts & etc., guns, ATV, tools & misc. near Hebron, Nebraska for Norbert Heller Estate. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

August 14 — 4-wheeler, tools, collectibles, western decor items at Council Grove for Mel Rhudy. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

August 15 — Mitchell County real estate at Tipton for Mary H. Pfeiffer Trust No. 1. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 15 — Jewell County real estate at Jewell for Gary & Roberta Ritz. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 15 — Ness County land at Vermont for Deea K. Pfaff & Kip E. Rider. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

August 16 — Real estate, 3BR house at Alta Vista for Ora Jean Glessner. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

August 16 — Jewell County real estate at Jewell for Thelma Given Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 18 — Cropland, home, barn, office building at Benton. Auctioneers: JP Weigand Realtors.

August 20 — Furniture, tools, misc. W. of Clay Center for Roy Harris. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

August 20 — Real estate, Antiques, Collectibles, jewelry, coins, furniture, household, shop & misc. at Barnes for Velma (Zeller) Richter Estate. Auctioneers: Jim Vathauer, Gary Case Realty & Stuart Hedrick.

August 20 — Farm equipment, vehicles, tools, antiques, guns & misc. NE of Chapman for Clifford Gfeller. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

August 21 — Furniture, collectibles, tools at Council Grove for Kenneth Davis. Auctioneers: Hallgren

Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

August 25 — Acreage with home, pasture & grassland E. of Manhattan for Eldon Henton Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

August 26 & 27 — 26th: modern household, tools & misc; 27th: antique furniture, primitives, antique glassware & porcelain, large selection of antiques, horse drawn equip., buggy at Industry for Dixie Minter Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

August 27 — Tools, vehicles, furniture, collectibles at Wilsey for the Edward Kovac Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

August 28 — Tires, tire machines & gun cabinets, surplus tire shop items at Clay Center for Five Creek Service. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

August 28 — Real estate, 3BR house, furniture, lawn tractor, tools at Council Grove for Gary Swenson. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

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 6 — Parcels of land in Riley County. Auctioneer: Jeff Ruckert.

September 7 — Cloud County pasture & cropland at Concordia for Dorothy Neander Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

September 9 — Marshall County land (252ac) at Frankfort for Dora E. Boyer Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Auctions.

September 10 — Household, antiques & tools at Bel-

leville for Bohman & Mary Kunc Trust. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

September 10 — Antiques & misc. at Wakefield for Stoddard items, Dennis & Linda Olson, sellers. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

September 12 — Farm sale NW of Concordia for Tom Trost Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

September 15 — Marion County farm & grassland at Herington for Martha R. Melcher Trust. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

September 17 — Household, antiques & tools at Belleville for Bohman & Mary Kunc Trust. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

September 23 — Marshal County land (950ac) at Blue Rapids for Dorothy L. Hula and Harold L. Hula. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan.

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

October 1 — Tools, antiques, juke box, misc. at Clay Center for Dorothy (Mrs. Ervin) Fowles. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

November 5 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

November 6 — Shades of Red & White Show Calf Sale at Clay Center. Lori Hambright, sale manager.

November 14 — John Deere machinery, farm related items & misc. S. of Waterville for Jim & Rhonda Tilley. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

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



HDCC Pioneer X15 won reserve grand champion bred-and-owned bull at the 2011 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 4 in Hutchinson. Tanner Hite, Valley Center, owns the September 2010 son of S A V Pioneer 7301. Ty Williams, Memphis, Texas, evaluated the 97 entries.

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PR Advance 0065 won grand champion steer at the 2011 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 4 in Hutchinson. Sarah Pelton, Paradise, owns the February 2010 son of PR Advance 07096. Ty Williams, Memphis, Texas, evaluated the 97 entries.

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England's Choice

England has made a choice to remain dependent on other countries to feed them. Recently corporations have proposed to build a modern dairy and sow unit in their countryside. Two activist groups objected saying it would force a significant number of small farmers out of business. The proposal was withdrawn.

We in the United States have faced that choice and decided to encourage modern agricultural practices which have resulted in concentration of production and the elimination of most small farmers. Are we wrong or right to have chosen technology over status quo?

England can no longer feed itself. 60 million people in a country the size of Mississippi with an average rainfall of approximately 25 inches. The government micro-manages agriculture. It leans against modern agricultural practices. Much of it is subsidized. Politics controls imports. As if England did not have enough problems, Prince Charles has taken it upon himself to tell us we should follow their model. He says we need a "new system of accounting for sustainability." He points to Wal-mart's backing of local

sourcing of food and sustainable or organic produce as a reason to be hopeful that our industry is listening. He is joined by the animal rights/environmentalist activists denouncing America's "mega-farms" and accusing us of cruelty to animals and pollution.

By 2050 the world population will have increased 20% to 9.4 billion. If Prince Charles can convince us to limit our food production, and Canada, Australia and India follow suit, who will feed us? Argentina? Brazil? Russia? Maybe by then, Africa will have finally overcome itself and become self-supporting and change our import staples to Taro root and bamboo shoots.

Here Chuck ... let me put this paper bag over your head. What is wrong with this picture? You need to take a course in Colonist Common Sense. Surely someone in your country must understand that a "new system of accounting for sustainability" has the profundity of "Yearning for chickens that have no bones." Charlie ... the Sheriff of Nottingham thought he could take all the peasants' crops, and tools, and oxen away, and they would continue to farm! You point to Wal-mart as a good example. Wal-mart would not exist today if they restricted their sales

to homegrown organic food. They have become the biggest corporation in the world by selling groceries, tires, meat, clothes, wine, pliers and guns manufactured by the cheapest bidder, whether it's Chile, Hong Kong, or Vino Fino!

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