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New Zealanders experience ag in the Sunflower State with help of Kansas Flint Hills Tours

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

When Ian and Janet Finer wanted to see how agriculture in the United States compared to their home country of New Zealand, they embarked on a three-month journey that would take them from California to Vermont, with a five-day stay in Kansas along the way.

They found Kansas Flint Hills Tours on the internet and contacted owners Terry and Jeannie Johnson. The Johnsons began the agri-tourism business on their farm near Olsburg just a year ago.

"It was an idea we had kicked around for several years," said Jeannie. "But we didn't want to go into debt to do it. It pays for itself or it doesn't get done."

She took an agri-tourism class through the Department of Commerce to get a feel for what they would need to do and what the possibilities were.

"They took you from your idea to five weeks later you could implement it if you wanted to," she described.

The Johnsons farm 580 acres, put up hay and run cattle. In addition to the farm experience itself, Jeannie offers visitors historic, scenic and specialty day-tours of the northern region of the Flint Hills, including an Oregon Trail tour, barn tour and Tallgrass Prairie tour. A variety tour includes a stone bridge, country church and a buffalo ranch. "It's an education for a lot of folks that are either not from the area or are from the city," she said. The tours are exclusive for up to six guests at a time, although they can accommodate more if necessary. Jeannie wants each tour to have a personal feel. She is pleased with the progress of the



New Zealand dairy farmers Ian and Janet Finer look at a soybean field with their hosts, Terry and Jeannie Johnson, as part of their tour of the United States, in which they are comparing agricultural practices.

Photo by Donna Sullivan



Melissa (Hildebrand) Reed explains to the Finers the process the milk goes through at the Hildebrand Dairy. The dairy was one of many stops for the Finers as they experienced Kansas agriculture.

business so far. "We've seen steady growth, which is what I wanted it to do," she stated.

While in Kansas, the Finers raked and baled hay with Terry, toured the buffalo ranch, Good's hog farm near Olsburg and the Hildebrand Dairy near Junction City.

The size of the Johnsons' farm is similar to theirs in New Zealand, where they operate a 240-head dairy. "They are very interested in the prairie," Terry said. "The grasses are very different than what they have. Their pastures are more clover."

They also employ much more intensive grazing practices, so weeds in the pasture were very disturbing to them. "To them, it looks like waste," explained Terry.

"The biggest difference from our farming in New Zealand is we are a lot more intensive," said Ian. "Many of our farms would be milking 700-800 cows." They practice rotational grazing, and Ian says the normal rotation of cows to a paddock would be 17-20 days. Even without irrigation, there is enough surplus grass to

make silage and hay. Finer credits the loam soil created by an eruption of Mt. Egmont 300 years ago for their ability to grow plentiful grass. "The water soaks in easily and it holds nutrients well," he said.

While most American dairy farmers find it difficult to get a day off, much less three months at a time, the Finers were able to leave their dairy because of a practice known as sharemilking.

They are currently in a 50-50 agreement in which they own the land and buildings and their sharemilkers own the cows and tend to the day-to-day milking and chores. The Finers are from the Taranaki Province in the North Island, which is well known as a dairying area. There are about 4 million dairy cattle and 5 million beef cattle in the country, and agriculture products account for more than 50% of the country's exports. The sheer population of the United States is intriguing to Janet. "We have four million people total in New Zealand," she said. "Here you have that in one city."



Following their tour of Hildebrand Dairy, the Finers enjoyed an ice cream break.

Photos furnished



The Crazy Train, owned by Brad Bruhn of Leigh, Neb., was one of the entries at the first Thunder in the Ville truck and tractor pull in Leonardville, August 12 and 13. Organized by Dennis Hagenmaier, the event drew pullers from at least three states as well as a large audience both nights. Thunder in the Ville was held in conjunction with Leonardville's annual Hullabaloo.

Photo by Kevin Macy



Out Of The Mouths Of Babes

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Ever have an 11-year-old farmer's daughter give you a tour of their farm?

I did and it was top-notch.

Recently I traveled to

Dickinson County to meet with Jeff and Charity Bathurst. The young farm/livestock family have six children ranging in ages from 11 to three weeks old — four girls and two boys.

As I pulled up to the

farmstead, Jeff and I shook hands and he told me he had to drive to town for parts. He said, I could come with him or his 11-year-old daughter, Emma, would give me a tour of the farm.

I opted for the tour with Emma knowing I'd spend several hours with him in the hay field when he returned. We walked into the house where his wife literally had her hands full with her new baby and five other youngsters.

"Emma, come here and meet John and show him

around the farm while I run to town," Jeff says.

Emma and I shook hands and outside we went to tour the Bathurst farm. Tall and slender for her age, Emma sported shoulder length blond hair and blue eyes. "Pretty as a peach," my Grandpa Bert used to say. And bright, articulate and the perfect hostess. I couldn't have asked for a better guide.

As we walked west of their home the first stop on the tour was the rabbit hutch. There I learned more about rabbits than I can write about because of the space constraints of this column.

One highlight Emma shared with me is how to hold a rabbit properly, especially when showing them at the fair. She looked me squarely in the eye and they sparkled with enthusiasm, joy and pride as she told me about her family's farm.

She also demonstrated the proper way to hold a rabbit upside down snugly while grasping the ears near the base of the bunny's head. Her favorite rabbit was a Blue Dutch breed and gray in color.

"I have three different breeds," Emma says. "I like the different body types, eye colors, lengths of their ears — I especially like to feed, water and care for them."

By the time we finished with the bunny visit, Emma's younger sister, Annie, 9, showed up to talk about their three lambs. Here the girls told me the breed of sheep, age, how much they ate each day and they would one day be used as food for people.

Although I'd never met these youngsters they were as comfortable and at ease with me as if we were old friends or I was a nearby neighbor. Sure, they were still kids, but their manners, hospitality and authenticity was a sight to behold and warmed my heart.

Just a few steps from the

lambs we entered the chicken fence where 11 birds were crowing and clucking. By this time, seven-year-old Alice had joined the tour and went into the roost and brought out fresh-laid eggs for me to eyeball and handle.

Out of curiosity I asked the girls if they ate these eggs and here's what Emma told me.

"Yes, they're one of my favorite foods," she says. "My mom thinks there's no difference between our eggs and store-bought eggs, but I think they're better. We know where they come from."

About 45 minutes later when their dad returned we headed for the hay field where their granddad, Tim, was already busy windrowing hay. Jeff fired up the tractor and began baling. By now, two-and-a-half-year old Wyatt had joined the farm tour. They all accompanied me as I roamed about the hay field shooting photos and visiting.

All were more than happy to be out in the field where their dad and granddad were working. Not that

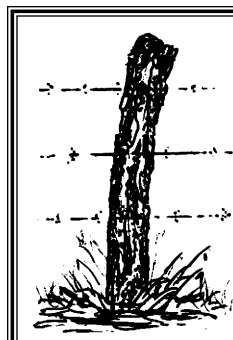
they didn't want to be home with mom, but what farm kid wouldn't want to be out in the open air and clear blue sky even if the temperature was approaching 100 degrees?

By the way, before we left to go to the hay field, Emma took me inside to meet the latest member of the family, baby Wade. As she took the tiny child from her mother and gently cradled her youngest brother in her arms a smile spread across her face.

"He's pretty fun," Emma told me keeping her eyes glued on little Wade. "I've always liked babies from the time my little sister, Annie, was born. I especially like babies when they have their eyes open because they seem like they're listening."

Out of the mouths of babes come pearls of wisdom.

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The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Vacation Time

There was nothing pressing to do at the ranch; the work was caught up. Of course, the shop could stand a good cleaning and putting things away, but that was not urgent. I suggested to May that it was time to head to Colorado for a few days away from the heat and high humidity. The big question was where to go in that state and what to do there. Through the years we have been to all four corners of Colorado and places in between, sometimes camping and doing some fly fishing, but that sport no longer interests me for it is too much work.

Wanting to avoid the bigger cities and heavy traffic, we went by way of southeastern Wyoming to see relatives there, then south from Cheyenne and over to Estes Park. We marveled at the growth and changes that have taken place since the time when we spent part of our honeymoon there over 35 years ago. The little shops on the main road through town were still there, and we enjoyed an evening stroll through that part of town.

Historic mining towns are intriguing to us, so we drove south to Central City. Again, we were surprised at the changes that have taken place since we last were there. Expecting to see the familiar shops that draw tourists inside to find keepsakes and other items to take home, we found that the main businesses there were casinos and some antique shops.

Hoping to spend the night at Leadville, we drove to this old mining town that in its early days had been a thriving, prosperous city that competed with Denver as the place for the state capital. Since Denver was selected, it continued to grow into a large metropolis whereas Leadville declined in population. However, it continues to be an active community, capitalizing on its historical significance and tourist appeal. In fact, all hotels and motels were filled there because of bike races that were being held on the weekend.

This caused us to continue driving south to what has become a favorite spot for us to visit in Colorado. It is the little town of LaVeta, just 16 miles southwest of Walsenburg, five miles off Highway 10, and is nestled in the Cucharas River valley at the foot of the Spanish peaks. It is the gateway to scenic Highway 12 that goes to Trinidad.

The town offers several museums and art galleries to visit; but the big attraction for us is the Rio Grande Excursion Train trip up to Old LaVeta pass. One can board the train at the station for a trip that takes about an hour and a half and

enjoy the outstanding scenery while the car host or hostess points out places of interest and gives history about the area. Upon arrival at the destination, one walks out to a fabulous view. A well-supplied snack bar also offers a barbecue meal for \$12. A sound stage in a meadow, with tall firs and other evergreens in the background, accommodates the musicians that provide a three-hour concert of cowboy, folk, and western music. The entertainers are outstanding. We were there a year ago and enjoyed it so much that we wanted to return.

Again this year, the music was excellent. Seating is quite adequate: bales of hay or benches up close, or one can rent a canvas fold-up chair with arms and cup holder for a dollar. Open-air shelters, built with restrooms nearby, are for those who prefer to sit under a roof to avoid the sun; so this year we sat in the shade, relaxing in our chairs while enjoying lunch, listening to the music, and just soaking up the atmosphere. One could look to the west to see snow-covered peaks while to the east, children were playing with volleyballs or jumping rope. There was a place designed for pitching horseshoes, but I didn't see anyone there during the concert. A few yards from us a young married couple spread a blanket on the grass and, I think, went to sleep while listening to the music.

These train excursions are offered on weekends (Friday through Sunday) until Sept. 25 so there still might be time to squeeze a visit in this summer. Several families rode in our car, and I noticed that quite a few people brought their own sandwiches or lunches in their backpacks, making it more affordable to bring children along. The cost for a ticket on a comfortable, air-conditioned coach is \$20 for seniors and children and a little higher for adults. This price includes the concert. Also, the ticket agent informed us that you can obtain coupons on the internet that say, "Buy one and get one free," and some local stores may give them out. That is how we learned about the train trips last year; one of the LaVeta shops offered us a free ticket. In case some of you might be interested, the website is www.colorado.train.com

P.S. After the return trip, you will want to stop at Charlie's Market downtown for ice cream. They do a big business there; one can sit at the counter to eat the ice cream, but most customers go outside to sit on one of the benches that line the sidewalk and enjoy the friendly surroundings.



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'Water and the Future of Kansas Conference' planned for Sept. 30 in Topeka

With much of Kansas dealing with drought conditions this summer, a water conference planned in Topeka may be especially important this year.

The "Water and the Future of Kansas Conference" planned for Sept. 30 in Topeka at the Capitol Plaza Hotel will address a wide range of water quantity and quality issues facing the state, offering both presentations and poster displays.

"Anyone interested in water should attend this conference to learn more about issues affecting our water supply and quality," said Dan Devlin, director of the Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment and the Kansas Water Resource Institute — both based at Kansas State University. The conference sponsors are KCARE, KWRI, K-State Research and Extension and the U.S. Geological Survey. Topics to be addressed in the general session include:

- Vision for the Future of Kansas Water Resources.
- Wichita Water 2050 — A Plan for Sustainable Water Resources.
- Trends for Water Use in the U.S.
- Dealing with Drought and Water Resources in Texas.

Topics planned for the concurrent sessions range from "Ogallala: High Aquifer Sustainability" and "Surface Water Quality" to "Streambank Restoration" and "Impact of Climate Change on Water Resources

in Kansas," in addition to several others.

A poster session will highlight projects related to water quality and quantity that are occurring around the state.

The fee to attend is \$65 if paid by Sept. 14 and \$90 if paid after that date or at the door. A special \$25 fee is

available for full-time undergraduate and graduate students. The fee includes lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments. More information, including registration instructions, is available online at www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/water or by calling 800-432-8222.



Judge Mark Flory tapped this 128-pound Hampshire market lamb as reserve champion at the Geary County Free Fair. The lamb was owned and shown by Rebekah Thomas.

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pattern bell; Noritake china Harley pattern platter & gravy boat; 6 Longaberger baskets; Waterford candlesticks, 9" bowl, ship decanter; 6 pc. set Westmoreland sterling Melburn Rose set silverware w/butter knife & sugar spoon; 12 pc. set Oneida st. silverware set; Tahahacki 4 pc. set; 6 dessert plates w/coffee server, cream & sugar, salt & pepper; set 6 platters, 6 fruit bowls & lg. fruit bowl; USSR leaded crystal oval bowl; d'Arques French lead crystal decanter; crystal goblets; crystal wine & liquor goblets; Swedish crystal bell; Lalique nesting doves, bookends, vase, perfume bottle, pair of birds; glass base lamp; brass table lamp; brass desk lamp; 2 floor lamps; Shriners' clock; crystal 10" grandfather clock; figurines in Lenox; 3 crystal dolphins; Majestic dolphin; elephant; asst. dog figurines; crystal swan; asst. of other nice figures; asst. birds - Lenox, Lefton, Gobel, Hallmark; asst. of other birds; Swarovski, i.e.: lg. & small butterfly, rocking horse, cello, bird, paperweight, fawn, swan, 4 others; lead crystal bowl; 2 frosted baskets; lg. footed scalloped bow; asst. pens; cross pen & pencils; purses; belts; scarves; asst. of Christmas decorations & Halloween items; asst. of other misc. items too numerous to mention. Very nice items.

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***** By G&G Area Cooks *****

Grass & Grain Awards Becky Bednar, Sun City, Ariz., Winning Recipe Prize

Winner Becky Bednar, Sun City West, Ariz.:
CHICKEN CASSEROLE

- 7-ounce package croutons
- 1 cooked small chicken, deboned, cut up
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 stick butter or oleo
- 1/2 cup celery
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- Salt & pepper to taste

Melt the butter in 1 cup water. Pour this over the croutons and pat mixture into a greased 9-by-13-inch dish. Mix the chicken, celery, onion, mayonnaise, salt and pepper together. Put over croutons. Mix the milk and eggs together and pour over mixture in the pan. Refrigerate overnight. Pour the 2 cans of soup over the top and bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

- Marlene Eck, Salina:
ROOT BEER BUNDT CAKE
- 1 stick unsalted butter (+ more for pan)
 - 2 cups flour (+ more for dusting pan)
 - 2 1/2 cups root beer
 - 1 cup cocoa
 - 2 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon allspice
 - 1 1/4 teaspoons baking soda
 - 3 eggs
 - 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter and flour bundt pan. Heat 2 cups root beer, cocoa, chocolate and butter until butter and chocolate melt. Add white and brown sugars and whisk until sug-

ars dissolve. Let cool. Combine flour, baking soda, allspice and salt. Whisk eggs into root beer mixture and then fold in the flour (batter will be slightly lumpy). Pour into pan and bake 55 to 60 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Gently poke the cake with a skewer and pour 1/4 cup root beer over. Let cool 20 minutes then turn out onto a serving plate and let cool completely. Mix powdered sugar, 1/4 cup root beer and vanilla until smooth. Drizzle over cake.

Mary Alice Waylan, Herington: "Sweet biscuits and angel food cake are my favorite type of shortcakes, but the below cookies and pound cake make excellent quick substitutes. I keep pecan

sandies on hand, plus topping and frozen strawberries. Do you need a quick and tasty dessert? Are cattlemen coming at noon? I have used these foods successfully for making strawberry shortcake dessert. They are original ideas of mine. You may use peaches, cherry pie filling, frozen cherries (leave half frozen), pineapple or other fruits. A 10-ounce box of sweetened frozen berries makes 3-4 servings."

QUICK SHORTCAKE

- Coconut cookies (bars)
- Coconut macaroons (home-made or purchased)
- Rich butter cookies
- Pecan short cookies (as Pecan Keebler Sandies)
- Pound cake

Crush or break cookies into 3/4-inch pieces by hand. Place in individual sauce dishes. Cover with your choice of amount of fruit with juice. Then top with whipped cream or whipped topping for a quick, delicious dessert. A relative really likes the Pecan Sandies with strawberries, fresh or partially frozen.

Waneta Pendergraft, Cottonwood Falls: "This drink is very refreshing, especially when the temperature is quite high. Enjoy."

COOL DRINK

- 3 to 4 ripe bananas
- 6-ounce can frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 large can pineapple juice
- 2 cups ginger ale or lemon-lime soda

Mix and freeze. Remove from freezer 1 hour before serving (might not take that long if temperature is high). Makes 8 or more servings.

Fred Engler, El Dorado:
SPECIALTY SWEET 'N' SOUR MEATLOAF

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1/2 pound ground pork
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup soft bread cubes (1/2-inch)
- 2 slightly beaten eggs

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2 cups water

Mix sauce ingredients together and set aside. Combine all loaf ingredients except shortening and mix well. Add 2/3 cup of reserved sauce, mix and shape into 8 loaves. Brown loaves in shortening in skillet; drain. Put loaves in shallow pan and pour rest of sauce over loaves. Bake in 350-degree oven about 50 minutes, basting often. Serve with sauce. Leftovers can be placed in microwave-safe bags with sauce in each and frozen or wrapped in foil with sauce and frozen. Follow microwave directions for bagged meatloaves. The ones in foil should be baked, unthawed in 350-degree oven for about 1 hour.

1 1/2 cups flour
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/3 cups Heath bits

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Beat shortening, peanut butter, brown sugar, milk and vanilla until well blended. Add egg, beat just until blended. Add flour, baking soda and salt to mixture. Stir in Heath bits. Drop by teaspoon onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 7-8 minutes or until set. Do not overbake. Cool 2 minutes and remove to wire rack to cool. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
"Good for chicken wings."
BLUE CHEESE DIP

- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons minced green onion
- 2 tablespoons whole milk
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4-ounce container crumbled blue cheese

In a bowl combine all ingredients except blue cheese, stirring until smooth. Stir in blue cheese.

Gin Fox, Holton:
HEATH BITS PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 1/4 cups brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg

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- 4 eggs
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- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
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- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Mix together eggs, oil and sugar. Add salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and flour. Next add the zucchini, vanilla and chopped nuts. Pour into an 11 1/2-by-17 1/2-inch sheet pan and bake at 350 degrees for 30 or 40 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched.

Frosting:

- 2 tablespoons oleo
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 ounces cream cheese
- 2 cups powdered sugar

Beat together and spread on cooled sheet layer and cut into squares or bars.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: LAYERED TEX MEX CASSEROLE

- 2 pounds ground chuck
- 1 onion chopped
- 15.25-ounce can black beans, drained & rinsed
- (2) 10-ounce cans enchilada sauce
- 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- (14) 5-inch corn tortillas
- (2) 8-ounce packages shredded Mexican four cheese blend

Combine ground chuck and onion. Cook until beef is browned. Drain. Stir in beans, sauces, bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with spray. Tear tortillas into bite-size pieces. Layer half of pieces in bottom of dish. Top with half of beef mixture. Sprinkle 1 package

of cheese over beef mixture. Repeat layers, end with cheese. Bake for 25-35 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "Good for any potluck or carry-in dinner."

SPINACH-RICE BAKE

- (2) 10-ounce packages frozen, chopped spinach, cooked & drained
- 2 cups prepared rice
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme

Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl; stir well. Pour mixture into a greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Uncover and continue baking for 5 additional minutes until set. Serves 12 to 16.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:

CARROT SALAD WITH BLUEBERRIES

- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 1/2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 4 teaspoons olive oil
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups frozen blueberries
- 1 cup thinly diced red bell pepper
- 4 cups match stick carrots
- 1/2 cup diced pineapple
- 1/3 cup walnuts

In a bowl whisk lemon juice, maple syrup, olive oil and salt. In another bowl combine blueberries, diced bell pepper and half of lemon juice mixture; let stand to allow blueberries to defrost. In a bowl combine carrots, pineapple and walnuts. Add remaining lemon juice mixture and toss to coat. To serve divide carrot mixture among salad plates. Top each serving with blueberry mixture.

Add Some Pop To Your Party With Popcorn

(NAPSA) — Americans love a celebration, especially during the warmer months. For example, three of this country's most important national holidays mark the beginning, middle and end of summer: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

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RED HOT POPPERS

- Makes: about 24 balls
- 3 quarts popped popcorn
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1/2 cups red hot cinnamon-flavored candies
- Red & blue confection stars
- Red licorice string

Spread a large sheet of plastic wrap onto a work surface and spray with cooking spray. Spray a large mixing bowl lightly with cooking spray and place popcorn inside. In a medium saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in marshmallows until marshmallows are melted and mixture is smooth. Pour over popcorn, adding red hot candies, and mix well until coated. Spray hands with cooking spray and form mixture into 24 balls. Gently press red and blue stars onto balls. Place a piece of licorice string on top of each ball.



PIE CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The 2011 Pottawatomie County Fair Fruit Pie Contest was held in Onaga on Sunday, Aug. 7.

Janice Goehring was the repeat winner of first place in the adult division with her cherry/pineapple pie.

Joyce Blaske was second with an apple/raisin/walnut pie and Karen Matson captured third with a strawberry/blueberry pie.

Youth winners were Bethany Goehring, first place with a cherry pie and Serena Blaske was second with a cranberry/blueberry/apple pie.

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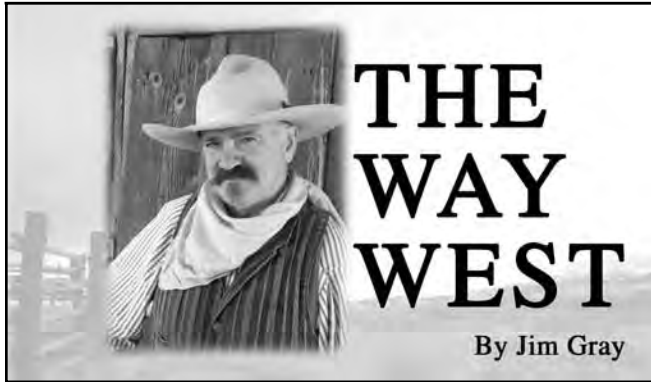
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

The Newton General Massacre

Joseph McCoy created the first great cattle town in 1867 when he established his "cattle depot" along the railroad tracks at Abilene. The Kansas Pacific dominated the cattle trade until 1871. In that year the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad built tracks to the Chisholm Trail sixty miles south of Abilene. Within weeks the new town of Newton was a rip-roaring end-of-track town for the railroad and an end-of-trail town for Texas cattle.

The town was too young to employ an organized police force to control the wild mix of railroaders, cowboys, gamblers, and adventurers. Treachery flourished at Newton as a continual celebration of iniquity seethed from the business houses. Texas drover L. B. Anderson declared that "Newton was one of the worst towns I ever saw, every element of meanness on earth seemed to be there."

Newton's merchants joined together to hire special policemen to patrol the town in an attempt to control the unending reckless cowboy carnival. Railroad-er Mike McCluskie and

Texas William Bailey were hired. Instead of keeping the peace, William Bailey swore that he was going to disarm all the "shorthorns" in town (Meaning anyone not Texan). McCluskie, known for his own bad temper, didn't like Bailey, which led to an argument between the lawmen. That evening Bailey found McCluskie in one of the drinking establishments and demanded that he set up a round of drinks for everyone in the house. McCluskie refused and punctuated his displeasure with Bailey by throwing him through the saloon doors. Not content to leave things as they were, McCluskie stepped into the street to finish the job. However, Bailey was waiting in the shadows with a pistol. Shots were fired but when the smoke cleared it was William Bailey who was dead. Realizing that Bailey's friends would kill him on sight, McCluskie quickly saddled up and left town.

Newton was once again without officers of the law, but considering the two they had hired it could be argued they had never had any to begin with. A week later,

August 19, McCluskie unexpectedly returned to Newton and Perry Tuttle's dance hall. In the meantime, friends of the slain William Bailey learned of McCluskie's return and immediately planned a killing.

At 2 a.m. three Texans entered Tuttle's place. One of them sat down at a faro table. He made a point to engage McCluskie in friendly conversation. The other two cowboys made their way to the bar. Suddenly the leader, Hugh Anderson, entered the dance house. As he walked straight toward McCluskie, Anderson yelled, "I will blow the top of your head off!" Anderson fired low. The bullet hit McCluskie in the neck. These were the days of cap and ball pistols. The wounded man pulled his pistol, but to his horror the "snap" of a misfired cap echoed through the hall. McCluskie collapsed in front of Anderson and while lying face down on the floor, Anderson shot McCluskie in the back. To hold the crowd back Anderson's friends fired their pistols into the air, but before they could exit, Jim Riley, a friend of McCluskie blocked the door. Riley began shooting wildly across the smoke filled room. With guns blazing, Riley turned the Texan's revenge killing into a blood-bath. When the smoke cleared eight men lay suffering from gunshot wounds. Two men were killed outright. Riley disappeared into the night and was never heard from again.

Tuttle's place and the

Alamo Saloon, next door, were turned into hospitals. The floors and walls of both halls were described as "everywhere sprinkled with blood." "The dying and wounded have received every care and attention." Doctor Gaston Boyd and an unnamed physician were untiring in their professional efforts. The dance hall girls pitched in and nursed the wounded "with touching assiduity and tenderness." The only law officer available was Deputy United States Marshal Harry Nevill, who attempted to serve a warrant on Hugh Anderson as he lay in one of Tuttle's upstairs rooms. But Nevill was intercepted and told that Anderson's condition was such that any undue excitement might prove fatal. Throughout the next week three more men died, bringing the total to five dead and three wounded. Hugh Anderson was smuggled out of town and was never arrested for McCluskie's death. The shootout became legend. Men whispered when they spoke of Newton and everywhere the "Newton General Massacre" was known as one of the worst gunfights every experienced on The Way West.

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Homeground & Other Geographies

by Tom Parker

Reverting To Wild

First came apartments, one to two bedrooms with inescapable views of major streets, intersections and multi-floored buildings, followed by duplexes and yards that needed to be maintained. Like most urban denizens we moved around with blithe frequency, playing the rent game as others do the stock market. We went where rent was low and amenities high and transferred loyalties and addresses when the two reversed. New lodging was stimulating; moving wasn't.

Our first house was an opportunity for improvisation. Indoors, outdoors, we could remake it to whatever our dreams and finances would allow. After a few years of improvements the housing market collapsed and the neighborhood went to seed. We barely broke even when we finally managed to escape.

The American Dream is about upward mobility. We found a house on the edge of a 600-acre rectangle of wild land complete with two small ponds and unbroken views of the Front Range. For a long time I thought it paradise until civilization encroached, and then fought years for its preservation. Shortly after winning the battle we grew weary of urban life and ditched it for a small Kansas town on the northern edge of the Flint Hills.

It's always the same. A

change of scenery invokes a chance at reinventing oneself, or at least a reappraisal of priorities. But we had done the unthinkable this time, walking away from careers and family and the Rockies in a complete and utter repudiation of all we'd known. Friends thought us nuts, family thought us insane. Looking back on the past 11 years I'm unsure how much reinvention was engineered versus simple acceptance of our new reality. Our only plans were to see where the current took us.

How odd, then, to have a mental panoply of former abodes march through a weary mind on a sweltering mid-August afternoon, as if the current had broken me against a midstream boulder, dazed, bleeding and not quite certain how I arrived at such a destination.

Nor am I certain what triggered the flashback. One heartbeat I was following the mower down yet another long row of overgrown grass and the next I was hopscotching down memory lane, and none too happy about it. The memories did nothing but complicate a ridiculously simple procedure without providing enlightenment or stamina. Instead, I caught myself comparing yards, vistas and that ineffable concept of place, which might have been the whole point, I suppose.

If there was a planned

trajectory in the type of neighborhood we gravitated toward—a dubious proposal at best, but interesting to contemplate—it was from the inside out. Meaning, a life closer to careers and interests within the established metropolitan core in exchange for suburban commutes with more open space and elbow room. The same theory applies to housing; while apartments were fine for starters, eventually we wanted volume both within and without. We wanted a garden and some nice landscaping, preferably a mountain view and fresher air. A commute, however brutal, seemed a small price to pay.

Each was more spacious, more scenic, more accommodating to our growing need for solitude. In that respect, the leap from Front Range to tallgrass prairie was logical, if not belated.

But it wasn't just solitude we craved, it was a

sense of the wild. Not wilderness per se but a place where man and nature co-existed, where wildness began at the end of the porch. After covenant-controlled neighborhoods where every facet of landscaping and decor was regulated and enforced, we yearned for unfettered freedom.

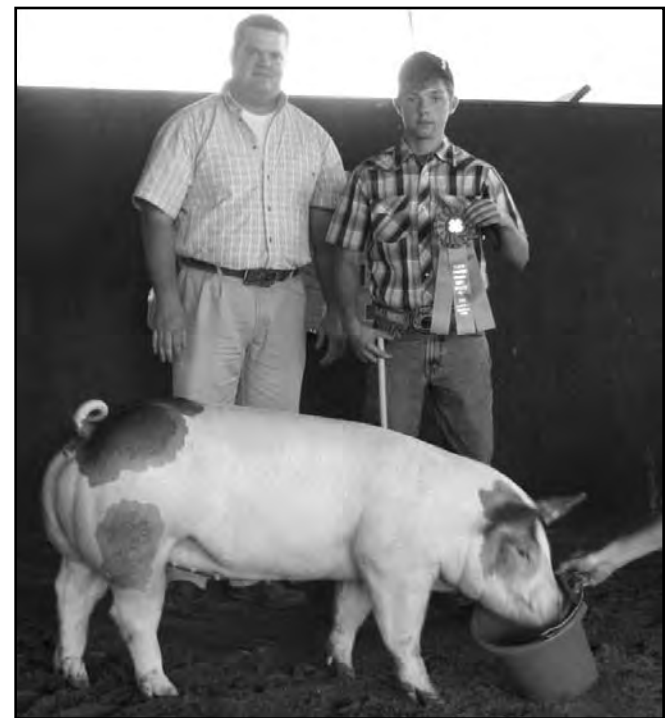
Which comes at its own price, I might add. The place we found was all we'd asked for and more—more being the key word. Our two-acre spread on the edge of town is indeed wild and getting wilder all the time, mainly through attrition, mine that is, a combination torn rotator cuff and meniscus damage to my right knee and an ocean of grass to tame.

Taming it hasn't been easy this year. While much of the state burns to dust, our area has received copious, and continuous rains. A climatologist declared it the "garden spot" of Kansas, an apt description both pastoral and bucolic. She failed to add that gardens require tending. Mowing has been a twice-weekly affair and even then I'm barely keeping up. In fact, I've taken to cutting corners, literally, leaving slices and borders and edges uncut to save time and effort. Six inches here, three feet there, our yard reverts to the wild. The effect has been as startling as it has

been rapid: wildness triumphant.

I'm letting it go, and without rancor. We can only

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McCarty Family Dairies needed new equipment to support their growing operation. Foley Equipment came to the table with a total package including machines, maintenance and repair and management services... at a fixed cost.

Spend any time with the McCarty Dairy family visiting about their operation and you're likely to hear the words family, relationship, trust, integrity along with analysis and innovation. All of these characteristics played a part in a recent deal for new Caterpillar machines from Foley Equipment. The deal is for a total of 17 machines, a mix of Cat 226, 236 and 272 skid steer loaders and Cat 924H wheel loaders equipped for feed and manure handling.

A Little Background

The McCarty family, Tom and Judy (father and mother) and four sons, Mike, Clay, Ken and David, are transplants from Pennsylvania. Positioned for growth, they found themselves landlocked, literally and logistically. Available acreage in eastern Pennsylvania comes in small, 40 to 60 acre plots at a cost per acre approaching five times the cost of land in western Kansas.

For that amount of money they could move the entire operation, so that's what they did, moving to Rexford - just east of Colby - in 1999 to set up their first dairy with 800 head. They quickly grew to some 2,000 head. In 2007 the McCartys opened their second operation in Bird City. Today, the total head count between the two dairies approaches 8,000. The purchase of a third dairy will eventually double their size to 16,000 head.

The Challenge

With this expansion

comes the need for more machines to run the operation. The McCartys turned to their equipment partner Foley Equipment and their long-time sales representative, Dustin Daniels and Caterpillar, for an analysis of their purchase and operating options.

While securing machinery seems a fairly simple matter, there's little about operational expense that isn't carefully studied by the McCartys. As with any business, the dairy business is considerably more competitive than in the past so watching costs is critical. "In any given month, we might find a \$30,000 or \$40,000 'surprise' expense for machine or equipment repairs," said Ken McCarty, one of two brothers operating the Rexford dairy.

"Our goal is to minimize the up-and-down fluctuations in operating costs. We're really tuned into finding partners and ways of doing business where the unknowns become known," said Clay McCarty who, along with Ken, runs the Rexford operation. "What Foley did is make it so we know what machine operating expenses will be for the long term. This brings in

credible stability to our operating cost which ultimately flows to the bottom line," Ken continued.

Active Machine Management Partnership

Known as Job Site Solutions, the program is much more than a lease with fluid changes. Daniels and Scott Bailey of Caterpillar's Job Site Solutions team, conducted an exhaustive, top-to-bottom look at the entire operation including capital and cash flow, machine requirements and fit to the operational tasks, work flows and productivity, safety and maintenance.

The outcome of the analysis is a solution that optimizes the utilization, machine and component life, operator performance, fuel consumption, and availability of the total fleet all at a fixed cost. The end result is a fleet fully integrated with the McCarty operation that significantly improves their bottom line.

"This is a very different approach than most machine deals. The McCartys effectively asked us to analyze their business. The bottom line is that they pay for the use of the machine while we manage everything else," said

Daniels. "If they're using the machine, they're paying for it. If they're not, they're not. If they're over-utilizing or under-utilizing it, we'll make semi-annual adjustments for this,"

Daniels concluded.

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Productivity of the machines will also be tracked in an effort to optimize effi-

ciency. Load volumes and cycle times will provide insight into the inefficiencies or bottlenecks in the day-to-day operations with the goal of eliminating them.

Delton Taylor, Equipment Solutions Manager for Foley Equipment, will be the primary contact point for much of this information called Condition Monitoring. "What's neat about this is that it's going to be transparent to the customer. In most instances we're going to know a problem exists before the customer has a chance to pick up the phone. In fact, we'll likely be reporting the problem to them," Taylor continued.

When it's time for standard maintenance or when an engine or related problem is identified, Foley will deploy maintenance and re-

pair personnel from their Colby location.

The End of the Day
 "Bottom line... we know cows, not Cat," said Mike McCarty. "The more we looked at this, the more it appeared to be a no-brainer on so many levels," he continued. "Think about it this way; we've taken a variable expense and made it fixed. That's huge. We've taken the machine maintenance and off-loaded it to the people that really know the machines. As the technology advances it's tougher to train workers and keep them up-to-date. Plus, with an operation this large, we're increasingly looking for a better quality of life and that doesn't include spending our free time wrenching on a machine," McCarty concluded.



Foley representative Anthony Perry, center, conducts a training session with McCarty Dairy employees who will run the equipment on a regular basis.

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Terrace maintenance on farms can save soil, prolong usefulness

Now is a good time to evaluate and perform maintenance on terraces on wheat stubble or fallow ground, said DeAnn Presley, K-State Research and Extension soil management specialist.

In Kansas, over 9 million acres of land are protected by more than 290,000 miles of terraces, making Kansas No. 2 in the U.S. for this soil and water conservation practice. To accomplish their purpose for erosion control and to save water, terraces must have adequate capacity, ridge height and channel width, Presley said.

“Without adequate capacity to carry water, terraces will be overtopped by runoff in a heavy storm. Overtopping causes erosion of the terrace ridge, terrace back slope, and lower terraces — and may result in severe gullies,” she said.

Terraces need regular maintenance to function for a long life. Erosion by water, wind, and tillage wears the ridge down and deposits sediment in the channel, decreasing the effective ridge height and channel capacity. They can also be damaged by machinery, animals and settling.

“Terrace maintenance restores capacity by removing sediment from the channel and rebuilding ridge height,” Presley said.

“Check terraces and terrace outlets regularly, at least annually, for needed repairs. The best time to check is after rains, when erosion, sedimentation, and unevenness in elevation are easiest to spot. Specific items to note are overtopping, low or narrow terrace ridges, water ponding in the channel, terrace outlets, erosion, and sediment clogging

near roadway or pipe outlets,” Presley noted.

Terrace maintenance can be done with virtually any equipment that efficiently moves soil, she said. Common tools include those that:

- * Turn soil laterally — moldboard plow, disk plow, one-way, terracing blade (pull-type grader), three-point ridging disk (terracing disk, etc);

- * Convey or throw soil (belt terracer, scraper, whirlwind terracer, etc); and

- * Push or drag soil (dozer blade, straight-wheeled blade, 3-point blade, etc).

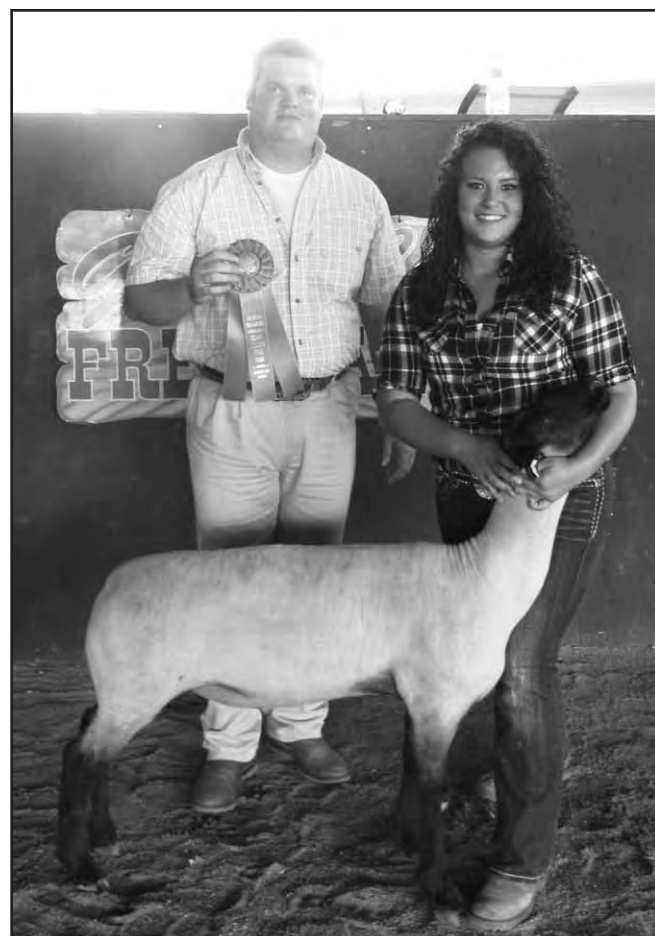
If silt bars and sediment deposits accumulate frequently in a terrace channel, excessive erosion is the cause, Presley said. A change in tillage and cropping practices is needed to correct that cause.

“In this situation, con-

servation tillage and crop rotations that retain crop residue will reduce erosion substantially. This will reduce the frequency of terrace maintenance needed. Many no-till producers find terrace systems require little maintenance. Although runoff still occurs, there is very little soil movement in a no-till system,” she said.

For more information, including specific information on maintenance practices, refer to K-State Research and Extension publication C-709, Terrace Maintenance, available at county and district Extension offices, or online at: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/ageng2/c709.pdf>.

Additional sources for technical information include local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and County Conservation District offices.



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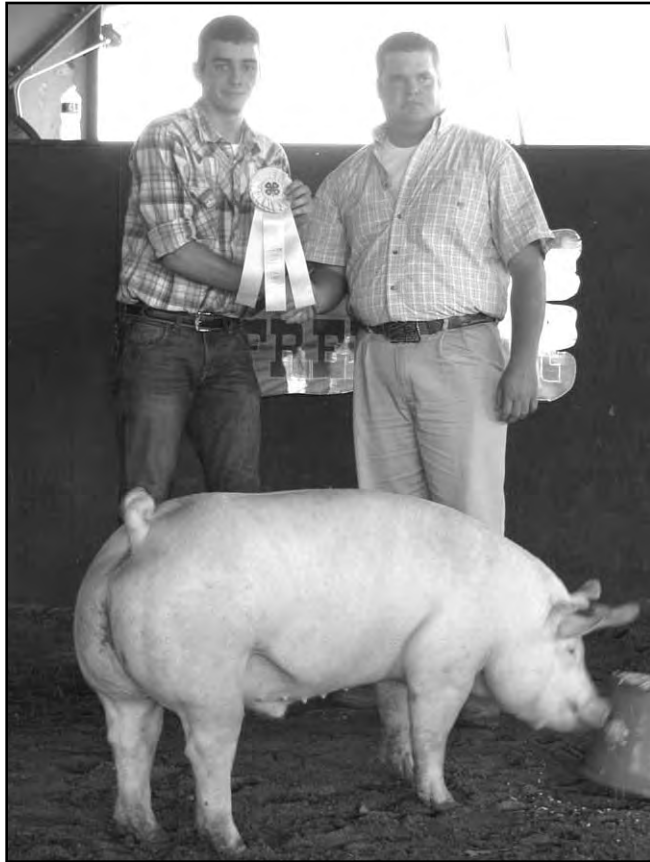
Central Kansas Extension District will host a Fall Crops Tour in Saline County on Thursday, September 1st starting at 5:00 p.m. The tour features stops at plots of grain sorghum hybrids and Roundup Ready soybean varieties. Discussion will focus on agronomic practices, research updates for row crops and a wheat production update. A sponsored meal will be served following the tour at St. Patrick's Catholic Hall in Gypsum. Please RSVP for the meal to the Central Kansas Extension District - Salina office at 785-309-5850.

The first stop is at 5:00 p.m. at a grain sorghum hybrid plot on the Clayton Short farm located 1 1/4 miles south of Hwy. K-4 on Ohio St. The second stop will be at 6:00 p.m. at a Roundup Ready soybean variety plot on the Paul Karber farm located 1/2 mile south of Gypsum at the intersection of Tinkler Rd. and Gypsum Valley Rd.

Tour speakers include K-State Extension agronomists Stu Duncan and

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Young Stockmen's Academy tours agribusiness and retail beef industry

The 2011 KLA Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA) gathered for its second educational tour of the year June 27-29. The group of young KLA members from across the state spent three days in Kansas City learning more about the agribusiness and retail beef industries. Vista from Merck Animal Health is the exclusive sponsor of this program.

Merck Animal Health hosted the class at its office

in De Soto. Company officials gave participants an inside look at the animal health industry and explained how this segment of agribusiness is working to help beef producers improve efficiency in food production.

To gain a better understanding of the link between the processing plant and the consumer's plate, the group toured Kansas City Steak Company and SYSCO Food Services. Both

companies distribute high-end beef cuts to restaurants across the U.S. The Kansas City Steak Company also has a mail-order business and sells beef products online and through QVC, a home shopping channel. SYSCO distributes beef cuts through 86 facilities, grossing more from boxed beef sales than any other item sold.

YSA members also saw firsthand how beef is marketed in the meatcase.

Stops were made at Bichelmeier Meats and Whole Foods Market. Bichelmeier Meats is a family-owned business consisting of a small processing facility and butcher shop, which offers fresh beef and pork to customers daily. Whole Foods sells a variety of beef products, with a focus on natural and organic.

In addition, the class had the chance to visit with consumers about the beef they produce on their farms and ranches while distributing samples at Price Chopper and Hen House grocery stores. These young producers answered customer

questions about animal health, beef nutrition and cooking methods.

During the three-day tour, the group also heard from staff at Bartlett and Company about risk management in the cattle and grain industries and visited the Kansas City Board of Trade and the Kansas Bioscience Authority.

The 2011 class includes Austin Cline, Frankfort; Zach Conine, Scott City; Jessica Ebert, Tescott; Kendra Frasier, Manhattan; Eric Gleue, Le Roy; Chelsea Good, Topeka; Randy Hiesterman, Palmer; Ashley Judd, Quenemo; Karaline

Mayer, Paxico; Brock Miller, Leoti; Daniel Mushrush, Strong City; Cody Palen, Dodge City; Anthony Rathbun, Geneseo; Cade Rensink, Ada; Kendra Riley, Manhattan; Abe Shanholtzer, Wamego; Charlie Spiker, Garden City; Raymond Sproul, Sedan; Jennifer Wellnitz, Neosho Rapids; Clay Wilson, Council Grove; Katie Yunghans, Leavenworth.

The third installment of the YSA class will be held in October. Members will tour Kansas beef operations to gain a better understanding of each industry segment.



The 2011 YSA class includes, standing, from left: Cody Palen, Dodge City; Cade Rensink, Ada; Eric Gleue, Le Roy; Charlie Spiker, Garden City; Clay Wilson, Council Grove; Chelsea Good, Topeka; Kendra Frasier, Manhattan; Randy Hiesterman, Palmer; Jessica Ebert, Tescott; Jennifer Wellnitz, Neosho Rapids; Ashley Judd, Quenemo; Austin Cline, Frankfort; Katie Yunghans, Leavenworth; Raymond Sproul, Sedan; Kneeling: Abe Shanholtzer, Wamego; Karaline Mayer, Paxico; Daniel Mushrush, Strong City; Anthony Rathbun, Geneseo; and Zach Conine, Scott City.

ANTIQUA AUCTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 — 10:00 AM

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

CROCKS

Red Wing inc.: 1/2 gal Stone Mason fruit jar; 1/2 gal Watkins shoulder jug; cherry band pitcher; sponge band pitcher; no 5 Koverwater; qt. & 1/2 gal. bell feeder; 1/4 & 1 pt. Excelsior Springs jugs & 1 gal bailed jug; water cooler lids (no 1 chipped, no 3 cracked); no 4 churn lid; no 12 Nappy; Brush ware saucer for flower pot; crocks inc.: 2, 3, 4, & 20 gal Red Wing; 4 gal Union Stoneware birch leaf crock; 2 gal elephant ear churn cracked; 3 gal molded churn w/lid; 9" paneled sponge bowl; 5" blue band mixing bowl; mini motto jug; 4 1/2" Marion, Kas pitcher; spittoon; wax sealer; bailed packing jar; As You Like It horse radish jar; 4 gal salt glazed cobalt mark crock cracked; bowls inc.: (9" tan w/brown & white strip, 8" green, 8" cream w/rust & blue stripes, 7" tan, 9" brown, 5" tan w/blue & pink stripe, 5" rust); Red Wing pottery inc.: (Hamms mugs, ash tray, M1440 vase, Brushware flower pot).

FURNITURE & COLLECTIBLES

Signs inc.: Jayhawk oil, Pennzoil oil, Pepsi menu board, Belle Springs Ice Cream, Naturich Feeds, Philip Morris, Carey salt, Sir Walter Raleigh, Kramer Dry Goods, Aero Flow Star pump & cooler; Velvet Tobacco cardboard sign; Budweiser & Coors neon; Coke inc.: round thermometer, 50's Santa cardboard, apron & menu sheets, delivery man hat, 24 bottles in metal carrier; Pepsi clock, metal 6 pack carrier, case; pop bottles; Anhauser Busch box; Buzza Motto Pictures (How-de-do, Home, Folks Like You, A Friend Like You, All to my Self, Ain't it Good, Trees); Cupid pictures; wood advertising boxes (Buster Brown, Baker, Armour's, Polarine Cup Grease, Standard Oil); oak princess dresser; stick & ball easel; wains coating cabinet; Military insignias & buttons; Tins & Bottles (IGA rolled oats, Karo, Butternut bottle,

Grand Union bottle, Lee, Murdocks, Grand Union, H & K, Preferred Stock, SWC, Fairway, Ann Page, Tuxedo, Cella, McNuss, Monarch, Our Mothers cocoa, Big Buster popcorn, Peter Pan, Golden Wedding tea, Monarch, Log Cabin, Blue Ribbon malt extract, Lee grapefruit, Snapples); Oil tins (Texaco, Permalube, Standard, Maytag, DeLaval, other); Coffee tins (Eight O Clock, Folgers 1,2 & 4 lb, Hills Bros, Lee, Nashs, Lyons, Bliss, Lion, Red Wolf, Aladdin); Drug Store tins (Mennen Talcum, Lila's Talcum, Colgate's Dactylis talc, LaParot hair, White Cross, Meyer, Rexall, Dr. School's, 5 pc. Williams gift set in box); Drug Store bottles & jars (Swamp tonic, Pink Ointment, Quinine, Lysol, Mosco, Pusheck, Zona, Wildroot, Seelye's); Tobacco tins (Four Roses, Twin Oaks, Squadron, Buckingham sample, Tiger, 5 cent Camel, Mayo's, Dixie Queen); counter top tobacco (Sweet Burley, Sweet Mist chewing, Tiger chewing); coffee, beer & oil tin banks; girly ash trays; tobacco postcards; Lucky Strike book; Smoke Signals book; Phillip Morris cigarettes; qt. & pt. Wan-eta cocoa jar w/lid; Coop playing cards; pens & pencils; milk bottle cups & opener; Lee knife sharpening stone & match book; bottle openers; match book collection; DAV tags; Batman Big Little book; Cub Scout badges; spurs; tokens; 1950's UP RR tickets; Doe Wah Jack The Scout postcard; Clarks booklet; trade cards; Wagner skillet ash tray; razors; Donald Duck shaker; Books inc.: (baseball, 1929 The Omnibus of Crime, Lightning estimator, Chef's cookbook, Blondie & Dagwood, GW Anderson Favorite Horse stories, Red Pony, Jim Thorpe story, Four Winds, large comic Western Round Up/Boris Karloff, The Rail Road at War, Rail Road History, It Happened In Kansas, many other); 1908 Enterprise Mfg catalogue; 1941 Ford reference book; 1950 Ford cata-

logue; 1952 Wards farm equipment catalogue; Case, McCormick, Allis manuals; 1967 UPRR telephone directory; Firestone farm guide; pocket ledgers; Paper inc.: (Northern Tissue girls prints, Abilene, Clay Center, Enterprise, Holbrook calendars, 1953 Salina Charity Horse shoe program, car manuals, road maps, 1955 Rio Grande time tables, London, England maps); 1980's & 90's baseball cards; assortment games; Roy Rogers lantern; Ohio Art bank, drum, pail, top, sprinkler can; Pluto; cap gun; child's saddle iron; Marx cowboys; Buddy L fire truck, Texaco gas semi, pickup; cap guns inc.: Gene Autry, Daisy, Hubley; pocket knives; Western knife counter top display; Oak Lufkin ruler counter top display; laundry items; beer salt & pepper; wire baskets; lighting rods w/balls; 1967 NFL pennants; Stanley 190, 45, 80 & 53 planes; Stanley Bedrock 605; Stanley Bailey no5; Union 102 plane; Crescent wrenches w/wood handles; other tools; wash benches; sprinkling cans; egg baskets; tool tote; pitcher pump; pulleys; grocery store basket w/legs; primitive cabinet; carpenter trunk; wash tubs; branding irons; chicken feeder; pieces of wainscoat; shutters; architectural pieces; cream cans; railroad bench; bird cages; copper boiler; Dandy ice cream freezer; electric A & P store coffee grinder; 3 soda fountain stools new; sausage stuffers; short tail horse windmill weight; hat & shoe display rack; 1962 Seattle Worlds fair cane stool; parking meter; railroad padlocks; bronze greyhound; Christmas items; wooden skis; wood golf clubs; Glass inc.: Calif pottery Malay Blossom; Meakin pitcher & bowl; barber bottle; Shawnee planter, salt, pepper & creamer; Memory Lane glasses; pink Poinsetta tumbler; Windsor compote; Celebrity fine china; German hall dolls; assortment of other collectables.

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PAPER

80 John Deere operators manuals; IHC parts paper bags; Sport & Trade cards; (1964 Topps Beatles, 1960 Fleer baseball, 53 Topps Who-z-at, 1941 Uncle Sam War gum, Rainbo Presidents & states, tobacco); 1950's Army football programs; magazines inc.: nudist; Radio News; Architecture; Caterpillar; American Builder; Popular Electricity; Scientific American; 150 car magazines (Motor Trend, Road Test, Car & Driver, Motor Life); large assortment car brochures; 1940's Farm Journals; antique books; Free Coke cards; Hopalong Cassidy premium catalog; Maupins pinup blotter Salina; small Keystone vucards; Chicago Worlds Fair mini cards; Superman comics; 100's post cards (Santa, RPPC, many Ks, folders, several album full); Big Little books; OSL ham radio card collection; Rock Roll ticket stub collection (Ozzy, AC-DC, Rush, Van Halen, Journey, others); Harry Potter books; large assortment of other paper.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Coca Cola 1930's cooler w/double lids good; Avery & Case tractor glass ad slides; Matchbox Lesney toys; Hot Wheels transports & cars; ce-

real premiums; Maytag needle threader & fireman's hat; friction tractor w/box; marbles; DU statue; Gunther Granget statues; model kits; WWII Army Air Force clothes & cases; pharmacy cork press; HD Lee oats box, license envelopes; Salina fruit flavor bottle; Council Grove Christmas decorations; Remington & Marlin guns picture; Nouveau Judd curtain rod covers; Hyer cabinet hardware displays; pop bottles; Coleman lanterns (1 military in box); #63 percolator; silver plate; Nash Shark skateboard; Invisible man, woman kit; cast iron door stops & bookends; scales; 8 star tea kettle; elephant, cast iron primitives Wagner baster; Mo Pac switch lantern; Keen Kutter style Santa Fe RR lock; many locks & keys; SLSFRR postcard; ride on toy trucks; large celluloid picture; Texaco shingles & wood sign; Deco lamps; Starlight clock; rare Ansonia Gravity clock; Iron Clad clock; child's sewing machine; NCR 717 cash register; Sun Crest pop clock; Mt. Dew clock; Hynne Beer 35 can uncut sheet; G & J Tires flange sign; 11' Cities Service Gas sign (2pc); Mail Pouch sign; Mission style church doors; Nouveau light fixtures; insulators; Boy Scout collection; beaded Indian costumes, moc-casins, wigs, books, pam-

phlets, patches; jewelry; tins; lighters; sheath & folding knives; Zenith & Crosley radios; Remington typewriter; quilts; button collection; wire drugstore racks (gun, candy, postcards & cameras); Conn French horn; electric lap guitar; hand cut wood items; Channel Master radio display case; Nesbitts mileage sign; Pepsi thermometer; novelty radios; AK-SAR-Ben wood crate; cardboard pop 6 pk holders; cannon balls; B Square gas pump globe; promo cars; cast iron toys; milk bottles; fountain pens; 100's mechanical & bullet pencils; cane & walking sticks; wrist & pocket watches; stacking Easter egg; thimbles; large assortment Kansas advertising.

GLASS & POTTERY

Waconda Great Spirit Springs creamer & sugar; Coors; Art Glass vase; Fiesta; Bauer; Dryden; Niloak; Van Briggie; carnival glass; unusual German cobalt crock vase; McCoy ice tea crock w/lid & spout; large jardiniere & pedestal; Red Wing 5 gal beehive jug; Stillings Mo store whiskey crock; Love Field crock churn; 1800's Majolica sunflower pitcher; Fostoria coasters; Moundridge Creamery milk bottles; umbrella stand; assortment of other collectables.

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Plant stress causing more severe yellowing of soybeans this year

A number of cases of "yellow" soybeans have been reported in Kansas this year, said Stu Duncan, K-State Research and Extension northeast area crops and soils specialist. There are a number of reasons why soybeans might not have their normal deep green color, he said. "This year we've been seeing more severe 'yellow flash' in response to glyphosate applications than in most years," the K-State agronomist said. "Yellow flashing" of soybeans occurs most years, usually where there is overlap or a particularly high rate of glyphosate was applied for some reason, Duncan said. This year there is an additional factor that is causing more severe and widespread yellow

flashing than normal, said Kraig Roozeboom, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist.

July brought heat stress and in some areas, continued drought stress to Kansas soybeans. "Stressed beans will flash more readily, and with the stress that soybeans were under by late July, it may be that many fields are flashing even in response to typical rates of glyphosate this year," Roozeboom said. "Soybeans usually come out of it quickly, but one of our demonstration plots that received a particularly high rate of glyphosate is still showing yellowing several weeks after the application," Duncan reported.

It is important to distinguish a case of yellow flash

due to glyphosate application from possible nutrient limitations, said Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, K-State Research and Extension nutrient management specialist. Deficiency symptoms that can be similar to yellow flash are iron chlorosis, and manganese and possibly other micronutrient deficiencies. "However, these nutrient deficiencies are more common early in the season and soybeans would normally have grown out of these conditions by this point in the season, except in very severe deficiency situations," he added. Nutrient deficiencies in general will add a level of stress to the plants, which could make potential glyphosate flash symptoms more likely, Ruiz Diaz said.

RCLA Summer Tour to be held August 28

The annual Riley County Livestock Association Summer Tour will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2011, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Fink Beef Genetics sale facility ½ mile north of Randolph. Tour hosts Galen and Lori Fink will outline the history of Fink Beef Genetics and will discuss their current genetic, management, and marketing plans. In addition to Fink cattle, cattle from other local producers will also be on display.

A free supper provided by the Riley County Livestock Association will be served following the tour.

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LAWN TRACTOR & TILLER
Craftsman DLT 3000 lawn tractor, 18½ hp, hydro, 42in deck with rear bagger, like new; Garden Way rear tine tiller; Yardman 5hp push mower, large rear wheels like new; pickup bed trailer.

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES
King size bedroom set with oak dresser & mirror, like new, very nice set; oak TV stand; oak framed electric fireplace, like new; oak coffee table & end tables; La-Z-Boy reclining sofa, like new; 2 La-Z-Boy recliners, like new; queen size bed & frame; full size bed & frame; dining table & 6 upholstered chairs; bakers rack; computer desk; brass glass top dressing table; 3 oak bar stools; large Toshiba color TV & stand; Maytag washer & dryer, white; picnic table, patio glider, GE refrig-

erator, Estate electric range, Kenmore washer and dryer, oak buffet, walnut top dresser & mirror, painted; humidifier, full size bedroom set.

TOOLS & MISC.
Lawson organizer, new; B&D bench grinder; Craftsman power washer 2500ps.; B&D power miter saw; Craftsman saw blade clock; Craftsman shop lights on tripod; B&D sawsall; Shop Vac 10 gallon; Craftsman tool chest base; various electric hand tools; ½ & ¾ inch socket sets; 3 ton floor jack; fishing poles; Dremel tool; turkey fryer; hand tools of all kinds; Furniture & Appliances; GE refrigerator, Estate electric

range, Kenmore washer & dryer, oak buffet, walnut marble top dresser & mirror painted, humidifier, full size bdr set, Budweiser retriever mugs, amber Fostoria water glasses, Days End Double Quails Unlimited print, concrete Springer Spaniel, various kitchen appliances & items, misc. glassware & dishes, lots of bedding & linens, iron plant stand, sleds, various planters, 2.5 hp electric motor 220, Hoover Wind Tunnel vacuum, violin, novels, records & VCR's, window AC 110; shelving, punch bowl set.

BOAT
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 — 9:00 AM
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COINS
Coins sell at 9:00 AM
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PICKUPS, VAN & CAR
1992 Chevrolet S-10 pickup, 5spd, camper shell, runs; 1989 Pontiac Bonneville 4 door; 1979 Ford ½ ton pickup; 1978 Ford ¾ ton van; 1951 Chevrolet pickup, restore or parts; Kinetic MoPed.

LAWN, TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT
Poulan lawn tractor 17 1/2 hp, 42 inch deck, good condition; MTD lawn tractor, 16 hp, 50 inch deck; DR walk behind string trimmer, good condition; Vector walk behind string trimmer; several weed eaters; Poulan chain saw; B&D hedge

trimmer; Ace lawn tractor; lawn mower/ATV trailer; pickup bed trailer; lawn cart; mower & bicycle parts.

TOOLS, SHOP ITEMS & MISC.
Coats tire machine, Power Man 20/20; Craftsman 230 amp welder; Sears air compressor; battery charger & booster; floor jack; tire balancer & tools; large selection of sockets sets, wrenches and all kinds of hand tools; pneumatic tools & sockets; Hoyer handicap lift; Rigid pipe cutter; new tools and misc. items.

GUNS, COLLECTIBLES & FURNITURE
Iver Johnson Trailsman .38. cal revolver; Model 22K 22 cal short revolver; Daisy 840 pel-

let/BB gun; adv. signs; hardware & firearms manuals; Hiawatha bicycle, 1950's; Western Flyer Buzz Bike Jr. bicycle; tricycles; Tru-Value wagon; knife collection; model cars; kerosene lamps; fishing tackle; green depression cups; cobalt blue pcs.; coffee grinder; ruby red pcs.; large selection of various glassware; Sears Roebuck scale; Dazey #40 churn; CI items; various enamelware pcs.; straight razors; kitchen primitives; tube type radio; milk bottles; various primitive tools; kitchen pump; various toys; pine gentleman's wardrobe; large oak wardrobe; upright piano; cedar chest; Crosley refrigerator; walnut 5 drawer chest of drawers; lift chair.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: There is a large amount of items we were unable to list as the buildings and house are full. There is shade available so come and spend the day with us.

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Governor encourages investment in wind energy infrastructure

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback expressed his support for wind energy infrastructure projects at the Heartland Transmission Conference today at Hutchinson Community College. Brownback addressed more than 100 stakeholders at the event, which focused on expanding and modernizing the electrical grid for the Heartland's clean energy future.

"The renewable energy sector of the Kansas economy cannot reach its full potential without increased transmission capacity," Brownback said. "Wind energy can't be moved in rail cars or through a pipeline, it can only be delivered via high voltage wires and large scale transmission projects."

Brownback compared the role the Kansas highway system plays in transporting wheat to the market and the role the electrical grid plays in transporting Kansas wind to consumers in our state and beyond. He also discussed the importance of taking a balanced approach to energy policy.

"I want Kansas to be known as the 'Renewable State.'" To get there, we

have to balance the three E's: Energy, Economy and the Environment. My first priority as governor is to grow the Kansas economy, and getting wind power to market is a key component accomplishing that," Brownback said.

Brownback also encouraged attendees to help him get the word out to the nation about how affordable wind energy from Kansas has become.

"Now is the time to buy Kansas wind," Brownback said. "A combination of events has occurred that have driven the cost of wind energy to historic lows. With federal production tax credits possibly expiring next year, wind developers are motivated to sell. Kansas wind is very competitive with the traditional sources of energy and buyers can get guaranteed rates for the next 20 years."

The Heartland Transmission Conference is hosted by the Energy Future Coalition and the Climate and Energy Project. It brings leading regional and national experts on renewable energy and transmission together to discuss key issues related to the planning, cost allocation,

and siting of transmission lines, as well as the role of local, state and federal governments. Participants in-

clude environmental interest groups, land-owners, electric utility companies, and researchers.



Dalyn Zachgo, Clyde Roadrunners 4-H Club, took championship honors with his market swine at the 2011 Cloud County Fair. It was purchased by R&D Quarter Horses and KR-92 FM Radio, Belleville.

AUCTION SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 — 10:00 AM

Due to failing health, the following sells located at 617 S. 6th Street, OSAGE CITY, KS (from Landmark Bank, 5 blks. South on 6th St.)

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frigerator; GE oversize elec. cook stove; 2 window ACs; Mastercraft Classic divan; Craftsman HD garden tractor, 18 hp w/deck; Huskee 22 in. push mower; Toro 421 snow blower; Craftsman chipper/shredder; steel carport, to be moved; assortments of cookbooks, GLASSWARE, kitchen items, baskets, bedding, linens, books, Christmas decor., lamps, graniteware, fruit jars, etc.; selection of hand, shop, garden tools; lots of books, furniture, etc.

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Ford 3 bottom plow; New Idea manure spreader; 3 pt mist blower w/hydra roller; 3 pt 6' rotary mower; JD 3 section harrow; JD 3 pt blade, JD 15' wheel disc; JD VanBrunt drill/seeder; 4 wheel wagon, grain sides; 3 pt bale spear, 3 pt box blade; 12V HD winch - in & out; 2 wheel trailer; Small 3 pt fertilizer spreader; MF 6' 3 pt disc, small 3 pt disc; 3 pt post hole digger; 3 pt hydra log splitter; Pride of the Farm gravity hopper bin, 3 ton; 3 round bale feeders; 15' hay elevator - gas/elect. motors/all separate; Ford Comfort Cover; Approx. 20 2x12x8' oak bds; Shovels, pitch forks, hand tools; Halters, misc.; 2004 Kawasaki Mule, cab, snow blade.

FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
Large chest freezer; Duncan Phyfe dropleaf table, protector pads for table; 6 side chairs, 2 arm chairs; Solid Oak Entertainment Ctr; Catnapper Powerlift Chair, brown leather, brand new; Maple bedroom set, king hdbd, dresser/mirror/nightstand; 2 twin adjustable beds used with king hdbd; Maple bedroom set, dbl hdbd, footbd, dresser/ mirror/ chest; Maytag washer/ dryer, old; Black leather couch on legs; Floral couch, loveseat; Blue recliner, upholstered rocker; Old leather recliner; Double headbd/footbd; 2 twin beds,

desk; Several bookcases; 2 Children's chests of drawers; Folding table, hall table; Floor lamps, table lamps; Kitchen table & chairs; Entry cabinet, TV stand; Brown refrigerator, good cond.; Several end tables; TV and Stereo system; Movie rack.

ANTIQUES, PRIMITIVES, RETRO
1950's Frigidaire Refrigerator works; Antique pull-type disc; Antique wood chairs; Telephone chair/stand; Lots of vintage luggage, hard-sided; Typewriter & stand; Costume Jewelry; Turntable, 45 records, albums; World Book Encyclopedia, updates, Science Edition; Very old camera; Many, many cook-books.

More items as boxes are opened

MISCELLANEOUS
Turtle plant stand; Old high chair; Misc kitchen items, dishes; Knick knacks, 3 plant stands; Ice cream maker, crock pot; Pots and pans; 2 large calculators; Storage cabinet; 4 dr & 2 dr file cabinets; Computer chair; Misc home decorator items; Norditrac exercise bike; Box fans, electric razors; Old Phillips console TV; Christmas decorations; Christmas Tree; Jars, vases, bowls, baskets etc.

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- August 23 — Car, furniture, household & misc. at Manhattan for Carmen Hauser Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- August 23 — Real estate at Lecompton. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates Realty & Auctions.
- August 23 — Sumner County farmer owned equipment at Caldwell. Auctioneers: United Country Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC.
- August 24 — Farm equipment online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.
- August 25 — Autos, golf cart, trencher, horse trailers, restaurant & office equip., household, tools at McPherson for KDOR Tax Asset Seizure. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.
- August 25 — Online only machinery auction (www.gehlingonline.com). Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.
- August 25 — Acreage with home, pasture & grassland E. of Manhattan for Eldon Henton Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- August 25 — Tractors, combines, choppers, corn & grain heads, loaders, construction, trucks, trailers, planters, drills, tillage, misc. at Cornlea, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Michael Wegener Implement.
- August 25 — Lincoln County land at Lincoln for Joanna Faye Larsen Trust. Auctioneers: Oml & Associates, Inc.
- August 26 — Cars, trucks, appliances, furniture, household at Manhattan for multiple sellers. Auctioneers: Totally Auction.
- 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 — Estate auction, guns, gun accessories & ammo, travel trailer, furniture, appliances, household, tools & outdoor, knives, coins at Olpe for Bob Dieker Estate. Auctioneers: Flint Hills Auction Service, Gail Hancock.
- August 27 — Coins at Newton. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.
- August 27 — Antique car, pickups, tractors, machinery, antique & collectibles, household, shop tools & misc. at Wilson for Alfred & Marie Homeier Trust. Auctioneers: Victor Bros. Auction & Realty, Inc.
- August 27 — Antiques, collectibles, glassware, quilts, pottery, misc. antiques & collectibles at Ottawa for Country Peddler Antiques and Jim & Charlotte Cox. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.
- August 27 — Antique furniture, antiques & collectibles, appliances, household, hand & shop tools at Osage City for Dr. Gayle & Rose Marie Cook. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.
- August 27 — Tractors, Ford Explorer, mobile home, car trailer, household N. of Beattie for Chris & Mary Skalla. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.
- August 27 — Tractors, farm equip. & misc., furniture, household, antiques, primitives, retro & misc. at Maple Hill for Rolla L. Goodyear Living Trust. Auctioneers: Arb Auction Service.
- August 27 — Skid loader, tractor, equipment, boat, 4 wheelers, golf cart & misc. at Mayetta for Ronald Baxter Estate. Auctioneers: United Country Pangel Realty & Auction.
- August 27 — Rare antiques, books, antique furniture, glassware, pictures, costume jewelry, quilts, medical items at Great Bend for Pat Crawford. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.
- August 27 — Walnut furniture, antiques, sewing, household & tools at St. Marys for Mary Wessling Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- August 27 — Jewelry, glassware & furniture at Concordia for Jean (Gile) Heisley. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
- August 27 — Antique tractors & machinery, miscellaneous, scrapbooks & memorabilia, household, fenders, hoods & parts at Lindsborg for Ewald Lofdahl Estate. Auctioneers: Richard Patrick Auction Service.
- August 27 — Tools, vehicles, furniture, collectibles at Wilsey for the Edward Kovac Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.
- August 28 — Coins, railroad safe, car, furniture & misc. at Lawrence for Phyllis Blaylock & Wilbern (Bud) & Effie Rinke. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp.
- 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.
- August 29 — Pickup, clown car, office furniture, guns, dog kennel, household, tools at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- August 30 — Farm equipment, machinery online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.
- September 1 — 2 homes at Manhattan for Applied Investments. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- September 2 — Estate auction at Beattie for Ella Mae Schneider Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.
- September 2 — Farm machinery consignment at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.
- September 3 — Truck, mower, camper, guns, household, collectibles, tools, outdoor equip., coins & paper money at Washington for Velma (Hoffman) Smith Estate. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik.
- September 3 — Consignments at Falls City, Nebraska for Frederick's Consignment Auction. Auctioneers: Leon & Steve Frederick.
- September 3 — Crocks, furniture, collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- September 3 — Real estate, pickup, antique & vintage furniture & household items, pottery, china, glassware, collectibles, Christmas, tools & misc. at Berryton for Estate of Janice S. Marcum. Auctioneers: Kooser Auction Service.
- September 3 — Kansas Charolais Field & Tour at Randolph.
- September 3 & 4 — Furniture, Jewel Tea, Shawnee dishes, costume jewelry, antiques & collectibles at Manhattan for Clyde Fasse Trust and Helen "Trix" Fasse Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
- September 4 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture & misc. at Council Grove for Leonard (Scotty) McDuffett Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.
- September 4 — Paper, antiques & collectibles, glass & pottery at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- September 5 — Signs, collectibles, thermometers, movie posters, radio collection, Coke machine, glass, tins, toys, furniture, military, gun & ammo at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- September 5 — Harley Gerdes 16th annual Labor Day consignment Auction at Lyndon.
- September 5 — Luck of the Irish toy show at Chapman.
- 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 7 — Ellis County real estate at Hays for Alma Herl Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.
- September 8 — Rush County real estate at LaCrosse for Nancy Jones Declaration of Trust (dated 6-17-91) & Bruce & Kathryn Bryant Living Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.
- September 9 — Marshall County land (252ac) at Frankfort for Dora E. Boyer Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Auctions.
- September 10 — Real estate, acreage & home at Green for Shirley Kenney Trust. Auctioneers: Landmark Real Estate, Harold Mugler.
- September 10 — Household at Green for Shirley Kenney Trust. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.
- September 10 — Farm machinery, collectibles & household SW of Onaga for Stanley Hay. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.
- September 10 — Real estate & personal property at Frankfort for Joe Perry Estate. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Auction & Realty.
- September 10 — Household, antiques & tools at Belleville 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 12 — Russell County acreage at Lucas for William A. Patton. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.
- September 13 — Morris County land & Alta Vista house at Alta Vista for Vernon W. Richter Trust and Ruby M. Richter Trust. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.
- September 16 — Rush County real estate at LaCrosse for Norman & Lou Ann Legleiter. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.
- September 17 — Household, antiques & tools at Belleville for Bohman & Mary Kunc Trust. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.
- September 18 — Consignments at Odell, Nebraska for The Odell Community Consignment Sale.
- September 18 — Consignments at Blaine. Auctioneer: Steve Murray.
- September 23 — Marshal County land (950ac) at Blue Rapids for Dorothy L. Hula and Harold L. Hula. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan.
- September 24 — Tools, boat, furniture & collectibles at Americus for Larry Kahle. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.
- September 24 — Farm sale SW of Courtland for Richard Nelson Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
- September 24 — Real estate, home & wildlife habitat at Marion for Cindy L. Ragland & the late Michael D. Ragland. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.
- October 1 — Acreage, cropland, CRP, pasture, hunting N. of Lincoln for Prairie Fur & Feathers. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik.
- October 1 — Tools, antiques, juke box, misc. at Clay Center for Dorothy (Mrs. Ervin) Fowles. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.
- October 8 — Farm items, haying & livestock equipment N. of Topeka for Circle B Retirement/Reduction. Auctioneers: Murray Auction and Real Estate.
- October 8 — Woodworking tools, shop tools, utility pickup, furniture, antiques & misc. at Clay Center for Gary & Sue Caldwell. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.
- October 13 — Marion County farm & grassland at Herington for Martha R. Melcher Trust. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction. Co.
- October 15 — Acreage, pasture, hunting N. of Seneca for Ollie Bauman Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik.
- 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 12 — 20th bull sale featuring Simmental, SimAngus, Angus & Red Angus at Moser Ranch.
- 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.

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Mountaineer Mentality

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Not having horses, the 25-acre lot might as well have been the King Ranch! It took our brothers five hours of running, walking, yelling, stalking and whispering to trick two of the thousand pound brindle steers into the rack on the flatbed.

They decided to go with the birds in the bush and take the short load. It was noon so they stopped in Moundville for lunch. As Dee was digging into his plate of ramps, a state trooper came in. He visited with them a few minutes then said, "When you boys get ready to go, I'd be glad to call for some help to gather your steers back in the truck."

"What!" exclaimed the brethren! They bolted for the door. The two steers were headed for the railroad tracks along the Ohio River. Their truck looked like a demolition derby refugee! The rack panel was flattened forward onto the cab, collapsing the roof and the windows. The run-

ning lights were skived off and the windshield smashed into the front seat. The hood was mashed down on the four-barrel carb and the special cowboy hat hood ornament was snapped off, replaced by a foul scurf of pucky!

To those of you who are thinking, "Man, these guys are helpless; no horse, no rope, no water trap, no loading chute..." you must put yourself into the Mountaineer Mentality. "How do we immobilize them from a distance, since we have no hope of getting anywhere's near to them?" Sifting their possible inspirational figures for a solution; i.e., Trevor Brazile, General Custer, Obi-Wan Kenobi, the Ruger Girl, and Billy Graham, they settled on Davy Crockett.

Denny dissected his 30-06 from the shattered glass and gun rack and stealthily approached the two steers in a cedar thicket down by the tracks. Once at the edge of their flight zone, he harvested them humanely.

As for the rest of the herd, our haulers consulted with the widow, the troopers, the local packing house, the NRA and the food bank. They agreed that it would be judicious, practical and humane to use the same method to harvest the remaining herd. Except, of course, without the destroyed truck, the state trooper and the railroad tracks.

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