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Grass & Grain responds to pending changes in mail delivery by offering print subscribers free access to online edition

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

The planned closure of hundreds of postal sorting centers throughout the United States will significantly impact delivery of periodicals, including Grass & Grain. First class mail will no longer be delivered in one day, and periodicals could be delayed by an extra one to two days. Readers who are accustomed to receiving their paper on Tuesday will likely receive it on Wednesday or Thursday.

Understanding that his readership relies on receiving the material within its pages, Grass & Grain publisher Tom Carlin made the decision to be proactive in dealing with the situation and will now offer the online version of the paper to paid print subscribers at no additional charge. They will still receive the print version of the paper as well, with the online version just giving them an additional option.

"We will meet with postal officials and do everything in our power to smooth the way in helping them get newspapers to subscribers in as timely a manner as possible," Carlin said. "But we are well aware that our readers rely on Grass & Grain for information and would be severely impacted if they had to wait until later in the week to receive it."

A new benefit to the online version is that it will be made available on Mondays

at noon, a full twenty-four hours sooner than before. "Those of us at Grass & Grain believe it is important to be proactive in ensuring subscribers receive the best possible service under the new conditions," Carlin reiterated. In an effort to make the online version more user-friendly, it was completely redesigned and will no longer require downloading PDFs. Access will be fast, easy and without delay. It will look and read exactly like the print version and will even include live links to outside websites and email addresses.

In order to receive Grass & Grain digitally, subscribers must provide a current email address. This can be done at www.grassandgrain.com. Simply click on the green button on the right-hand side of the screen and follow the directions. It could take up to one week for the online account to be set up once the information is received at Grass & Grain. An email will be sent out each Monday when the online version becomes available and archived editions of the paper will still be found on the Grass & Grain website.

"We realize there will be a period of adjustment for all concerned," stated Carlin. "But we are committed to delivering Grass & Grain to you as efficiently as possible, just as we have since 1954."

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Moran disappointed in recent Senate delay of postal legislation

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), expressed disappointment in the Senate's consideration of S. 1789, The 21st Century Postal Service Act of 2012. The Senate voted against bringing up postal legislation for debate by a vote of 51-46 on March 27.

"I am disappointed the Senate has again delayed consideration of postal legislation that would help address the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) financial troubles," Moran said. "Without reform, the USPS will start closing post offices on May 15 and will not be able to stay in business beyond September. With these deadlines quickly approaching, it is critical that Congress considers postal legislation soon."

Moran authored an amendment that was included in The 21st

Century Postal Service Act of 2012, that would require USPS to set minimum standards of service and alternatives to closure that must be considered prior to closing any post office. Upon the bill's enactment, Moran's amendment would prevent the closure of any post offices, including those in Kansas, until those standards are in place and are considered in each case.

The Postal Regulatory Commission has found that maintaining rural post offices only amounts to 0.7 percent of the Postal Service's budget. Therefore, reducing service to rural communities will have little benefit to the USPS' bottom line.

Moran is a member of the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Postal Service.



I am fairly slow to anger, and it takes quite a bit to light my fuse. But an ad on the radio really lit it earlier this week. The ad was for a local grocery store that specializes in organic foods. Don't get me wrong, I have no problem with my fellow producers who choose to produce organic crops. It is an excellent business model, a good way to add value and a lot of work. However, this grocery store ad stated that their food was grown in a responsible manner.

The use of the word responsible is what got under my skin. I was hot, dirty and tired from walking pasture fence all day. I have to admit, I felt like a very responsible rancher. However, the rest of the drive home I started thinking about all the responsibilities I have as a producer of the food we all eat.

First, I am responsible to the animals I raise. Do not misunderstand me, the animals I raise are for food, but that does not limit my responsibility to them. I provide my animals the highest quality feeds in the right amounts. This is done through a combination of the education I received and experience. All of my animals are proved a well balanced diet and in the right proportions. Yes, my animals are fed GMO crops raised with modern, safe agriculture herbicides. These crops provide a safe, abundant food supply for my animals and I am proud to use it.

I also have a responsibility to provide them with the best care I possibly can. This means I spend many hours caring for them, in all weather conditions. If they require treatment for a medical condition I provide it. If they require more care than I can provide, I call my veterinarian. Because I feel a responsibility to my animals, I do not hesitate to utilize the best in modern antibiotics. I cannot stand to watch my animals suffer needlessly if the proper medicine is available.

However, those antibiotics are seldom used on our farm. We pay close attention to preventative measures and rarely have to treat sick animals. Often the antibiotics we stock expire and we have to dispose of them rather than use them. Proper animal husbandry prevents many ailments, but like humans, they do get sick in spite of the best care. In those rare cases I will do what it

takes to help heal them.

The next responsibility I have is to the consumers of the food I produce. I am responsible to produce a safe, wholesome product and that is exactly what I do. I feed my family the same food I sell to your family. I would never even consider raising a crop or animal that I had any doubts about being safe to eat.

I also feel a sense of responsibility to produce as much food as I can with the land and livestock I have been blessed to oversee. Farmers and ranchers are a dwindling population charged with producing more food on fewer acres for a rapidly growing world population. To do this we must utilize the best in innovations in agricultural science, tools like GMO crops, herbicides and fertilizers allow us to produce more food on those decreasing acres of farmland.

Finally, I feel a sense of responsibility to my family. I am responsible to the generations who have farmed the land before I came along. They weathered tough times and passed the land and the love of agriculture to me. They did the best they could with the technology they had to take care of the land. It is now my duty, my responsibility to utilize the advantages I have been given.

We have learned how to use methods such as no-till to save the topsoil. We couldn't plant our crops no-till without GMO crops and herbicides. We continue make strides toward using less herbicide and fertilizer while producing more grain each year. This will leave the land in better shape for another group I am responsible too, future generations of ag producers.

This is a very short list of the things and people I am responsible to as an ag producer. I know my fellow farmers and ranchers feel the same way. The idea that utilizing the best in modern technology available does not make us responsible producers of food is not right. I believe that most of the farmers and ranchers I know are producing food in a manner that is responsible to the consumer, the livestock they own and the land they utilize. So go to Dillons, Hy-Vee or any other supermarket and rest assured, the food you buy was raised in a responsible manner.

Reflections from Young Farmers & Ranchers

By Meghan Mueseler,
Wichita

"I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds," are not only words penned by E.M. Tiffany in the FFA creed but, for many of my friends and colleagues, is their life motto.

A recent Yahoo! News headline read, "Want to make sure you don't pick a dud of a degree? Check out our list of most useless degrees."

1. Agriculture
2. Fashion Design
3. Theater
4. Animal Science
5. Horticulture

What? That must mean I am twice as useless because I have an undergraduate degree in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Animal Science and masters in Agricultural Education! One blogger, in response to the report, posted about how she was positive that the writers of this Yahoo! Article probably enjoy eating food and use some type of agricultural by-product on a daily basis, making this report a complete hoax.

I think back to my own decision to choose agricultural as a career, because in my case it really was MY choice. My mom, dad, nor my older sibling had chosen agricultural as a career. I was the first generation to K-State and to major in agricultural to boot! Why did I make that choice? For me the reason was and is simple, the people. It has and will always be about the people that have influenced me over the years that later would fuel my desire to choose agricul-

ture as a career.

This weekend I was blessed with the opportunity to be part of a ten-person relay team where we completed a little over 44 miles between Kansas City and Lawrence. Our connection and our pas-

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

I always used to say that if I could have frozen time it would have been right when my youngest child started sleeping through the night. The two older kids were old enough to be helpful but still young enough to think I knew everything and their dad was a superhero. Their younger brother was three, which is such a fun age, and there was still a baby to love up on and play with.

A wonderful lady we went to church with heard me make my "freezing time" comment once, and countered it with one of her own. "Every stage of life I've been in, I've always thought, 'this is just my favorite stage,'" she said. And I believed her. It was a simple philosophy that truly impacted my life.

The years flew by, the kids became teenagers, who although still relatively helpful, began to realize that I didn't really know

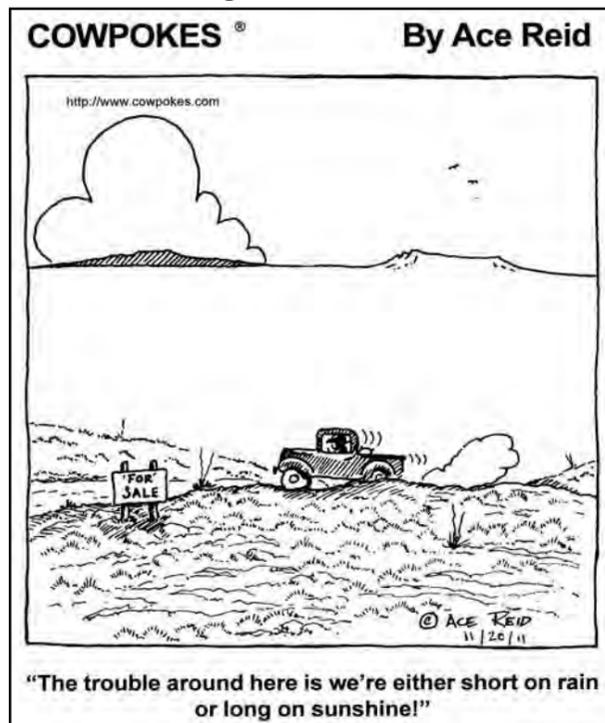
everything and their dad couldn't leap tall buildings in a single bound. We didn't always see eye to eye and butted heads frequently, but still managed to make memories and fill our house with love and laughter. I realized that I wouldn't trade those years for anything in the world.

Then the last one left home. I spent a couple of months in mourning, believing that my most favorite time in life was over. Even recalling my dear friend's philosophy didn't help much. But I eventually got over it and realized that since I still seemed to be breathing, God must have plenty left for me to do.

Then the grandchildren started coming. The other night my husband and I watched all three of them for a couple of hours. The baby cooed and smiled for a bit, then took a bottle and fell asleep. The two toddlers dug in my flowers and the older of the pair showed the younger the finer points of eating dirt. As I watched them I thought, "This is just the best stage of life." A stage I would have missed if I could have frozen time.

The dear lady from church is in a nursing home now, not always sure where she is or why she can't go home. It hurts to see her like that - someone who lived a good life, served God and her neighbors, and taught young mothers like me to appreciate every moment, every stage of life.

Is this her favorite stage now? Maybe not. But it's good to know that it is temporary and the best really is yet to come.



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Understanding open spaces: to celebrate prairie landscapes, researcher recommends taking an aesthetic approach

A Kansas State University researcher and former park ranger is helping people take a new view of the prairie and see it as more than a seemingly empty landscape.

Tyra Olstad, doctoral student in geography, North Tonawanda, N.Y., is studying the rich — although sometimes hidden — beauty of Kansas landscapes. It's an abstract, yet important, field of study that may help develop new ways to promote and celebrate Kansas tourism, history and geography.

"I became interested in the pejoratives that people layer on prairie landscapes," Olstad said. "I wanted to study how we psychologically interact with places and what this interaction means for the different places."

Kansas landscapes do not fit the conventional definition of beautiful scenery, Olstad said, making it difficult to persuade people that the prairie is anything but flat and dull. But if Kansans learn to celebrate the beauty and rhythm of prairie landscapes in new ways, they can deepen their own sense of place, engender local pride and promote tourism in rural communities.

It all starts with understanding open spaces. Most research in this area focuses on the aesthetics of mountains, forests or

seashores — destinations that fit the convention of beautiful scenery. Different government agencies are beginning to integrate this type of aesthetic research of landscapes into historical and tourism material.

"Researchers have come up with all sorts of ways to measure how important it is to appreciate landscapes as a whole," Olstad said. "We want to understand the aesthetics side of landscapes and not just how much you can get from the land economically or recreationally. Researchers and agencies are looking at scenery as an asset and a part of a place — a value in and of itself."

But few researchers have studied the prairie under such aesthetic guidelines. While many researchers have noted that it is hard to evaluate seemingly empty landscapes, Olstad argues that prairies are more of an experience than they are a piece of scenery.

"The prairie is an experience that you can't fit into any rubric because it is just as much temporal as it is spatial," Olstad said. "I developed a strong connection with prairie landscapes, and I am trying to translate that into some kind of wider societal appreciation."

Olstad's research encompasses several differ-

ent fields of study: scientific analysis, ecology and environmental history. She traveled throughout Kansas and visited landmarks such as the Konza Prairie Biological Station, the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve and Mount Sunflower — the highest point in Kansas.

Olstad has spent 10 years working for the National Park Service in places such as Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona, Badlands National Park in South Dakota, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park in Colorado and Fossil Butte National Monument in Wyoming. For her research, Olstad worked under the direction of Kevin Blake, professor of geography, and Elizabeth Dodd, university distinguished professor of English.

Olstad looked at prairie landscapes according to several traditional styles, but noted that using such standards do not always make prairies appear valuable. For instance, Olstad studied scenic evaluations of the prairie using architectural standards and noted that by these standards, the prairie appears empty. She also took a psychological approach and concluded that psychological standards suggest that prairies often make people feel alienated.

But Olstad saw much more positive results when she took an aesthetic approach to the prairie. She took the same artistic techniques used in photography, literature and visual arts and applied them to the prairie. By doing so, she was able to find new perspectives that represent prairie landscapes in positive ways.

"People talk about photographs, images and literature and how they should tell stories," Olstad said. "So I started writing down some of my own experiences of the prairie and

taking pictures that shared these experiences."

In the process of applying artistic concepts, Olstad looked at aspects that make up the prairie — the small insects, spider webs, stones and plants — and then expanded her view to study the horizon, the wide-open sky, the sunrise and the sunset.

"You can't really fit a horizon or a sunrise and sunset in a book or photograph," Olstad said. "All you can really do is celebrate them. The more you talk about them, the more

that other people will either be curious enough to visit the prairie, or they will be intrigued enough to start sharing that with others."

That is how appreciation of the prairie can spread, Olstad said, and she hopes that her research inspires people to celebrate the prairie and look at it with new eyes.

"You don't have to go on grand adventures in Siberia or the Congo," Olstad said. "You can just look in your backyard and it's wondrous."

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Winner Mary Hedberg, Clifton:
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29-ounce can sliced peaches, drained
3-ounce package strawberry-flavored gelatin
3-ounce package peach-flavored gelatin
1 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)
1/3 cup margarine
1 box yellow cake mix
1 cup thawed whipped topping

Arrange peaches in buttered 9-by-13-inch pan. Combine strawberry and peach dry gelatins and cinnamon in a small bowl. Sprinkle about 3/4 of the mixture evenly over peaches and dot with butter. Mix cake mix as directed on box. Pour 3/4 of the batter into pan. Stir remaining gelatin mixture into the remaining cake batter, blend well and pour into the pan. Zigzag through the batter to marble it. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until is done in the middle. Cool 5 minutes in pan then put onto a serving platter and cool. Garnish with whipped topping.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka
RASPBERRY WHIP

1 angel food cake, broken into 1-inch pieces
8-ounce carton whipped topping
1 cup sour cream
1 cup powdered sugar
1 pint red raspberries, well drained (fresh or frozen)

In a bowl, mix whipped topping, sour cream and powdered sugar. fold in raspberries. Place all the angel food

pieces into the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan. Pour raspberry mixture over the cake. Cover the pan with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least one hour.

Melissa Byrd, Independence, Mo.:

STRAWBERRY SLUSH
46-ounce can pineapple juice
1 large can frozen lemonade, thawed
1 tablespoon almond extract
(4) 16-ounce packages frozen strawberries, thawed

Using a large bowl or empty plastic ice cream pail, mix all ingredients well. Cover and freeze. Scoop slush into individual glasses and add 7Up or Sprite.

Amy Feigley, Enterprise:
HOMEMADE FRENCH BREAD

5 to 6 cups all-purpose or bread flour
5 teaspoons active dry yeast
2 teaspoons salt
2 cups warm water
1 tablespoon butter, melted
1 egg white
1 tablespoon water

Combine 2 cups flour, yeast and salt. Stir in water and melted butter. Stir in as much as the remaining flour as you can. When the dough is done, punch down and divide in half. Turn onto a lightly floured surface. Cover and let rest for 10 minutes. Roll each half into large rectangles. Roll up, starting from the long side. Moisten

the edge with water and seal. Make sure to taper the ends. Grease a large baking sheet. Place the loaves, seam side down, onto prepared baking sheet. With a very sharp knife, make 3 or 4 diagonal cuts about 1/4 inch deep across the top of each loaf. Lightly beat the egg white with 1 tablespoon water and brush onto the bread. Cover with a damp cloth and let rise until nearly doubled, about 35 to 40 minutes. Bake for 20 minutes at 375 degrees. Brush again with the egg white mixture and then bake an additional 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from the baking sheet and cool on a wire rack.

Note: If you are strapped on time, mix the dough in a bread machine. This bread also freezes so you can have it for more than one meal.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

BUFFET POTATOES
2 pounds frozen hashbrowns, thawed
1/2 cup melted margarine
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 can chicken or mushroom soup
10 ounces grated cheddar cheese

Mix all ingredients together and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Serves 10 to 12.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
ASPARAGUS & SWISS QUICHE

1 pound asparagus, trimmed & cut into 1/2-inch pieces
(2) 8-inch pie crusts
1 egg white, beaten
10 slices bacon, crisply cooked & crumbled
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
4 eggs
1 1/2 cups half & half
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
Salt & pepper to taste

Place asparagus in a steamer over one inch of boiling water. Cover and steam until tender but still firm, 2-6 minutes. Drain and set aside. Place pie crusts into separate ungreased pie plates. Brush pie crusts with egg white, sprinkle with asparagus, bacon and cheese. Set aside. Blend eggs, half & half, nut-

meg, salt and pepper in a medium bowl, pour over cheeses. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for about 35-40 minutes until firm. Let cool to room temperature before serving.

Debbie Rogers, Independence, Mo.:

HOT HAM SANDWICHES
1/3 cup minced onion
1/3 cup vinegar
2 teaspoons mustard
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1/8 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter
1 1/2 cups brown sugar
1/2 cup water
2 pounds ham cooked & diced (good way to use leftover Easter ham)
10 buns

In a skillet combine all ingredients but ham and buns. Cook until onion is tender. Add ham and heat through. Spoon onto buns.

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(NAPSA) — You can protect yourself and your family from the dangers of food-borne, illness-causing bacteria, such as salmonella, if you heed the "Cook It Safe" campaign by the experts at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. There are four things you need to do:

1. Read and follow package cooking instructions. Most frozen or refrigerated convenience foods must be properly cooked before you can eat them. The label can tell you whether the product needs to be thoroughly cooked or simply reheated. Uncooked meat or poultry, for example, must be cooked to a high enough temperature to destroy harmful bacteria.

2. Know when to use a microwave and when not to. Sometimes, thorough cooking requires the use of a conventional oven, not a microwave. Microwave oven

cooking times may not be enough to cook some foods to a safe internal temperature. Microwave ovens — even those equipped with a turntable — can cook unevenly and leave "cold spots" where harmful bacteria can survive. You may need to use a conventional oven, convection oven or toaster oven. So always follow the package cooking instructions.

3. Know your wattage. If your microwave's wattage is lower than that required in the cooking instructions, it will take longer for the food to reach a safe internal temperature. The higher the wattage of the oven, the faster it will cook food. If you don't know the wattage of your microwave, check the inside of the oven's door, the serial number plate on the back of the oven or the owner's manual.

You can also do a "time-to-boil" test to estimate the wattage: Measure a cup of plain tap water in a two-cup glass measuring cup. Add ice cubes; stir until water is ice cold. Discard ice cubes and pour out excess water so only one cup remains. Set the microwave oven on high for four minutes.

Watch the water through the window to see when it boils. If it boils in less than two minutes, its wattage is 1,000 watts or more. If it takes 2 1/2 minutes, its wattage is about 800 watts or more. If water boils in three minutes, its wattage is 650 to 700, and if it takes more than three minutes, it's 300 to 500 watts.

4. Always use a food thermometer to ensure a safe internal temperature. After the microwave or conventional oven cooking time is over, observe any "stand time" specified in the cooking instructions. During this time, the food continues to cook even with the oven off, and the temperature of the food continues to rise. No matter how you've cooked the food, use a food thermometer in several places to make sure the dish has reached a safe internal temperature.

You can learn more at www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Safety_Education/Cook_It_Safe/index.asp and www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Microwave_Ovens_and_Food_Safety.pdf.



Home and Away

My Spring Affair

By Lou Ann Thomas

This early spring has meant I'm already mowing my grass. I don't mind mowing, at least not the first few times. It feels like the blush of new love when I drag my mower out of the corner of the shed where it has sat quietly all winter.

With the first tug of the rope a grinding sound comes out of the mower as it tries to wake up. I tug again. Nothing. I cuss a little and pull again. A cough and then silence. The mower is toying with me. I check all the connections and pull again. Another cough followed by a puff of black smoke. I cuss more and louder and remind myself I will not

let a silly mower make me cry. It will not break me! I check everything again and pull the rope one more time. The mower teases me with a sputter and I let out a victory yelp as the engine coughs again...then dies. I try not to hurt my foot when I kick it, but I do, and I can feel hot tears forming in my eyes. I give the rope one last yank that almost sends my fanny to earth and the mower finally heaves to life!

We are one as I make a couple of passes around the yard. It feels familiar and comfortable and the cut grass is cool as it swirls around my legs. We

are in rhythm. I stop, but only temporarily, because like any new love the tending and caring has just begun. My mower and I are now committed to being together every week.

By June my mower and I will be giving and taking, pushing and pulling with the cooperation and ease that comes from knowing each other well. But by late July the newness will begin to wear off. I will begin wishing I didn't see so much of my mower and resentment will grow. I want freedom and independence, but the mower will insist we stay together — for the lawn, it says.

But like any summer romance, when the leaves begin to fall we will say goodbye. On a crisp autumn day I will wheel my mower back into the corner of the shed, then turn and walk away. It will sit quietly and wait, because it knows that out of need or desire, I will be back next spring to begin our affair again.

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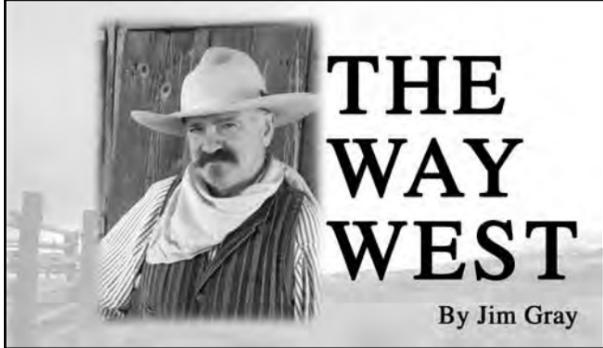
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Roundup Time on the Open Range

Reginald Aldridge came from England to America in the late 1870s to experience the West for himself. His book *Ranch Notes in Kansas, Colorado, the Indian Territory and Northern Texas* provides a very honest and accurate observation of ranching and cowboy life. One of his favorite activities was the annual range roundup.

Timing for the roundup was planned according to the green-up of spring grass. Small outfits, such

as the one Aldridge was with, would "club" together to provide a chuck wagon filled with provisions. Big outfits provided their own wagon plus five or six riders. About two days before the beginning of the roundup the wagon was loaded with provisions. Usually each rider was allowed five horses. A wrangler was designated to look after the extra horses. When the outfit was ready to move out the horses were driven ahead

of the wagon. A mid-day camp allowed time to prepare dinner and change horses. That was accomplished by stretching a couple of ropes from the wheels of the wagon to form an open triangle shaped corral jutting into the prairie. While two men held the ends of the ropes the horses were driven into the makeshift enclosure. With lariat in hand each man threw his loop over the head of the horse he wanted for the afternoon. Once the selected horses were pulled out of the herd the rest of the horses were turned loose to graze until the outfit was ready to move on. As evening approached the horses were gathered once again in the rope corral. Each horse was hobbled by tying a short rope between its forelegs. Two horses were kept tied to a picket and the others turned loose to graze in their hobbles. The picketed horses were used to gather the scattered horses

the next morning when mounts were chosen and hobbles taken from the rest.

Aldridge was working the open range near Medicine Lodge in south central Kansas. After a certain section of the range was selected for roundup, a location on the Medicine River was "fixed" as the central point from which to commence work. The roundup camp was quite a sight. Wagons from each outfit gathered in a loose

community that looked as though a band of wandering nomads had settled in for a limited sojourn. Hundreds of horses grazed the surrounding prairie in smaller herds of fifty or sixty head. Aldridge explained, "The men are for the most part lounging round their campfires, discussing cattle, bragging of the speed of their horses, or describing the various brands of which they are in search." The rangeland fellowship generally con-

tinued well into the night. The next morning all the camps were filled with activity. The range boss designated the area to be worked. As an example, two creeks might be on the agenda for the day. A "party" of cowboys would be sent to the head of each creek to collect and drive cattle toward the mouth of the creek on the Medicine River. Other cowboys were directed to collect cattle from the surrounding range and drive them to-

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ward the creek. Most outfits would split their men between the separate roundups on each creek. The men knew the brands for their collective outfits and were prepared to "cut" any cattle belonging to their "wagon" at the appropriate time. Once the creek was thoroughly scouted the cattle were driven to a level piece of prairie and "rounded up" by posting riders around the entire circumference of a herd that might include seven to eight hundred head of cattle. The roundup on the other creek was achieving similar results at the same time.

Then the "cutting" would begin. One man from each outfit was allowed to ride into the cattle and sort animals into a common herd known as the "day herd." To prevent the sorted cattle from mixing with the other "cuts" each outfit drove their day herd to a safe location away from the main herd. At the end of the day the cuts

from both roundups were thrown together into one large day herd. Over the next few days the roundup moved on to other creeks. Cowboys herded the day herds around the clock until the entire range had been scoured. Each herd was driven toward its home range and the roundup was over. According to Aldridge the roundup and the cutting of cattle was "one of the pleasantest operations connected with the ranch business." Aldridge noted that fences were rapidly being erected and that "before many years" the roundup would become a thing of the past on the Kansas grasslands he had discovered on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier* and also publishes *Kansas Cowboy, Old West history from a Kansas perspective*. Contact *Kansas Cowboy*, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or www.droversmercantile.com.

FSA announces application period for Biomass Crop Assistance Program Project Areas

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administrator Bruce Nelson has announced the application period for the next round of Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) Project Areas. Proposals will be accepted until April 23, 2012. "BCAP provides incentives to farmers and forest landowners to grow non-food crops to be processed into biofuels – a critical element of our national energy strategy to address high fuel prices and reduce reliance on foreign oil," said Nelson. "Because most energy crops are perennial and take time to mature before harvest, BCAP is designed so that

sufficient quantities of feedstock will be available to meet future demand. And because these crops can grow where other crops cannot, it provides farmers with new opportunities to diversify into more markets."

The BCAP Project Areas where these crops are grown will be selected from proposals producers or biomass facilities submit to FSA. Information about submitting a proposal can be found on the www.grants.gov website. BCAP was created in the 2008 Farm Bill. USDA selected nine project areas in FY 2011, which resulted in the approval of more than 860 producer contracts to

grow camelina, hybrid poplar, warm season grasses and giant miscanthus on almost 50,000 acres. The total investment in those projects is estimated to be \$55 million. On Nov. 18, 2011, Congress enacted the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012, limiting the total amount of funding available for BCAP to \$17 million. The Request for Proposal and additional information can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/bcap.

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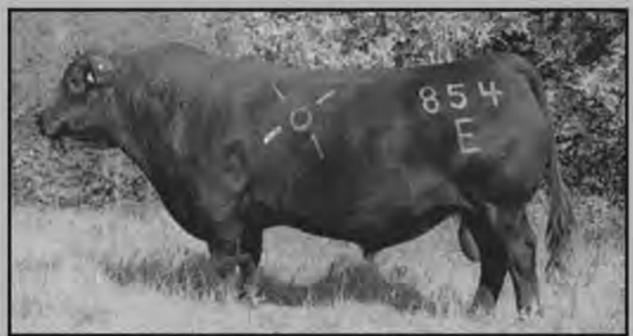
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There were 122 total bids on the lots. The high seller was Lot 6, three embryos donated by Topp Herefords, Grace City, N.D. This exciting mating between TH 71U 719T Mr Hereford 11X and GO MS 3196 Advance T90 brought \$2,220 from Raap Hereford Ranch, Gene Raap, Pierpont, S.D. Joseph Skavdahl, Columbus, Mont., paid \$1,650 for Lot 1, three embryos from Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch, Ree Heights, S.D. They were from a mating of HH Advance 8050U ET and OXH Christi 0028.

The top bid on Lot 4 was \$1,560 for six embryos from a mating of CRR About Time 743 and Ankony Miss Excel 011U ET donated by Sunset Ridge Herefords, Billy Martin, Cumming, Ga. Iron Lake Ranch, Dimitri Matargas, Dallas, Texas, purchased this lot.

Two embryos from TH SHR 605 57G Bismarck 243R ET and KJ 520E Pure Vickie 750P ET sold as Lot 2 from Jensen Bros., Kevin and Sheila Jensen, Courtland, for \$1,300 to Elm Tree Farm LLC, Jody Huckabay, Paris, Ky.

Solsma Show Steers, Jay Solsma, Sanborn, Iowa, stepped up and purchased Lots 3 and 5. Lot 5 brought \$1,240 for four embryos donated by Mill Creek Ranch, Dave Breiner, Alma/Pied Piper Farms, Bob Moore, Hamlin, Texas, from a mating of TH 75J 243R Bailout 144U ET and MCR Harlands Dominet 682ET. Lot 3 was two embryos also from Jensen Bros. from a mating of TH SHR 605 57G Bismarck 243R ET and KJ HVH 33N Radisson 471T ET. Solsma paid \$782 for this lot.

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Marshall County to host 52nd annual Quality Beef Day

The 52nd Annual Quality Beef Day will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at Hedstrom Hall in Marysville. The event will start by holding a livestock judging contest. The livestock judging contest will begin at 9:15 a.m. Registration for the livestock judging contest will begin at 8:30 a.m. Anyone can participate in the livestock judging contest.

Following the livestock judging contest, the livestock show will begin. The show order will be bulls, market beef, showmanship, and breeding beef. The following breeds will make up the classes for Quality Beef Day: Angus, Hereford, Charolais, Shorthorn, Simmental, Crossbred/AOB (Market

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Unlike many spring livestock shows that charge entry fees, Quality Beef Day has awards that are donated by many Marshall County and area businesses, which will be

awarded to the champions of the various classes. Also, ribbons will be given to participants.

Check-in will be from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and the show will start at 10:00 a.m. The livestock judging contest will start at 9:15 a.m.

If you are interested in showing cattle, or would like to see good cattle; then you should make plans to attend the 52nd Annual Quality Beef Day.

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Keep Your Hat On

Have you ever wondered how some riders never lose their hats when the action gets really fast? Here are tips from a wide array of riders, trainers and rough stock competitors that will help you keep your hands on the reins and not on your hat when the speed of your horse threatens to blow it off.

Making a run-down for a sliding stop or chasing a cow down the fence can deteriorate into a bungled run if your hat goes airborne at high speed. You feel it starting to lift as your horse gains speed. When you reach up to attempt a quick fix, your rhythm is lost and telegraphs to your horse, throwing you both out of sync resulting in a less than perfect maneuver. If you ignore the warning when you feel the first subtle clues of your hat's imminent departure, the results could be even worse. As it helicopters off your head, the surprise and distraction can cause your horse to spook, break the pattern or run off in a completely different di-

rection. The worst case scenario could develop if you're on a colt and he uses the threat of a flying hat as an excuse to break in half and send you airborne with your hat in front of an appreciative audience. If you're lucky and stay in the saddle and the hat crash lands safely in the dirt, you'll probably be able to wear it again after a bit of cleaning. If luck isn't on your side, the hat could get trampled by other horsemen, a herd of cows or even by your own horse if you have to pass the same way again. If you're in competition and can't stop to retrieve it, you can bet your horse will have his attention on the hat lying in the dirt and not on your driving instructions as you continue your pattern.

Like the cost of a gallon of gas, hats are getting expensive so it might pay in more ways than one to keep it on your head when you climb in the saddle. Barrel racers are dead serious about keeping their hats on while in the arena. Barrel racing associations around the world impose

finer from \$5 in South Australia to \$10 in North America for any contestant who loses their hat while in the arena. There's a big line-up of racers waiting for their go and if they have to wait while hats are retrieved, the delay could double the time needed for hundreds of riders to make their runs.

The fines must work. Over four hundred riders raced around the barrels at an Ocala, Florida barrel race and only one fine was imposed on a rider who had the misfortune of losing her hat.

Working behind the scenes in the rodeo pens can reveal how rough stock competitors manage their hats during the most grueling rides in the business. While working the stripping chute one weekend at an NRA rodeo in Montana, I had the opportunity to talk with a few saddle bronc riders when they made their way back to the chutes to retrieve their gear. Some came in with their hats in their hands and others wear them pulled down far enough to bend their ears over. Most of the bare-headed riders showed a deep crease on their foreheads where a too-tight hat had been crimped around their heads.

I asked one rider if wearing such a small hat wasn't uncomfortable. His answer was to the point. "When I went to rodeo

school, I was taught that if my hat hit the ground, my head better be in it. If I was worried about uncomfortable, I wouldn't be riding broncs. I want my hat to stay on at any cost."

At speed, your brim turns into an airfoil like the wing of an airplane and wants to fly. You can't stop the brim from threatening to fly your hat but you can take measures for your hat to resist the pressure and remain firmly on your head. Stampede strings to duct tape are a few of the ways riders overcome the effect of speed on the brim of their hats. I talked with riders from many different callings and learned how they secure their hats before stepping in the saddle.

World Champion calf roper Jack Hennig's method is basic but works. He has two hats. One to wear when working or going to town and another to wear when he rodeos or shows cow horses. He wipes the perspiration from the sweat band and pulls it down tight. When

he buys a hat he tries on several of the same size. Jack says all hats, even though they're marked the same size, aren't built the same and if you try a few on, you'll find one that is just a tad smaller than the rest. Buy that one to wear during your high speed runs.

Texas cutting horse trainer Tom Ryan punches holes in his hats. I caught up with Tom one afternoon while he was resting on the porch of his bunkhouse. I asked him how he keeps his hat on when he trains fast-moving cutters. He said, "Let me see your hat and I'll show you." He took my hat and disappeared in the barn. A few seconds later he came strolling back with his leather punch in one hand and my hat in the other. He was calmly destroying the band in my new Stetson with the punch. He uses his leather punch to perforate the sweatband with numerous holes. The holes create suction between the skin of your forehead and the sweat band. Use

the biggest hole on your punch for best results and leave enough room between holes for the band to do its job. Tom punches seven or eight holes on the front of the band to help secure his hat. He doesn't care what kind of hat it is or how much it costs. It doesn't bother him to punch holes in other people's hats either. I took my hat and left when he asked me, "Do you want your horse branded too?" If you're near Millsap, Texas, you may be able to have your hat perforated at no charge if you stop by Tom's ranch.

Jay Holmes of the Triple J Ranch won the World Championship in the Open Hackamore class during the National Reined Cow Horse Association show in Stephenville, Texas in February 2004. Jay's blistering high speed turns on the fence on DUN IT BIG helped secure the world title. His hat never budged during the record run. Back in Sarasota, Florida, Jay never said what method he

AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 — 9:30 AM

Location: Sterl Hall, 619 N. Rogers — ABILENE, KANSAS



RED WING CROCKS: (Approx. 11:30 AM) 2 Waconda Springs water jugs 5 and 3 gallons; 3 gal. salt glaze blue slip Drop 8 and Bullseye pattern crocks; 5 gal. Red Wing jug w/oval; Red Wing butter churns 5, 4, 3 and 2 gallons; 2 and 5 gallon Birchleaf butter churns; 20 gallon Red Wing sanitary filter crock with funnel base; 30 gallon Birchleaf crock; 2, 3, 4 and 5 gallon Birchleaf crocks with oval; 5, 8 and 15 gallon Red Wing crocks w/ovals and wire handles; 20 and 12 gallon Red Wing crocks w/oval; Red Wing beater jar; Wesson Oil beater jar; Columbia Metal Products bowl w/beater; Minnesota center spout jug; brown and white Red Wing jugs; Splash Proof butter-milk feeder and poultry fount (top only) Red Wing wax seal jars; **OTHER CROCKS:** salt glaze 4 and 5 gallon handle jugs; 1 1/2 gallon crock; crock lids; chicken waterer base; Timothy White foot warmer England.

TOYS: (10:30 AM) old Structo steel trucks; Buddy L trucks including fire truck; metal Tonka: tow truck, loader, crane, scraper, rollers and other items; old rubber cars; 30 Tootsie cars and trucks various sizes; wood Fisher Price pull toys; tops; games; old board games; kids tin kitchen pots and pans; large Ty bears; many other toys.

COKE ADVERTISING: Coca Cola 1960's plastic wall clock; Buddy L 1960's semi truck; die cast Coke trucks; 10 metal Coke trays old and new; Coke 2L glass bottles and 32 oz. bottle; other Coke bottles; cards, rug, shower curtain; old metal cooler; cookie jar; bottle open-



ers; Match Box cars and trucks; Coca Cola advertising old and new. **OTHER ADVERTISING:** thermometers; calendars; tobacco tins; tokens; tape measures; screwdrivers; 1960's Sinclair gas attendant overalls; 5 MAC Tools racing jackets.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Majolica pottery umbrella holder; Roseville; McCoy; Hull; Dryden; Miltonvale Elks vase; other pottery; 20 Tom Clark gnomes; Precious Moments items; Lefton figurines; set of Bavaria dishes; set Luray dishes; Jewel Tea Autumn Leaf; Pillsbury doughboy cookie jar; other porcelain; Fenton glass; baskets, bells, vases; red Coin glass; Moon and Star glass mostly red amberina; colored glass; Carnival Glass; Fire King Tulip ware including 4 pc. Bowl set and range S&P; 3 pc. Cremax range set; glass kitchen wares; old linens; table cloths; cookbooks; old Christmas decorations; old photos; post cards: 2 from Waconda water plant; wooden

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duck and goose decoys; Quail Unlimited prints signed; Lee reloading kit; inserts for Longaberger baskets; tapestry Christ, Mary and Joseph; Jaguar crescent style wrench; antique and collectible tools.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: (9:30 AM) metal cabinets single and 2 door; Rainbow vacuum cleaner (good); lots of modern hand tools: wrenches, pliers, hammers, sockets, pipe wrenches; other tools; 15 rods and reels; Home Interiors picture. One hayrack of MODERN TOOLS.

2-DAY ANTIQUE AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 & SUNDAY APRIL 22

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SELLING SATURDAY, APRIL 21:

FURNITURE & COLLECTIBLES

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ware, tin Rudolph Elsasser Industry, Ks, paper car advertising;); Miller plastic clock; Clover Brand Shoes match safe; Sharples Separator match safe; DeLaval Separator inc (porcelain sign in original package, tin, glass & paper cows); Texaco Strip Shingles; dog standup advertising; Indian door knocker unusual; cast iron elephant nut cracker unusual; Buffalo brass grain scale & bucket; brass grill probe; brass bull lead unusual; wood scope; wood grain flail; **thermometers inc.:** (New Grape, MM Banks Imp Abilene, Copenhagen, others); Arabian Knights horse bit w/elephants; buggy line holder; Winchester can opener; iron wheel wood hose roller mint; John Deere pocket ledger; wire measure; oak book rack; bracket lamp; clock shelf; walnut wall magazine; carved bear book end; Polly Doodle Doo marble game; brass horse incense burner; wood carved horses; other horse collection; Dutch Boy fireplace set; Beckwith hand held sewing machine unusual; child's sewing machine; gun boot jacks; popcorn sheller; assortment shellers; unusual nubber; fish gig; walking sticks; 6" Case eagle; Mack Truck & Imp hood ornaments; Indian motorcycle emblem; Ford Model T instruction book; cast iron black bottle opener; Chillcothe Business College metal emblem; Salina Coke bottle w/Indian; tin (Red Wolf, Tiger, Soda Cracker, Hopalong Cassidy milk carton, other); wooden duck decoys; wood

hat mold; light bulb w/Scottie dog; wood cigar mold; 4 qt. Dazey churn; Stanley 82 scraper; folding drawing knives; folding rules; lantern w/reflector; Crescent wrenches inc.(4", 6", double 6", S, other unusual); Keen Kutter padlocks, ruler, carving set; railroad brass padlocks; wood blocks; apple butter sticks; **Crocks inc.:** qt. & half gallon Mason Stone Fruit Jars, Otto Kuehne Topeka pickle jar, 8 gal Red Wing, lay down chicken water, Splash Proof Buttermilk feeder, 10" bowl, sponge pitcher, bowls; cast iron door stops inc.: (ship, dog, other); Santa Fe can; Daisy kerosene can; fluter iron; wood coffee grinder; 30 Watch fobs inc. (Winchester, tractors, KSAC); print blocks; yard sticks (JD, Allis, lumber measure); mini engines; ice picks; wooden spoon; Swedish rolling pin; mini wood butter molds; cast iron corn bread pans; trivets; wooden pitter; ice tongs; butter molds; cast iron mixers; wood water jugs; leather strap cutter; coffee pots; **toys inc.:** child's electric kitchen set in original box; cast iron Arcade rake & plow, Fordson tractor damaged; cast iron toy parts; 1930's car; Hubley tractors; Texaco semi; other toys; **cast iron banks inc.** (Campbell Kids, Buster Brown, Iron Man, Red Goose shoe, Book of Knowledge stories); grass stripper; miners lamp; wood match holders; food grinders; lighting rod balls; tailor iron; wood covered wagon; assortment of other primitives.

SELLING SUNDAY, APRIL 22:

Art inc (2 Russell pictures; Sandzen "Mountain Lake", "Smokey Rivers Willows" damaged; Sandzen student prints; Rogers prints; Byxte prints); **Pictures inc.** (1918 WWI Victory Liberty Loan, Reynolds "Eleanor"; Lone Wolf, Horses, Black pictures, End Trail, many others) Disney Pluto picture; Marlo wood cuts; End of Trail leaded lamp shade; Wil Rogers plaque; 2 Art Deco vases; wooden duck wall plaque; Weller tankard, 10" portrait vase, pitcher; large assortment Heisey inc.: place settings, candle holders, tumblers, pitchers, serving trays; German bone dishes; German painted bowls; cups & saucers; Hull vase; Blue Rapids cup;

Clay Center Court house pitcher; Concordia plate; other advertising glass; soapstone toothpick; hobnail pieces; Gobel Monk creamer & sugar; assortment pressed glass; assortment Oriental pieces; Norman Rockwell collection inc. (plates, figures, pictures); Tea pot collection; Moffet Bros Larned plate; glass baskets; Gobel birds; bird collection; rabbit collection; bell collection; deer collection; dog collection; Tom Clark Knome collection; sterling compote & candle holders; several sets silver plate inc. Yourex Associated Silver Panama pattern; papier mache angle; dog & lady string holder; collection salt & pepper shakers; dog col-

lection; chalk animals; alligator collection; sewing tape measure collection; mesh purse; toothpick; hobnail pieces; Gobel Monk creamer & sugar; assortment pressed glass; assortment Oriental pieces; Norman Rockwell collection inc. (plates, figures, pictures); Tea pot collection; Moffet Bros Larned plate; glass baskets; Gobel birds; bird collection; rabbit collection; bell collection; deer collection; dog collection; Tom Clark Knome collection; sterling compote & candle holders; several sets silver plate inc. Yourex Associated Silver Panama pattern; papier mache angle; dog & lady string holder; collection salt & pepper shakers; dog col-

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uses but did make a few suggestions when asked about hats.

If you buy a hat a size bigger than what you normally wear, you'll have room to add a strip of foam inside the band. "Western stores sell foam strips for that purpose. The foam will force the sweat band to conform to your head, making a tighter fit. Some manufacturers accept special orders for hats with lambskin sweat bands. If you get the right fitting hat with a lambskin sweat band, you won't have to worry about your hat," Holmes said. One rider's approach is simple but effective. "Tape it on!" he says with enthusiasm. "I take a piece of duct tape about 3 inches long and carefully secure half of it on the front of the band and fold the other half up toward the top of the band. Put on properly, the ends are at the top and the fold of the tape is at the bottom of the band. Using both hands, I carefully place

the hat on my head and pull it down tight. The tape sticks to my forehead and the sweat band and my hat doesn't move."

Another way is to spray the inside of the hat and the sweatband with hair spray. It works like glue and if it can keep some of those wild hairdos in place during a hurricane, it sure ought to keep your hat on.

If you have a flying hat problem, maybe these suggestions of duct tape, hair spray, foam inserts or a stampede string might help keep your hat on your head and save you the trouble of dismounting every time it flies off. If none of these work, just buy a good-fitting hat with a high crown that you can pull down tight until your ears fold over. You won't be able to hear anybody but your hat will stay on.

Contact Ralph Galeano at horseman@horsemanspress.com or www.horsemanspress.com.

National Research Committee discusses safety of National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility

Recently a committee of the National Research Council (NRC) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) held a meeting in Washington D.C. to discuss the updated risk assessment for the proposed National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) that is scheduled to be built in Manhattan.

The meeting focused on a report made public last month about NBAF regarding the accidental release of animal diseases from the lab. Last month's report by the DHS stated that over the 50-year lifespan of the facility, the likelihood of an accidental release of a foot-and-mouth outbreak is less

than .11 percent. That percentage takes into consideration possible catastrophic events such as tornados and earthquakes. Not taking into account catastrophic events, the risk assessment is less than .008 percent.

During the meeting, experts reviewed the updated risk assessment and addressed concerns previously raised in an NRC review of the initial site-specific risk assessment for the NBAF. DHS provided the committee with a presentation on the contractor's approach for developing the work plan for the updated assessment. Following the completion of the final as-

essment, the committee will review the document and prepare a report for DHS and Congress containing its findings on its adequacy and validity. The report is expected to be provided within four months of receiving the final updated assessment from DHS.

NBAF is expected to cost \$650 million and will replace the animal research

facility at Plum Island, New York. Last month, the Obama administration cut next year's federal funding for NBAF. However, evaluations, assessments, and hearings will continue as mandated by Congress. At this point in time, the facility is still expected to receive accreditation in 2017 with operations fully transferred from Plum Island by 2018.

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PAINTINGS & PRINTS: "Little Boy", "A Late Fall", & "Quiet Autumn Days" Oils on Canvas; Children with Rabbits Print; Milking Cow watercolor by Gary Hawk, 3 Sets of Framed Porcelain Plates & others
RUGS/FURNITURE: Ornate Walnut Carved Sideboard/Black & White Marble Top 8' x 64"; Curved Curio Cabinet; Grandfather Clock/Mahogany Case; Grandfather Clock/Walnut Case mfg. Leon, KS; Steeple Shelf Clock; Italian Imported Clock; Lenoir Dining Table, 4 Chairs/China Cabinet; Oak Writing Desk/Curved Legs; Appliances; More
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ANTIQUES
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Farm Credit joins Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom Ag Advocate Team

The Farm Credit Associations of Kansas are pleased to provide financial support toward increasing agriculture literacy in Kansas. They have joined the Ag Advocate team and invested \$5,000 in educational programs provided by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC). Their contribution to the Ag Advocate Challenge pooled together with other donations will allow KFAC to reach over 25,000 Kansas students and their teachers this year. Donor dollars help pay for printing of lesson plans, educator guides and Kansas Kids Connection Magazines. Additional dollars are leveraged as teachers attended summer graduate courses and in-service trainings. Funding is also used to perform research and development activities to create new delivery methods for agriculture literacy lesson plans.

"Farm Credit is pleased to help advance the understanding of agriculture in schools and among teach-



On hand for the presentation of the Farm Credit Association's donation to Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom were, from left: Mick Gechter, Farm Credit of Southwest Kansas; Tammy Birkbeck, Frontier Farm Credit; Cathy Musick, Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom; and Stuart Hays, Frontier Farm Credit.

ers," said Mick Gechter, vice president, Correspondent Lending, Farm Credit of Southwest Kansas. "Basic understanding of agriculture and science is critical for young people to develop so that they can make informed decisions throughout their

lives. With one in five people employed in agriculture, agriculture education also opens the door for kids to dream about possible careers in the industry."

The KFAC mission is to connect classrooms to Kansas Agriculture. "We teach about the importance of food production and delivery systems and use agriculture as a tool to reach core curriculum goals in math, reading, science, history, and social studies," said Cathy Musick, executive director for KFAC. "Currently, we reach about five percent of Kansas elementary students. Our goal is to double that in the next three years. Ag Advocate funding is critical in allowing us to increase our reach while maintaining excellent programming and developing new delivery methods that are efficient and effective for Kansas teachers," noted Musick. "We are grateful to our donors and look forward to continued support as we continue to grow our program." More information is available at www.ksagclassroom.org.

Barton County Fair goes green with soy-based products

With soy biodiesel powering trams and carnival rides, soy-based paint freshening up show barns and soy-based cleaning products getting the fairgrounds ready, 13 fairs will be a little greener this year with the help of the United Soybean Board (USB) and the soy checkoff.

"U.S. soy feeds the animals that provide the meat we eat, but soy does a lot more than that," says Geno Lowe, a soybean farmer from Hebron, Md., and USB farmer-director. "U.S. soy is increasingly popular as a 'green' ingredient in everything from biofuel to paint to cleaning products and more."

Lowe and his fellow USB farmer-directors selected the 13 fairs as part of a competitive application process. Through the

Green Ribbon Fairs reimbursement program, now in its second year, the check-off works with fairs across the country to promote the use of soy-based products such as biodiesel, paint, cleaners, hand sanitizers and more. The following fairs will use soy-based products and help educate fair-goers by participating in the 2012 Green Ribbon Fair Reimbursement Program:

Barton County Fair (Kan.); Delaware County Fair (Iowa); Dutchess County Fair (N.Y.); Dyer County Fair (Tenn.); Houghton County Fair (Mich.); Indiana State Fair; Minnesota Fairs; North Carolina State Fair; Ohio State Fair; Saunders County Fair (Neb.); South Dakota State Fair; State Fair of West Virginia; St. Mary's County Fair (Md.)

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Ag groups host Seward County Farm Education Day

On March 20, 2012, early elementary students from Seward County schools toured animal and natural resources exhibits at the Seward County Community College Agriculture Building for Seward County Farm Education Day. Members of local agricultural organizations including: the Seward County Farm Bureau, the Southwestern Heights FFA, the Seward County Community College Collegiate Farm Bureau, the Natural Re-

source Conservation Service, the Seward County Conservation District, and the Seward County Extension Office hosted events to teach more than 1300 pre-schoolers, kindergartners and first grade students about agricultural industries in the state of Kansas. "The goal of the activity is to develop agriculturally literate consumers by making the connection between food production, food consumption, and agriculture,"

said Carmelita Goossen, Southwestern Heights FFA Advisor.

All teachers of preschool, kindergarten, and first grade within Seward County are invited to bring their students to experience Seward County Farm Education Day to help Seward County kids identify agriculture within their community. The event takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. More than 1300 kids participate in this event annually.

Each class is given a guided tour led by a Southwestern Heights FFA member or Seward County Community College agriculture student. Kids learned about foods and agricultural commodities that are produced in the state of Kansas and kids were educated on how to make healthy food choices. They also experienced farm animals, equipment, foods, & natural resources.

Fifteen Southwestern Heights FFA members and three sponsors helped with Seward County Farm Education Day by leading animal and natural resource exhibits or serving as group leaders. Cassandra Sponsel, Southwestern Heights FFA reporter, shared her poultry project with children at Farm Education Day by hosting a poultry exhibit that contained chickens, ducks and geese. "It was fun helping children experi-

ence hands-on exhibits to expose them to animals and other parts of agriculture that they may not get to experience if they live in town," said Cassandra. FFA members Breanna Butler and Jacie Butler also displayed a horse exhibit with Breanna's Red Roan Quarter Horse from her Equine Science Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Project.

In addition to serving as group leaders, Southwestern Heights FFA members were also responsible for teaching a station to educate kids about water and

its importance to agriculture. Southwestern Heights FFA members Amy Spurgeon, Johnny Rodriguez and Seth Beaver conducted the Clean Water Academy to teach children how to protect local water sources such as Arkalon from pollution. Prior to the activity the Southwestern Heights Agricultural Education students made over 1300 snack bags of Goldfish crackers to give to students as a reminder that they can help prevent water pollution to protect wildlife in Arkalon Park.



Fifteen Southwestern Heights FFA members educated 1300 kids about agriculture during the Seward County Farm Bureau Farm Education Day at SCCC on March 20th. They were, from left: Amy Spurgeon, Dianna Royall, Makaila Furman, Tucker Thorp, Seth Beaver, Devin Walker, Janet Paris - Sponsor, David Stout, Jared Eakes, Steven Paris, Caleb Tatro, Breanna Butler, Jacie Butler, Johnny Rodriguez, Carmelita Goossen - FFA Advisor, Lane Paris, Cassandra Sponsel, and Ashley Pearce.



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April 10 — Farm equipment at Manhattan for Paul Ehm Farms. Auctioneers: United Country Ruckert Realty & Auction, Jeff Ruckert.

April 11 — Land auction at Concordia for Margaret E. Campbell Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 11 — Tractors, combine, harvest, forage chopper, trucks, vehicles, trailers, haying, pivots, irrigation equip., wheel loaders, skidsteer & attach. online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

April 12, 13, 14 & 15 — Con-

venience store items, food items, soda, shelving, equipment. Silversmith jewelry, purses, cologne, boots, coats, jackets, insulated bibs, leather jackets, jeans, shirts, vests at McPherson for KDOR Tax Asset Seizure (Kathy's General Store form Holton). Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.

April 12 — Chipper/shredder, baskets, pottery, wrought iron displays collectibles, household at Manhattan for Marion Gallaher Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

April 12 — Kansas grassland, native grass known as Big Spring Pasture at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb Realty.

April 12 — Lyon County cropland acreage at Emporia for Ringler Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

April 12 — 5 tracts of land at Pratt. Auctioneers: JP Weigand Realtors.

April 13 — Butler County cropland at Burns for Tobe & Lois Koehn Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

April 13 & 14 — Vintage collectible cars & advertising memorabilia at Harper. Auctioneers: United Country Theurer Auctions/Realty, LLC.

April 14 — Equipment consignment auction at Spring Hill. Auctioneers: Kansas Tractor & Auction.

April 14 — General building contractors sale, commercial grade tools, hardware & all inventory at Abilene for Gene & Pat Howard. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

April 14 — Furniture, appliances, travel trailer, sports items, glassware, collectibles, computers, tools, misc. at Junction City for Shawn & Mary Crabb & David L. Morris Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

April 14 — Furniture, household, guns, sterling

silverware, china, glass, shed, lawn tractor, mowers at Westmoreland for Charles & Marilyn Roberts Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

April 14 — Tractors, stock & other trailers, combine, fencing & cattle items, farm equip., appliances, antiques & collectibles, furniture, household, vehicles, tools & lawn mower & misc. near Alton for Clarence A. Gregory Trust. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

April 14 — Firearms at Deshler, Nebraska for Estate of Richard C. Hoffmeyer. Auctioneers: Cornwell, Inc. Land & Home Brokers-Auctioneers.

April 14 — Glassware, collectibles, paintings & prints, rugs, furniture, vehicles at Valley Center for Florence Bishop. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

April 14 — Coins at Lawrence. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

April 14 — Vehicles, trailers, motorcycles, guns, shop & tool, mower, yard & garden & sporting equip. at Great Bend for

Estate of Jerry Pierson. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.

April 14 — Sedgwick County land at Kechi. Auctioneers: JP Weigand Realtors.

April 14 — Tractors, trucks, trailers, equipment & misc. at Fredonia consignments sponsored by Wilson County Old Iron Club. Auctioneers: Marshall Auction and Realty.

April 14 — Tractor, farm equip., guns, bows & amos, furniture, collectibles, tools at Baldwin City for Bob & Wanda Woodhead Estate. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp.

April 14 — Personal property at Marysville for Ron & Elaine Botts. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

April 14 — Antiques, collectibles, household & tools at Salina for CJ Redman. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 14 — Vehicles, household, antiques, tools, mower & misc. at Belleville for Harold Albin Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

April 14 — Household, farm machinery, shop equipment at Alexander for Henry E. Swartz Irrevocable Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 14 — Farm machinery at Alma for Jack Fink. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Real Estate.

April 14 — Steam engines, tractors, parts tractors, parts, crawler, separators, vehicle at Baldwin City for William Hey Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Nixon Auctioneers.

April 14 — Red Wing crock collection, Coca Cola items, pottery, old toys, red glassware, duck decoys & tools at Abilene for Larry Harris. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

April 14 — Valleybrook Show Pigs at Overbrook. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates.

April 15 — Household, antiques, car, tractor, truck, trailers, machinery, mower, scooter, tools, misc. & dog equipment at Havensville for Leo Sumner & Neighbors. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.



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AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 — 10:30 AM
 LOCATION: HERINGTON, KANSAS • Herington Tri County 4-H Building, South Broadway
 MISCELLANEOUS HAND & GARDEN TOOLS AT 10:30



Potato fork; spades; shovels; hoes and rakes; hammers, etc.; ropes; C-clamps; extended tree saw; aluminum extension ladder; 2-step wood step ladder; water hose and soaker hoses; galvanized sprinkler can; nice concrete bird bath; concrete planter; yard art like a deer, 2 iron table like stands; nice old horse weather vane; lawn chairs; wood crutches; hand-cap bath seat, walker and walking stick; Obermeyer and Oxandale yard sticks; American flag; miscellaneous Christmas; miscellaneous cleaning supplies; 6 folding chairs, 1 is wooden; small folding wood drying clothes rack; folding and table top ironing boards; Baby Grand antique wash board; laundry basket on wheels; grocery cart; kitchen serving cart; clothes pins and bags; leather suitcases and overnight case; TV trays; So-Fro by Singer sewing machine in antique wood cabinet; sewing basket full of supplies; Dirt Devil; Kirby sweeper with shampooer and attachments; Hoover vacuum and canister type sweeper; fans; humidifier; large and small braided rugs; blood pressure monitor; VCR; stereo with radio; wall plaques and wall pictures; wall mirrors; lamp tables and matching table lamps; floor lamp; wall lamp; cutting boards; kitchen table with 4 chairs; microwave on stand with rollers; bread box; skillets; Rival crock-pot; ceramic 4 piece canister set; knick knacks; miscellaneous kitchen dishes and utensils; queen size sleeper; plant stand; magazine racks; swivel rocker; 3 piece blonde oak bedroom set; single bed; 5 and 4 drawer chests; blonde oak kneehole desk; Ferdinand pheasant picture; wood toy or blanket chest; McCoy flower vase; wall pocket; Pittsburg 20 Diamond brand crock; #4 blue swirl Red Wing crock; IH McCormick Deering 2 gallon lye crock; #5 Red Wing crock; #6 Western crock; 2 gallon crock; Crosman 66 Powermaster BB gun; Daisy 1938 B lever action BB gun; tackle box full of hooks, lures, like #5 GM Skinner 1874, Snosnook, Flash Eye spoon, Free La Bogast, Bass Buster, Cra-Z Spin 3, Heddon Queen Stanley, (2) Wellers, Johnson Silver Minnow, Oriental Wiggler #3 and 4, K B Superior and more; Sentry HD Value Gard metal safe.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Naomi has moved to an assisted living facility therefore all her personal property items will be sold by auction.

TERMS: Statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. Not responsible for accidents. Lunch by Burdick Relay for Life.

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April 15 — Pickup, furniture, tools, household, collectibles at Burlingame for Fred & Georgia Widau. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

April 16 — Keystone Ranch properties, surface tracts & mineral tracts at Meade. Auctioneers: United Country/Stutzman Realty & Auction.

April 17 — Saline County cropland at Salina for Marion Chopp Trust. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

April 18 — Tractors, combines, harvest equip., trucks, vehicles, trailers, tillage, haying, livestock, fert. & chemical equip., scrapers, dozer, backhoes, telehandler, sweeper, motorgrader online (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

April 18 — Ellis County land at Hays for Schnelker Revocable Living Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 19 — Cheyenne County land at St. Francis for Leon & Shirley Brethower. Auctioneers: Shay Realty, Inc.

April 19 — Lyon County cropland, grass & possible homesite at Emporia for Gary & Karen Briggs. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

April 19 — Northwest Wichita land at Sedgwick County. Auctioneers: JP Weigand Realtors.

April 19 — Smoky Hill River bottomland farmland at Salina for Max Brubaker. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

April 21 — Real estate, tractors, trailer, tools & shop equipment at Kackley for Howard Benne Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 21 — Tractors, combines, machinery, hay equip., pickup, stock trailer, trailers, generator, livestock & fencing supplies, misc. near Beatrice, Nebraska for Roy "Cannon Ball" & Cindy Kendall. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

April 21 — Furniture, collectibles, household & tools at Riley for Donna Bolek, Trash Barrel An-

tiques. Auctioneers: Gan-non Real Estate & Auctions.

April 21 — Guns, toys, collectibles, appliances & household at Inman for George Buller Estate. Auctioneers: Triple K Auction & Real Estate.

April 21 — Guns, farm items & misc., tractor, pickup & machinery at Burdick for Darrell Gutsch. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.

April 21 — Coins, stamps, foreign & domestic, antiques & collectibles at Osage City for Estate of T.J. Hillman. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp.

April 21 — Antiques W. of Haddam for Edward Havel Trust. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

April 21 — auction at Salina for Karl & Berniece Keehner. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

April 21 — Auction at Oketo for JoAnn "Mrs. Lee" Affholder Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

April 21 & 22 — Furniture, collectibles, signs, thermometers, crocks, toys, cast iron banks, art, pictures at Salina for Dewain Krinhop. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 22 — Vintage machinery, antiques & collectibles, tools, filling station items, tires & oil at Enterprise for Krishers Korner. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

April 23 — Real estate, home & acreage at Osage City. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett-Real Estate, Wayne Wishcropp.

April 23 — Land & mineral acreage Pratt County, KS at Pratt. Auctioneers: United Country/Nixon Auction & Realty, LLC.

April 28 — Personal property at Blue Rapids for Dean & Jeanie Moser. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

April 28 — Tractors, machinery, truck, cart, boat, lawn mower, tools & household at Salina for Robert (Bob) & Wilma Baldwin. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 28 — Complete liquidation of commercial & residential electrical

shop E. of Manhattan for H&L Electric, Inc. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions.

April 28 — Acreage & personal property at Assaria for Loren & RoJean Loucks Trust. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

April 28 — Consignments at Lawrence for Galen & Dale Douglass Memorial Consignments.

April 29 — Car parts, wheel balancing machine, tire machine & lots of misc. at Enterprise for Krishers Korner. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

April 29 — Car & automotive parts & related items, mowers, furniture, building supplies, drag car at Scranton for Lee Ann Bohm. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp.

April 30 — Ness & Lane counties acreage at Ness City for Jerry & Linda Byrd. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

May 1 — Acreage & home in Chase County for Monti Pickrell. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

May 4 — Cheyenne County farmland, irrigation, dryland, CRP & grass at St. Francis for Ruben Zimbelman & Barbara Zimbelman Raile Estate. Auctioneers: Shay Realty, Inc.

May 4 & 5 — Tools, guns, covered wagon, crocks, glassware, furniture, jewelry, kitchen misc., collectibles at Herington for Mr. & Mrs. Merle & Fern Timm Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer, Bob's Auction Service.

May 5 — Home, real estate & personal property at Alma for Iballo Bisping. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty Service.

May 5 — 2 real estate properties at Beverly for Joan Morton & Morton Farm, Inc. Auctioneers: Land Home Title, Lora Obermueller, broker.

May 5 — Consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

May 7 — Cloud County cropland at Aurora for Craig Brunell. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 10 — Furniture, collectibles, misc. household at Concordia for George & Wanda Fredrickson and tools & construction equipment for Ron Solt. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 12 — Farm machinery W. of Herington for Mr. & Mrs. Charles Will. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer, Bob's Auction Service.

May 12 — House, real estate, personal property, tools, household at Alma for Jess Greenburg. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty Service.

May 12 — Labette County land at Oswego for Jerry Rickmeyer & Family. Auctioneers: Chesnutt & Chesnutt.

May 12 — 2011-2012 Clay Center High School 3-bedroom carpentry house at Clay Center for USD 379. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

May 18 — Silver coins, silver tea set, household, collectibles & jewelry at Herington for Geneva Will. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer, Bob's Auction Service.

May 28 — 19th annual Memorial Day auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

June 28 — National Holstein Convention Futures Sale at Springfield, Missouri. Auctioneers: Burton & Associates.

June 29 — National Holstein Convention sale at Springfield, Missouri. Auctioneers: Burton & Associates.

August 4 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

September 3 — 17th annual Labor Day auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

September 7 — Fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

November 3 — Harley Gerdes Consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

January 1, 2013 — Harley Gerdes 28th annual New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

Earthworm populations reduced by soil cultivation

Earthworm populations generally become reduced in cultivated agricultural fields, said Peter Tomlinson, K-State Research and Extension environmental quality specialist.

Several explanations for the decline and loss of earthworms have been proposed, he said.

"It could be that tillage implements cause physical injury to earthworms, resulting in mortality. Also, reductions in residue and soil organic matter associated with long-term tillage restrict the earthworms' food supplies," Tomlinson said

"A change in soil temperature resulting from the loss of insulation provided by the vegetation could also be reducing earthworm populations. Another possibility is increased predation from birds when the soil is turned over," he added.

It is likely a combination of these factors leads to reduced earthworm populations, the K-State agronomist said.

In studies comparing adjacent cultivated and uncultivated soils, population reductions are wide-ranging, he said. In one five-year study, the population was reduced by 70 percent by tillage but in a different series of 25-year studies the population was only reduced between 11 and 16 percent, he said.

When tillage practices are reduced or eliminated as a result of conversion to a minimal or no-till system, earthworm populations generally begin to increase, Tomlinson said.

"Earthworms play an important role in no-till systems as they redistribute organic matter. They are important in soil fertility, and their burrows play an important role in soil aeration and drainage," he concluded.

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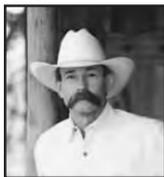
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 Rosewood love seat; Mission oak divan; horsehair sofa; Duncan Phyfe table; walnut & oak dressers; sewing rocker; Topsy stove; chairs; leather chrome chairs; pictures; '50s lamps; glassware; granite-ware; wool quilt; doors; porch posts; cast iron bathtub; 78 records.

HOUSEHOLD & TOOLS
 Chain saw; portable air compressor; power washer; snow blower; leaf vacuum; lawn mower; hand tools; garden tools; butcher block table; freezer; dehumidifier; lamps; restaurant items; cookware, pots & pans; photo enlarger.

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Many country veterinary practitioners have invested money in their clinics for facilities to handle cattle and horses. It is for the convenience of the vet but also for the restraint and treatment of the patient. However, there were those clients that assumed it was so the vet could charge them for an office call. Dr. Blaine took an after-hours call from a third generation cattlemaster in the rolling foothills of western Alberta.

"We've got a prolapse and need you to come to the ranch straight away," she said.

"I've got this clinic here, eh?" he offered.

"Nay, it's too far, she's too big and she's down!"

An hour later Doc pulled into the pasture where the cow lay. Due to the mud, slush and frozen snow he was only able to get within 30 meters of the 1500-pound Simmental cross. He positioned his vehicle so that he would have some light on the area.

The cow lay on a sloping hillock with her head to the upside. The prolapse, which he named Polly, as in, "Let's get Polly back in there!" was proportional to the size of her cow. That is to say, it was comparable to a four-foot-long, 50-pound breakfast burrito!

In spite of their efforts to manhandle the cow to face downhill so gravity was on their side, they were unable. The rancher brought a

Polaris ATV from the barn. Using a rope, they successfully moved the cow into the desired position. Doc knew better than to tie the rope to his vet truck. It was already missing one side mirror and the passenger door didn't close properly from the previous cow encounter. They tied it to the Polaris and nudged it. At that moment the cow rose up and stood. She appeared to be in a trance. Quickly taking advantage, Doc smoothly injected an epidural. With the rancher's help they inverted Polly in a matter of minutes. As soon as it plopped in, the cow had a miraculous recovery! She suddenly became aware of her situation, causing her to attempt an escape dragging the Polaris behind her. They looked like two elephantine ice skaters in a post-partum ballet!

The cow finally tangled in the line and they managed to slow her down. At that point she turned her newfound fury on her tormentors, attacking the good doctor and turning the four-wheeler into a 3-wheeler!

Doc was leaning up against his pickup trying to catch his breath while the unladylike rancher turned the air blue with curses, lamentations, and threats of bovine felonies! "Why does this always happen to me?!" she moaned, "Why me?"

"I've got this clinic now, eh?" said Dr. Blaine.

"Et tu, uteri!" Shakespeare (1598)

Borck named to Bioscience Authority

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback has announced the appointment of Lee Borck as a member of the Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA).

"Lee is a well-qualified and highly respected advo-

cate for Kansas agriculture interests," Brownback said. "I appreciate his willingness to serve the state of Kansas in this important role."

Borck earned his Bachelor of Science degree in

Agriculture Economics at Kansas State University in 1970. He is chairman of Innovative Livestock Services and of the Beef Marketing Group Cooperative. In 2011, Borck was named to Ingram's "50 Kansans You

Should Know" and was elected into the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame.

Borck's appointment must be confirmed by the Kansas Senate. He succeeds KBA board member John Carlin.

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