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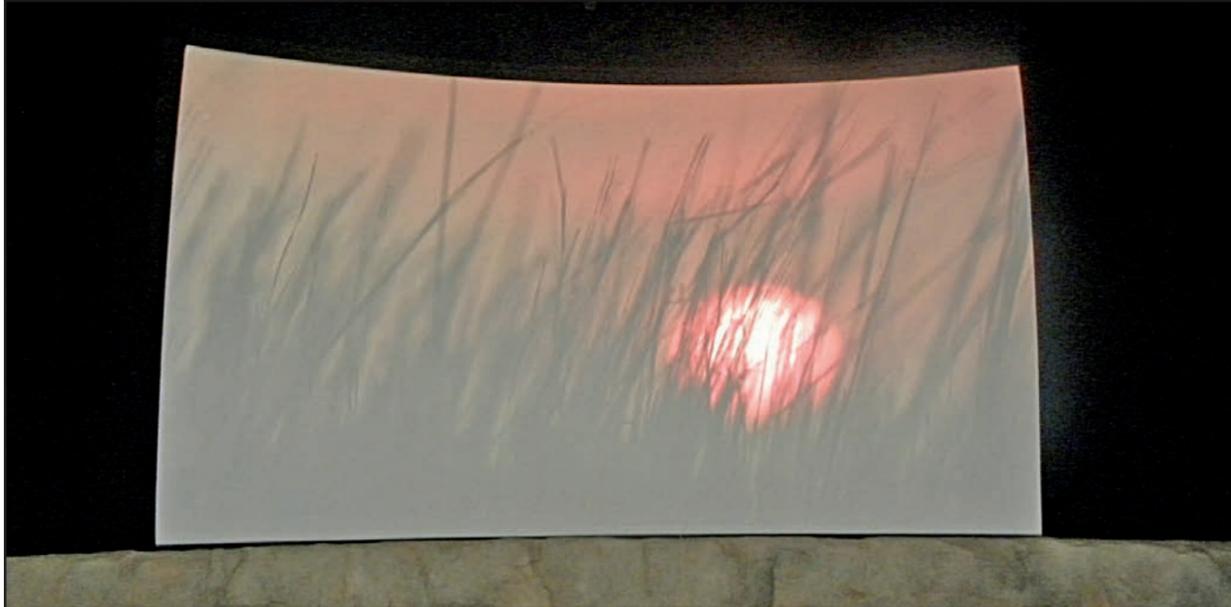
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## Flint Hills Discovery Center shares secrets and importance of the tallgrass prairie



A 67' wide, 14' tall screen is the centerpiece of the Immersion Experience as visitors sit on limestone benches and become steeped in the prairie experience through the powerful multimedia presentation.



The basic tenets of the Flint Hills Discovery Center's mission greet visitors as they enter.

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Inhabitants of the Flint Hills have long understood the region's significance as part of the last remaining acres of tallgrass prairie in North America. Once numbering 170 million acres on the continent, now less than 4% remains, most of it in the Flint Hills of Kansas. Ranchers such as Kent and Rose Bacon of Council Grove and many others have labored to educate others about the prairie's importance through ranch tours and films and television segments. Jim Richardson captured the majestic beauty of the rolling grasses for a National Geographic article and traveling photo exhibit. And yet the serene, powerful beauty of the tallgrass prairie has remained largely a secret, overlooked by travelers seeking instead soaring mountains, vast oceans and colorful canyons.

But the recently opened Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan could soon change all that. The \$24.5 million facility offers glimpses of the Flint Hills in many interactive forms for visitors of all ages, while telling of the importance of this unique and diverse ecosystem. The Immersive Experience, a multi-media presentation, includes wind blowing through the visitor's hair, smoke rolling across the floor as the importance of fire on the prairie is explained, fireflies dancing in the dark and snow softly falling in the room as the film depicts the formation, early inhabitants and ecological secrets of the prairie.

Children will have the opportunity to explore the Flint Hills on their own terms in an area created just for them with many interactive activities, make and take crafts, building blocks and puzzles. Age-appropriate exhibits will let young people try their hands at knot-tying, branding cattle, auctioneering and more.

Along with the permanent exhibits there will be traveling and temporary ones in the Prairie Gallery, according to Jaelyn Collins, public relations coordinator. The first temporary exhibit will be "The Making of the Flint Hills Discovery Center," which will run through mid-August and include four different artists and some of the contractors involved with construction of the center. The second and third exhibits will be called, "Forces," and will describe how the communities in the Flint Hills region came to be. An exhibit from the National Science Foundation will also spend 12-18 months at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

"The idea is to show good, quality science being done in Kansas, and to encourage people to pursue a career in science," Collins explained. More than fifty school groups have already booked field trips to the Center. "We are attracting schools as far east as Topeka, as far west as Salina and Mankato, north to Hanover and Marysville and south into the Flint Hills themselves," said Travis Young, Education Specialist - History and Culture. He went on to say that before they were even opened, well over a thousand students were scheduled to be there before the end of the school year.

It is hoped that the prairie experience doesn't begin and end at the Flint Hills Discovery Center, rather that it would spark an interest in seeing firsthand the lush grasses, flowers and wildlife that can be found on the prairie. The Gateway Kiosk in the lobby can show visitors other attractions the area has to offer and help them plan their itinerary.



With a map of the tallgrass prairie on the floor and an audio-visual presentation on the ceiling that demonstrates the changing seasons and passage of time, visitors are surrounded by the elements of the prairie the moment they enter the facility.

Flint Hills Discovery Center Director Bob Workman is a fifth-generation Kansan and believes the Center helps people better understand the importance of the Flint Hills and the need for its preservation. "It is a great honor for all involved to now share this great attraction and resource about our glorious Flint Hills with everyone," he said.

Rose Bacon gets emotional when she reflects on all the work that so many have put into protecting the prairie, and how the Discovery Center has the potential to reach people about the importance of preserving its few remaining acres.

"It's taken us a while to make it public knowledge that there's less than 4% of the tallgrass prairie left in North America and we have it right here," she said. "It can't be replaced and it can't be replicated. That's why the Discovery Center is so important. It's a way to

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# Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Last week I had the opportunity to hear Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack give the Landon Lecture at Kansas State University. It was inspiring to hear this man, who on that very day was celebrating the anniversary of the date his parents went to the or-

phanage where he was born and took him home to be their son. He shared that his parents would have never dreamed that he would one day become the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, because they themselves were several generations

removed from the farm. Although he was not raised on a farm or ranch, Vilsack is about as passionate a champion for agriculture as you could ask for. He challenged the story that was featured on Yahoo! a couple of months ago that listed Agriculture as the most useless degree a student could pursue. "It is not a useless degree, but an imperative degree, a fundamental degree, a significant degree," he asserted. He went on to give seven reasons to base that statement on. The first was

the fact that America is a country that is food-secure, but added that hasn't always been the case. He referenced Norman Borlaug, who recalled in a Landon Lecture several years ago his childhood in the early '30s when Americans weren't producing as much food, and how Harry Truman established the school lunch program out of fear that people weren't consuming enough calories to have a military capable of defending the nation. "Make no mistake, a country that is well-fed is a country that is at peace with itself," he stated.

At the end of his speech, he took questions from the audience. One young woman asked him about Monsanto and genetically modified crops. He replied, "If we're truly interested in feeding the rest of the world, we've got to have science, and we have to have an appreciation and understanding of science. And we have to have a conversation in this country between folks who feel that there are different ways to farm, whether it's organic or conventional or

GMO, we have to have a conversation with those people, with all of those folks talking to each other.

"Because folks ask me, 'Do you support organic or do you support GMO?' as if it was a choice between one or the other. It would be like asking me which of my two sons I love the most. I see them as extraordinarily important for lots of different reasons. I see the organic movement as important because it creates an avenue for entrepreneurship, creativity. There is a growing consumer demand for this and we need to be able to respond to it. It's a way in which we are reconnecting people with their food supply, which I think is important because there is the possibility for a better appreciation for those who farm.

"At the same time, the enormous challenge we face of producing enough bulk commodities to be able to feed this ever-increasing population, the challenges are enormous. I'm just concerned that if we don't have a commitment to science and a con-

versation that allows science to continue to expand and do it in a safe and responsible way, that we're not going to be able to lead that effort. We'll cede it to some other country and I think when we do we'll be less safe. So don't ask me to choose. I'm not going to choose. I think we can co-exist, I think we can live in the same world together. If there are risks or challenges or problems, let's figure them out, let's solve them. But if folks say we are going to do all of these sustainable practices and we're somehow going to feed nine billion people without the use of new techniques, I just don't see it."

I've been saying for a long time that it's very important that all of the different segments of agriculture stand together and not get drawn into falsely attacking each other in an effort to gain market share. Fighting within the industry only serves to weaken us to attacks from the outside. Good, productive dialogue should never be squelched but false claims, misinformation and scare tactics shouldn't be tolerated either.

Secretary Vilsack's speech was inspiring as he underscored the vital importance of agriculture both economically and for national security reasons. He challenged students to be outspoken champions for agriculture, and I believe he would extend that challenge to each of us, as well. But we can't truly be champions until we commit to stop throwing rocks at each other. So that's my challenge... drop the rocks. Join forces with your fellow producers, whatever their methods, and stand tall and strong for your industry. There's a hungry world out there that will thank you for it.



It was truly "one of those days." Oh, it started out pretty good, but early that afternoon it deteriorated rather quickly. Jennifer and I love to share our ranch with kids and we had a Girl Scout troop arriving at 6:30 that evening. No problem, I had plenty of time to get ready for them, or so I thought.

As I made my way home, the brakes on my pickup started to squeal. Did I mention that they were newly fixed brakes? I was lucky in the fact the brake malfunction happened in Westmoreland. I limped my way into the school parking lot and caught a ride home with Jennifer. It was still not a bad day, I was sure the dealership would stand by the cost of the repair and I was going to get to show the ranch off.

However, as we turned the corner to the homestead, my blood pressure started to rise. The bull pen was empty and there was a large, flattened stretch of fence signaling that they were out. Immediately I renamed both of them and started to blame the ewes (who were also out) for shorting out the fence. I still had two hours before the Girl Scouts arrived, so I set out to bring home the wayward bovines. They weren't too hard to find, since they were with the cows. I sorted one off and tried to drive him home. Of course he would have none of that. After two times, I decided to drive the whole herd in. That idea worked really well for about half the trip.

Notice I said half the trip. As we got closer to the pens more and more cows and their calves dropped out. I tried to keep the main herd together but it they soon dispersed faster than I could gather them. Once again the bulls and the cows got new names. It was less than half an hour before the Girl Scouts arrived and I was really glad they weren't early. They probably didn't need to learn the names I had given my cattle.

On the way back to the barn I came across two mama cows with two new calves. One of the old cows took one look at me and headed for the timber with her calf in tow. She got a new, even more special name. The other cow was one that Isaac had shown and just looked at me for approval. Instead of admiring her new calf I thought "Oh great, two new calves and the Girl Scouts will be here in 20 minutes."

I got back to the house and Jennifer and Tatum were saddling the horses. I pointed out that we did not have time to go round up the bulls.

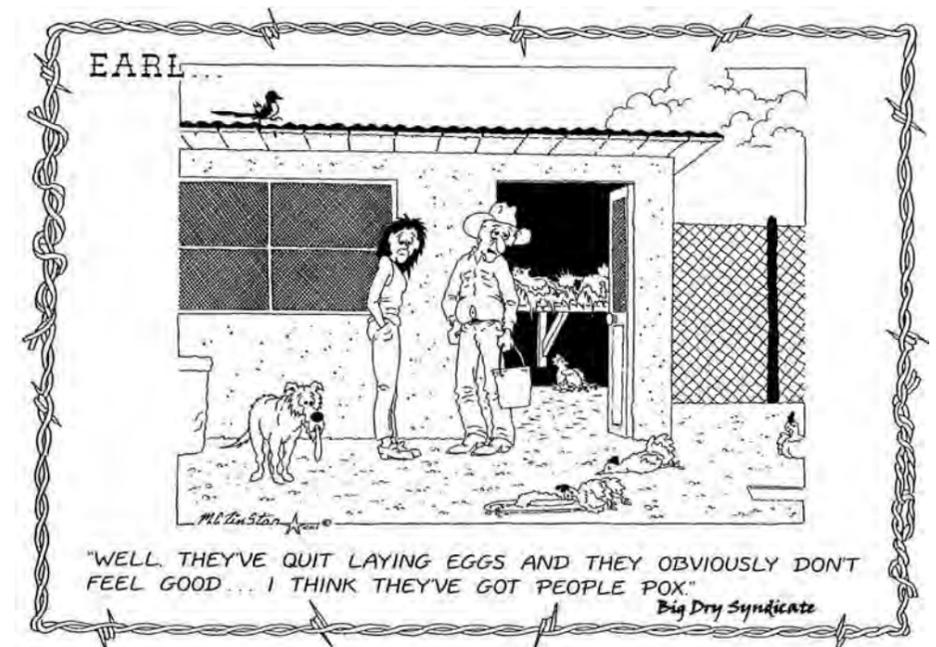
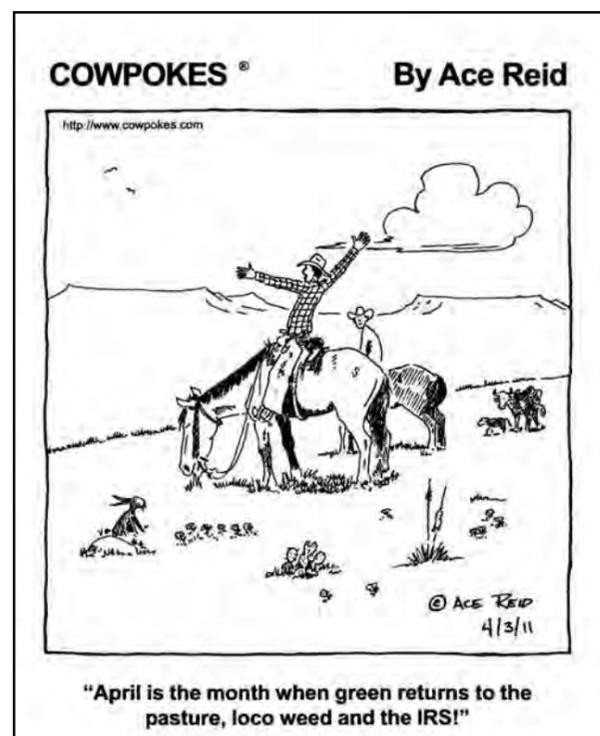
Jennifer told me that she was not saddling the horses for me, but for the cute, appreciative Girl Scouts who would be arriving in just a few minutes. Not the grumpy, scowling old man who had falsely blamed the innocent ewes.

Jennifer had to go pick Isaac up from track practice and Tatum and I went to tag Belle's calf (yes, she was the only cow that had a polite name). The heifer calf was easily tagged while Belle licked my arm. We paused ever so briefly to admire the new little calf. Tatum and I went back to the house to wait on our visitors, ten minutes and the caravan would arrive. In my head I mulled the wisdom of my recent career decision.

Soon the Girl Scouts arrived, buzzing with excitement and eagerly looked at the animals. Killer and Jack got more attention in five minutes than they had gotten in the past six months. The girls fawned over the baby lambs and giggled when Jr., the bucket calf, chewed on their fingers. But they really squealed when we told them they were going to get to ride Ace and Yeller. During the wait to ride the horses I got to talk to the girls about ranching, farming and where their food came from.

I once read some research that said farmers and ranchers are among the most trusted professions. We need to use this trust to reach out to our consumers and tell them what we do and why we do it. People need to understand where their food comes from, especially our youth. Groups who would like to end our way of life are reaching out to school-age kids and that means we must make the same effort. That is why Jennifer and I like to have kids out to our farm. I also find sharing agriculture helps me remember why I chose it as a profession. This day was no different.

Soon all of the stress from just a couple of hours earlier started to melt away. My blood pressure started to return to normal and it was apparent that all was not lost. Tomorrow, the sun would come up and everything would be fine. Meanwhile, the girls pelted me with questions; I tried to answer each of their questions. What did we feed the lambs, when were the calves born and how old were our horses. The question that really got me was when one of the Girl Scouts asked me if my cows had names. "Yes," I said, "but right now I can't remember what they are."



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## Flint Hills Discovery Center now open

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honor the past and the generations that came before us that cared for the tallgrass prairie and it's a way to educate the current generation of the value of the prairie and the care of it, because many of the current generation have little or no ties to either agriculture or the land. And it's a way to pass on to future generations the importance of the prairie, the history and culture of it and at least some of the practical management aspects of it that they would have no other way of knowing. The Discovery Center is way more than a tourist attraction. It's truly a resource for this area."

## March temperatures in Kansas second warmest on record

Following on the heels of a warmer than usual winter, preliminary data indicate March temperatures in Kansas averaged 54.5 degrees F, which was 11.7 degrees warmer than normal, according to Kansas climatologist Mary Knapp.

"This marked it as the second warmest March on record for the state," said Knapp, who oversees the Kansas Weather Data Library, based at Kansas State University. "The warmest March occurred in 1910, when the statewide average temperature was 54.7 degrees F."

The western divisions had the smallest departures from average, with southwest Kansas averaging 53.1 degrees F or 9.6 degrees warmer than normal. The northeast division, with an average of 56.3 degrees F was the warmest at 13.1 degrees above normal.

"The biggest departures were in the minimum temperatures," Knapp said. While 185 daily record highs were met or broken across the state, 323 record warm minimums were matched or broken. The highest reading was 89 degrees F at Atwood (Rawlins County) on March 18 and Liberal (Seward County) on March 26. The coldest reading for the month was 12 degrees F at a weather station 14 miles north of Tribune (Greeley County) on March 2.

Preliminary statewide average precipitation was 2.44 inches, which was 115 percent of normal, which made it the 32nd wettest March since 1895. Southeast Kansas was the wettest in overall precipitation at an average of 5.10 inches or 169 percent of normal, while northwest Kansas was the driest, with an average precipitation of 0.87 inches or 61 percent of normal.

The latest U.S. Drought Monitor (<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>) showed a decrease in the area of all drought categories, Knapp said. The biggest improvement was a reduction in the area covered by "exceptional" to "extreme" drought. The "exceptional" drought no longer is listed in the state. Currently, just under 45 percent of Kansas is reported as in abnormally

dry to some degree of drought.

The latest Drought Outlook indicates drought conditions are expected to continue to persist in southwestern portions of the state, she added. The La Niña continues, but is expected to fade by late April. There is a slight increase in the probability of drier-than-average conditions in the western third of the state, and equal

chances for above- or below-normal precipitation in the rest of the state. Temperatures are expected to stay above average.

Information about Kansas weather is available on the Weather Data Library website: [www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl/](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl/). "Weather Wonders" audio reports are available on the K-State Research and Extension News Media website at [www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/).

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## Jo Walsh, Belvue, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Weekly Contest

**Winner Jo Walsh, Belvue: "A sweet and tangy sauce."**  
**TANGY CHICKEN**  
 8 servings of grilled or broiled chicken  
 1 cup brewed coffee  
 1 cup ketchup  
 1/2 cup brown sugar  
 1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce  
 1/4 cup vinegar  
 1/2 teaspoon pepper  
 In a saucepan combine all ingredients except chicken. Bring to a boil then reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 30 to 35 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally. Brush over cooked chicken that is hot and serve.  
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**Janis Mickelson, Lyndon: "What could be easier?"**  
 These little treats make any occasion special. They are so delicious and dainty. My granddaughter made these and she used melted white morsels tinted a delicate pink to dip hers in."  
**PINK TRUFFLES**  
 55 Vanilla Wafers  
 1 small tub strawberry-flavored cream cheese  
 White chocolate  
 Crush the Vanilla Wafers and mix with cream cheese. Roll into small balls and chill. Dip in white chocolate.  
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**Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: CUCUMBER SALAD**  
 2 quarts peeled, sliced cucumbers  
 1 onion, sliced  
 2 tablespoons salt  
 1 1/2 cups sugar  
 1/2 cup white vinegar  
 Mix cucumbers, onion and salt. Let stand 2 hours; drain. Add sugar and mix until sugar is dissolved. Add vinegar and mix well. May be put into jars and kept in the refrigerator for a month.  
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**Kellee Rogers, Topeka: REUBEN CASSEROLE**  
 20 ounces frozen shredded hash browns, thawed  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
 1 1/2 pounds cooked deli corned beef, thinly sliced  
 1/4 cup Russian salad dressing  
 16-ounce can sauerkraut, drained  
 8 slices Swiss cheese  
 Extra Russian salad dressing  
 Sprinkle hash browns

into a greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and bake at 450 degrees for 15 minutes. Arrange corned beef slices over hash browns, slightly overlapping, and spread with dressing. Spoon sauerkraut over dressing. Top with Swiss cheese and bake an additional 15 minutes. Serve with extra dressing. Serves 8.  
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**Melissa Byrd, Independence, Mo.: CARROT CAKE COOKIES**  
 1 cup butter  
 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar  
 2 large eggs  
 2 teaspoons vanilla  
 3 1/4 cups flour  
 2 teaspoons cinnamon  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats  
 2 cups finely grated carrots  
 2 cups powdered sugar  
 1/2 cup sour cream  
 Set oven at 350 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. In bowl beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla and beat until well combined. In a bowl combine flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Gradually add flour to butter mixture beating until combined. Stir in oats and carrots. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Drop by rounded tablepoonfuls 2 inches apart onto pans. Bake until lightly browned 12-14 minutes. Let cool on pan for 2 minutes. Remove and cool completely on racks. In a bowl combine powdered sugar and sour cream, stirring well. Drizzle onto cookies. Let stand until dry, about 1 hour.  
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## A Toast To Pot Roast – The Perfect One-Dish Dinner

(NAPSA) — Whether it's for the nostalgia, the convenience or the reasonable cost, flavorful pot roast is making a comeback. Home cooks in the know are seeking out cost-effective cuts like boneless beef chuck, bottom round roast or rump roast and tossing them in a crock pot with simple pantry staples for melt-in-your-mouth dishes.

Pot roast is easier to prepare than you might think, and it's simple to customize by using different beef cuts, seasonings, liquids and vegetables. Plus, sandwiches, soups, tacos and hardy salads are among the possibilities for leftovers.

When you're busy and want a deliciously affordable meal, this recipe from Whole Foods Market makes it easy:



**BEEF POT ROAST**  
 1 1/2 teaspoons dried parsley  
 1 teaspoon sea salt

1/2 teaspoon minced onion  
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
 1 (2 1/2 to 3 pounds) boneless beef chuck roast  
 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
 2 sliced onions  
 1 3/4 cups reduced-sodium beef broth  
 1 cup tomato juice  
 1 1/2 pounds potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks  
 1 pound carrots, cut into 1-inch chunks

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl, combine seasonings, salt and pepper. Pat roast dry with paper towels and rub all over with seasoning mixture. In a large Dutch oven or ovenproof heavy saucepot, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add roast and brown on all sides. Remove to a plate and set

aside. Add onions and 1/4 cup water and cook about 8 minutes or until tender and golden, stirring occasionally. Stir in broth and juice and bring to a boil. Add roast back to pot, cover and transfer to oven. Roast 2 hours. Stir in potatoes and carrots, cover and continue roasting 45 minutes longer or until vegetables and meat are tender. Transfer roast and vegetables to a large serving platter and drizzle with pan juices.

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# App-icious Ways To Prepare A Delicious And Nutritious Fruit



(NAPSA) — One of the tastiest ways to enjoy the crisp delicious taste of apples is to pick them fresh from the tree at harvest time. Picking apples can be a fun activity for the whole family and newly harvested apples last for weeks if stored in a cool place. When picking apples, remember:

- Pick from the outside. Apples on the outside of the tree will ripen first.
- To pick apples, roll upward from the branch and twist. Don't remove the stems.
- Place apples gently in a basket and only wash just before using to prevent bruising and spoilage.

At only 80 calories, apples are high in dietary fiber and vitamin C. They contain iron and other trace minerals and vitamin A. One serving of apples has more of the antioxidant power needed to fight aging, cancer and heart disease than any other fruit.

Even if you pick your apples from the farmer's market or grocery store, there are many mouthwatering ways to enjoy them. Try these tempting recipes that combine fresh crisp apples with creamy caramel.

### CARAMEL-GLAZED APPLE PIE

Prep Time: 20 minutes  
Bake Time: 55 to 65 minutes  
Yield: 8 servings



**Apple Pie:**  
Pastry for double-crust pie  
8 cups peeled & sliced cooking apples (about 4 to 6 large)  
1/3 cup Karo® Dark Corn Syrup  
3 tablespoons butter OR margarine, melted  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1 1/2 tablespoons Argo® or Kingsford's® Corn Starch  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon salt

**Caramel Glaze:**  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup chopped pecans  
3 tablespoons Karo Dark Corn Syrup  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted  
1 tablespoon Argo or Kingsford's Corn Starch

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Fit one pie crust into bottom of 9 1/2-inch deep-dish pie pan. Add apples. Combine corn syrup, butter, sugar, corn starch, cinnamon and salt in a small bowl. Pour over apples. Top with second crust, fold edges under, seal and flute. Cut a few slits in top crust to vent. Place a shallow pan under pie to catch any drips

and bake for 45 to 55 minutes, until crust is browned and apples are tender. Combine all caramel glaze ingredients in a small bowl. Dollop over pie and carefully spread over hot crust. Bake 10 minutes or until topping is bubbly.

### CARAMEL DIP

Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Cook Time: 10 minutes



Yield: 4 cups  
1/2 cup butter OR margarine  
2 cups brown sugar  
1 cup Karo Light Corn Syrup  
2 tablespoons water  
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
Melt butter in a medium-

sized saucepan. Stir in sugar, corn syrup and water. Bring to a full boil over medium-high heat. Add condensed milk, stirring constantly. Bring to a full boil for 3 minutes. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Serve immediately or keep warm in a slow cooker or fondue pot.

Recipe tip: Prepare ahead and reheat in microwave. If sauce seems too thick, stir in 1 tablespoon water or milk.

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## Cookies Provide A Hidden Bonus

(NAPSA) — There's good news for bakers who are looking for a wholesome way to satisfy their family's sweet tooth.

By adding a couple of healthy ingredients to cookie dough or brownie batter, you can boost your family's fiber intake deliciously. For example, try using white whole wheat flour from King Arthur Flour. It has all the fiber and nutrition of whole wheat flour with a milder flavor. Generally, you can substitute up to 50 percent of the all-purpose flour called for in a recipe with white whole wheat flour.

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Try this crunchy, yummy cookie recipe, created just for these ingredients, that tastes so good, you may forget to tell your family it's good for them, too.

### OATMEAL AND FLAX CRANBERRY COOKIES

- 1 cup soft butter
- 3/4 cup brown sugar, lightly packed
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 cups King Arthur White Whole Wheat Flour
- 1 1/2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats (not instant or quick cooking)
- 1/2 cup King Arthur whole flax meal
- 1/4 cup King Arthur whole flax seeds
- 1 1/2 cups dried cranberries or raisins
- 1/2 to 1 cup chopped nuts, optional



Lightly grease two baking sheets or line them with parchment. In a large bowl, beat together butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, baking soda, salt and egg until fluffy. Mix in remaining ingredients. Let the dough rest for 30 minutes at room temperature for the oats to soften. Toward the end of the rest period, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Scoop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls onto the prepared baking sheets. Flatten each ball of dough slightly. Bake 10 to 12 minutes, until golden brown. Cool on the baking sheets for 15 minutes to allow them to set. Move them to a cooling rack to finish cooling. Yield: 3 1/2 dozen cookies.

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# THE HEALTH CORNER

## Reducing TV/Internet time is a good thing for the whole family

Are you hassling the kids every night to do their homework when they want to spend too much time watching television, playing video games or surfing the Internet?

"Health experts say screen time at home should be limited to two hours or less a day unless it's work- or homework-related," says Saralee Jamieson, University of Missouri Extension human development specialist.

"Research shows clearly that when children, teens and adults watch more than an hour or two of TV per day, they are more likely to make unhealthy food choices and be less physically active," Jamieson said. "Stu-

dents who watch more than one or two hours of TV per day are less interested in school activities and have lower academic scores."

Limiting time in front of video and computer screens, including handheld devices, can be a challenge for adults as well as children. "Set a good example yourself by keeping your own recreational screen time to less than two hours per day," she said.

Jamieson offers these tips for reducing screen time:

- Take the television out of bedrooms. "Yes, this may mean some family members may not get to watch what they want," she said. "This is a good way to learn about

taking turns and negotiating."

- Turn off the television during meals and eat together as a family.

- Develop hobbies and other interests. Get involved in your community, neighborhood, school or place of worship.

- Play games with your kids.

- Do yardwork as a family or tackle household projects together.

- Socialize more. Go out with friends to see a play, attend a concert, join an organization or volunteer.

- Walk your dog; play with and care for your pet.

## CMH Health Fair coming this weekend

Community Memorial Healthcare (CMH) will hold its 5th annual health fair Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the hospital. CMH offers the reduced-fee health screenings as a community service.

"We put a lot of focus on preventative care and want to help people be knowledgeable about their health, said Curtis Hawkinson, hospital administrator. "Our job is to be here when you need us, but it's also to help make our citizens healthier," he added. Participants will see some changes in the format this year. In the past, CMH has always held a two-day (usually Tuesday/ Wednesday) health fair, with fairs being held at the Helvering Center in Marysville and the Community Center in Blue Rapids. This year, with completion of the new hospital, CMH will hold a one-day health fair Saturday morning, from 6-10 a.m. at the hospital facility. The public is asked to enter through the main (south) doors, where they will be greeted by hospital personnel for registration. Stations will

be set up in the front lobby/outpatient area for blood draws. Complimentary refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

Cost of the blood profile is \$25. For men, a PSA are offered for \$10. The blood profile includes testing for the following:

- Lipid profile: tests for total cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol (often called good cholesterol), LDL-cholesterol (often called bad cholesterol) and triglycerides. The lipid profile is a group of tests that are often ordered together to determine risk of coronary heart disease.

- TSH blood test: used to find out whether the thyroid gland is working properly and can identify conditions of an underactive thyroid gland (hypothyroidism), or an overactive thyroid gland (hyperthyroidism).

- CBC (complete blood count): measures the con-

centration of white blood cells, red blood cells, and platelets in the blood.

- HgbA1C (hemoglobin A1C): a test to measure the average of blood sugar over the past 90 days.

- CMP (comprehensive metabolic panel): typically a standardized group of 14 specific tests used as a broad screening tool to evaluate organ function and check for conditions such as diabetes, liver disease, and kidney disease. The CMP includes testing for proteins, electrolytes (including potassium), liver enzymes, and kidney function tests.

- PSA (prostatic specific antigen): a screening test for male prostate cancer.

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# Osteoporosis often called the "silent" disease

Osteoporosis is a disease in which the bones become thin and can break easily. If not managed properly, osteoporosis can lead to fractures that can limit the ability to move, walk, and stay active.

Osteoporosis is often called a "silent" disease. You can't feel your bones getting weaker and may not know you have it until you break a bone. Approximately one in two women and one in four men over 50 will have an osteoporosis related fracture in their remaining lifetime. Below are some tips on how eating smart and staying active can help maintain bone health:

**Calcium**—If you don't supply enough calcium to meet the body's needs, your body will take calcium from your bones. And as bones lose calcium, they become less dense. According to the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF), adults under age 50 need 1,000 mg of calcium a day. Adults age 50 or older should aim for 1,200 mg

daily. The best ways to get calcium are dairy products, certain vegetables and some fish, calcium-fortified foods (some juices, cereals and breads), and calcium supplements if you are not getting enough through your diet.

**Vitamin D**—Your body needs vitamin D to absorb the calcium you consume. Without adequate vitamin D, the bones can lose mass and weaken. Adults under age 50 need 400-800 IU (international units) of vitamin D daily, whereas adults 50 or older need 800-1000 IU. One way to get vitamin D is exposure to sunlight. Only a few foods contain vitamin D naturally (such as salmon). Some milk and cereal products are vitamin-D fortified. Before buying a vitamin D supplement, check the label of those you currently take; many multivitamins and calcium supplements already contain vitamin D.

**Exercise**—Certain forms of exercise, such as weight-bearing and muscle-strengthening, can help

build bone density and slow bone loss. The NOF recommends that people aim for 30 minutes of weight-bearing exercise on most days, and strengthening exercises on each major muscle group two to three times a week. Weight-bearing activities include dancing, walking, low-impact aerobics, and gardening. Muscle-strengthening exercises can be done with free weights, weight machines, or elastic bands.

Eating smart and staying active can help maintain bone mass and slow bone loss.

Check out [www.knowmybones.com](http://www.knowmybones.com) for information on understanding osteoporosis, keeping your bones strong, bone health resources, and learn what's new in bone health.

# Abilene workshop for seniors to focus on Medicare, senior advocacy issues

Older Kansans and their caregivers will have a special opportunity to learn how health care reform is affecting them and their families when Neil Thowe, the Deputy Regional Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), appears at a free workshop 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fri., April 20 at the Abilene Senior Center, 100 N. Elm in Abilene.

Sponsored by the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging (NC-FH AAA), the Answers for Older Kansans workshop will also feature speakers on long-term care insurance planning and legal matters for elders including living wills, powers of attorney and more.

"The Area Agency on Aging is pleased to sponsor this workshop that will help Kansans separate health care reform facts from rumors," said Julie Govert Walter, NC-FH AAA Executive Director.

As Deputy Regional Administrator for CMS, Thowe is responsible for outreach and education for CMS initiatives in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. Other presenters slated for this event include Suzi Lenker with the Kansas Insurance Department, who will explain the ins and outs of long-term care insurance, and Andrew Couch of Kansas Legal Services who will talk about advanced directives.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be provided on a donation basis for all who register by Wed., April 18. Call the Area Agency on Aging toll-free at 800-432-2703 or 785-776-9294 to register or for more information.

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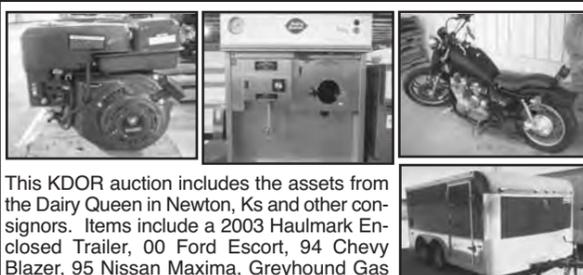
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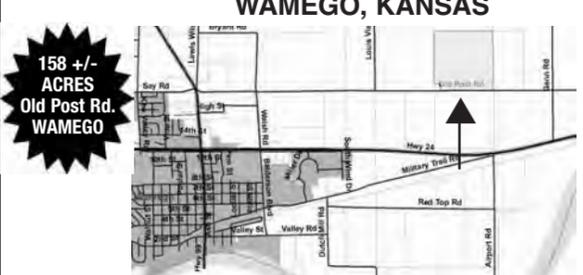
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**IRRIGATED FARM GROUND AUCTION**

**THURSDAY, MAY 3 — 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: Wamego Senior Center, 501 Ash St.  
**WAMEGO, KANSAS**

**158 +/- ACRES Old Post Rd. WAMEGO**



**LEGAL OR TRACT DESCRIPTION:** SE1/4 of Sec 35, T9S, R10E less a 2-acre tract in the SW corner as listed on the Deed, Pottawatomie County, KS. (A permanent 20' easement is recorded giving access to the land thru this 2-acre tract.)

**DESCRIPTION:** Highly productive irrigated farm ground just north of Hwy 24 on the east side of Wamego. The irrigation system is a full circle T-L pivot system being run off two wells, approximately 40' deep at 300-350 gpm. Ground is being farmed through the 2012 crop season with the Buyer receiving 50% of income, inputs have been paid with exception of the irrigation costs.

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**AUCTION**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29 — 1:00 PM**

LOCATION: 3 miles West of Marysville on Highway 36 to Herkimer corner, turn North on blacktop 2 miles, then West 1 1/4 mile on Indian Rd., South side of road. Light Lunch

**MACHINERY**

15' Krause wheel disk; Homedade gooseneck 4 round bale trailer; 3 pt. harrow; 12' JD F910 3 pt spring tooth; 16' Ford field cultivator; 12' 9 shank Landoll pull type or 3 pt. chisel; 7' pull type shredder; 3 pt. wheel windrow turner; Homedade mounted bale spear; Allis 3 pt 14" plow; Grain wagon w/hoist; 3 pickup trailers; Danhauser post hole digger w/9", 12" and 18" bits; 3 pt bale mover; Homedade log splitter; 2 tractor chains, 18.4"x3.8" & 16.9"x3.4"; 269 New Holland square baler; 3 pt 6' shredder; JD 16-8 FBB grain drill; 205 Badger PTO manure spreader; Gravity wagon w/metal roof; Portable corral panels w/trailer; Wire cattle panel w/ trailer; Used tin; Misc. iron; Used lumber; automatic transmission 400; Engine 350 carburetor; 6 bolt, 4 alum. stock Chev. rims, 1/2 4-wheel drive, 2 w/tires, 2/without; Lots and lots of used take tires in rack for display; 4 new Hydro cylinders; 2 compartment 100 gal. fuel barrel; Older A frame wagon hoist; 900' new plastic pipe in 300' rolls.

**TRUCKS**

1969 GMC dump truck, don't run w/title; 1988 Dodge Ram Eyto van, 350 engine good; 1983 3/4 ton 4x4 Chev. 305, runs - manual, transmission occasionally pop out of 3rd gear.

**MOWER — 4 WHEELER ATV**

**Cub Cadet 1050 Zero turn tractor, Kohler engine, 25HP, 50" cut, 3 years old, 100 hrs.;** 1998 Polaris Xplores, 300 4x4 automatic; Fimco electric sprayer for 4 wheel ATV.

**STOCK TRAILERS & TRAILERS**

16' Bumper hitch stock trailer, Travalong good; 18' stock trailer, gooseneck, Travalong, excellent floor; 16' Bumper pull trailer w/ramps, homemade; 16' gooseneck heavy duty homemade trailer w/hand crank winch, steel floor w/ramps.

**HAY IN SHED**

22 big round bales alfalfa; 150 small bales m/l brome.

**CATTLE EQUIPMENT**

2-20' hay bunks; 1 round hay feeder; Small Richie calf waterer; 4 small grain bunks; Electric Pramak fence; Tank floats; Electric fence posts; Lots T-Post; Lots of hedge post, corner and line; Wire; Woven wire; Insulators; Several mineral feeders; Metal stock tank; 2-250 gal. water tanks; 1 Rubbermaid; Calf catcher, hock; More items.

**GUNS - SELL AT 1:30 PM**

410 Stevens bolt action, Model 59A, 2 1/2"-3"; 22 Rueger, Model 1022 w/scope, semi auto; 243 Remington Model 788, w/scope, bolt action; 12 ga. Remington Wing master 870 pump, 2 3/4 shell; 30-06 Remington Sportman 74 auto, w/scope; 38 Smith & Wesson 38 S.W. special CTG pistol; Nice gun cabinet; Lots & lots of shells and boxes.

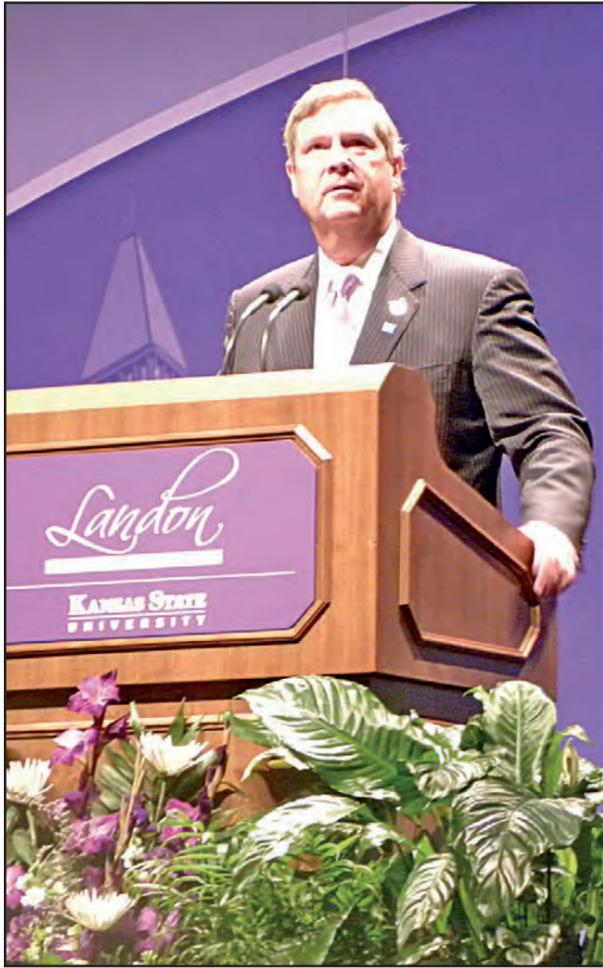
**MISC. ITEMS**

Air bubble tanks; Buzzsaw blades; Floor jack; Jumper cables; **Hay knife**; Fuel cans; Car ramps; Jack 2000# Top Wind; Stove pipe & wood stove; Stock GMC rims 4/beauty rings (5 BH); Chevy pickup slide window; Wire cable - various sizes & lengths; Rope; Buckets & nipples; Tarps; **Antique hand crank for separator Sanitary economy "King #16"**; Misc. B&S mower engines "as is"; Honda power washer, 5.0 HP, works - pump is broke; 5 gallon buckets; Drain pans; Lots of Chevy hub caps; 6 bolt center caps; Wrenches & sockets; Corn knives; Open end wrenches; Drill bits; Bench top electric drill; Hand drills; Hand clippers; Hand saws; Tree saws; Log chains; Crescent wrenches; Screw drivers; Pliers; Pipe wrenches; Levels; Crow bars; Hammers; Mallets; Grease guns; Caulking gun; 1995 Magna force 6.5 HP, 60 gal., 220V Coleman power ??; **New in box 50' retractable hose reel; Battery operated grease gun**; Electric grinder; Electric Skil 7 1/4" saw; **Electric mitre saw; 8 1/4" compound mitre saw**; 2 wheel dolly (Hand dolly); Fence post driver; Clarke 1/2" impact (electric); **Coats 3 star tireman, manual tire machine**; Post hole diggers; Air bumper jack 2 1/2 ton Gray; Ladders, 8' stepladder; Hay fork; shovels, spades, wire stretcher, yard rake, yard hoe, ax; CB's, Radios, Antennas; Extension cords; Bar clamps; Tree pruner; Older Amana refrigerator, runs; Electric outlets boxes 50 m/l; 12' extension ladder; Telescoping halogen light (used for volleyball games); Old electric wringer washer; Misc. automotive parts; Trailer light bar; Volleyball poles; **Antique cow bells**; Leather yoke; Old lantern; Craftsman 6" bench vise; Iron yard art; **Pull behind spring tooth for mower; Aerator/fertilizer for mower**; Wheelbarrows; 2 wheel "car dolly", pull behind; Garden hoes; **3 leg orchard ladder**; Tubs; 2 Extension ladders; 2 - 4, 6', 7', 8' stepladders; Wall paper steamer; Commercial vacuum; Fans; Saw horses; Tool boxes; Craftsman cordless drill, near new; Several paint cloths 12"x15"; Paint runners; Lots more paint equipment; 2 big wheel garden cart; Murray 5 HP high wheel push mower; Mower ramps; Fishing pole rack - wall mount; Chimineau; BBQ grill; 4 gal. backpack sprayer; Dirt Devil wet/dry vac; Nuts, bolts, wire; Folding table; Log chains; Clevis; **Hanging lamp (previous from Pizza Hut)**; Tree soakers; Lawn fertilizer spreaders; Electric leaf blower; Ice cream maker; Paint shakes; Dehumidifier; Electric hedge trimmer; Air purifier; Bench vises; Electric shop heater; Extension cords; Walking rain tractor; Folding lawn lounge chairs; Sprinkling cans; Router table; Stand; Step stool; Lots more misc.

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Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack gave the Landon Lecture at Kansas State University on April 10, describing the importance of agriculture to the nation's economy as well as to national security. "I want to take this opportunity to rise in defense of agriculture," he said. "To speak candidly and passionately about the importance of agriculture to the rest of the country. And how under-appreciated and under-recognized agriculture is in this country and how it's going to be important, particularly for the students who are in this audience, to carry a very positive and aggressive message about the contribution agriculture makes to this country every single day."



Dignitaries at the 150th USDA Anniversary Celebration stand for the flag ceremony presented by the Ft. Riley Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard. Present were, from left: Dr. Edward Kipling, Administrator, USDA-ARS, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins and Kansas State University president Dr. Kirk Schultz. The event was held April 10 at the new Wind Erosion Building that replaced the one severely damaged by a tornado in 2008. A dedication of the building and ribbon cutting, as well as the dedication of the renovated Wheat and Sorghum Milling Laboratory was also part of the day's events.

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# Douglas County Conservation District holding sign-up

The Douglas County Conservation District is conducting a sign-up through May 31, 2012 to accept requests for state financial assistance to install enduring conservation practices. The conservation district administers state cost-share programs locally to improve water quality and reduce soil erosion. Funding is provided by the Division of Conservation, Kansas Department of Agriculture through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan Fund. Landowners with natural resource concerns on their property are encouraged to visit the Douglas County Conserva-

tion District to discuss the possibility of receiving state financial assistance. Funding is provided through cost-share payments to landowners for eligible practices such as terraces, waterways, grass plantings, livestock water supplies, cross-fencing, failing septic systems and abandoned water well plugging. The sign up does not guarantee approval of cost-share financial assistance. Projects started or completed prior to being approved for funding are not eligible for these funds. Following the sign-up deadline each request will be carefully reviewed to ensure eligibility. The

proposed project is ranked according to a system developed by the Douglas County Conservation District. The ranking system ensures fairness to landowners and ensures that cost-share funds are used to meet local conservation priorities. Landowners approved for the program are notified of the practice(s) approved and the estimated amount of cost share that will be provided. Before the work can begin the contract is approved by the Division of Conservation and must be signed by the landowner(s). The conservation dis-

trict works closely with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to protect and conserve natural resources, primarily soil and water. Conservation practices funded with state cost share funds must be installed and maintained

according to NRCS and DOC specifications. It is necessary that landowners work closely with NRCS in the planning stage to ensure practices are applied correctly. Technical assistance for these practices is provided free of charge by the USDA. For more infor-

mation concerning state cost share programs and other available services, please contact Jim Weaver, Program Coordinator, Douglas County Conservation District (785)843-4260 ext. 1128 or by email at james.weaver@ks.nacd.net.net.

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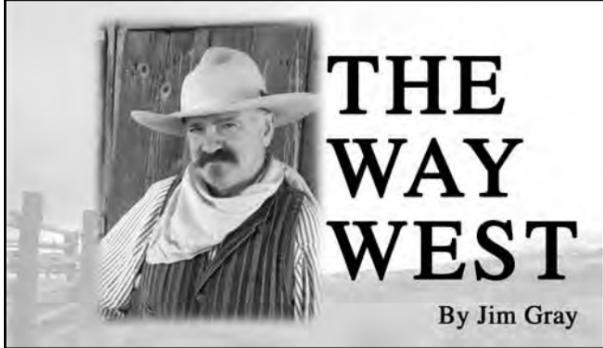


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# THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

## Riding the Pale Horse

The Blizzard of 1886 devastated cattlemen across the southern Great Plains. The great Comanche Cattle Pool extended from south central Kansas into the Cherokee Outlet south of the Kansas

wiped out. Gray's Ranch in northern Rice County suffered its own losses. Longhorn cattle piled into a low creek for protection from the wind and driving snow. The storm didn't let up until the drifting snow covered the cattle. Suffocation put an end to their suffering. Their bones, discovered in the creek bank sixty years later, were a testament to the devastation of the blizzard for a younger generation. Death swept across the plains on a pale horse of white ruin, but the destruction didn't end with the great January blizzard. A series of storms continued to pound the plains. The Smoky Hill Cattle Pool of western

Kansas was completely broken. The organization held its last meeting April 5, 1886 just as one last cruel spring storm spread across the state. The few cattle that had survived the winter suffered tremendously in the April storm. The weakened animals collapsed and died as winter begrudgingly gave way to spring. Dodge City's famous boot maker John Mueller lost his entire herd. Foul-smelling hides branded with the sign of the boot were all that was left to mark the passing of his cattle business. With so few cattle to

care for, cowboys found themselves skinning hides for a living. The Arkansas City Republican noted from an earlier piece published by the Caldwell Journal, "The bone crop being harvested now was planted winter before last. That is one crop that it takes fifteen months to raise, as the defunct yearling of last winter will not shed his hide until next winter, and hence his bones are not a marketable commodity until the following spring." Famed cattle drover Print Olive observed "The April storm killed more cattle

than all the winter storms combined. Between rustlers, lobos, and blizzards, I've lost two-fifths all the cattle I ever owned." Print's son, Billy, and his saddle pal, Dave Harrison, commenced to harvesting hides. Instead of the open air and the carefree life of a cowboy, the young men found themselves moving "...in a world of dead cattle, blood, and stench."

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# Strip-till improves soybean yield

es of the longhorn bovine. Billy and Dave rode into WaKeeney for some much needed rest and relaxation. Once they hit town the boys immediately headed for the back room in the Beem Hotel where cards, whiskey, and conversation mingled in an intimate coalition pleasure. Too much pleasure led the young cowhands, turned skinnners, into a drunken state. They paraded about town, waving their pistols in the air and as reported in the local paper, generally swearing their allegiance to Bacchus, the Carnival god of wine and revelry. Returning to the Beem Hotel, Billy found himself in an argument over cards. Kicking back his chair, he lunged to his feet, waving his pistol ominously at the supposed card cheat across the table. Dave Harrison reached for his friend to calm him. "He didn't mean to cheat you."

arrested but released on a \$1,000 bond. He and Dave both cried as Dave lay dying in his bed. Dave Harrison hung on for ten days of agony, finally dying on April 20, 1886. An Olive Ranch cowboy brought news of the death to the ranch located on the Smoky Hill River southwest of WaKeeney. The sheriff would soon arrive with a warrant for Billy's arrest. Print hid his son in the eaves of the house and when the law arrived Print advised them that Billy had already fled south to Texas. Once the lawmen were gone Billy left the ranch by another route. Sixteen months later Billy was killed in No Man's Land, a lawless strip of land south of the Kansas border, and one more rider of the pale horse was laid low on The Way West. "The Cowboy,"

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Harrison attempted to pin Billy's arms to his sides but Billy was too quick. "You stay out of this or I'll let you have it!"

A shot and a dull thud dropped young Dave Harrison to the floor. Billy was

Crop yield can be improved by ensuring adequate nutrient availability. But how should you place the fertilizer and what cropping system gives the best yields?

Research conducted by University of Illinois assistant professor of crop sciences Fabián Fernández, professor of crop sciences Emerson Nafziger, and graduate student Bhupinder Farmaha looked at how tillage, and phosphorus and potassium placement and rates, affected the distribution of soybean roots and the levels of water and nutrients in the soil.

"Strip-till produces higher yields than the no-till systems," said Fernández. "We were interested in understanding why."

In a three-year field experiment with soy following corn, they applied different rates of potassium and phosphorus in no-till broadcast (NTBC), no-till deep-band (six inches below the

planted row) (NTDB), and strip-till/deep-band (STBC). Roots and shoots along with water, phosphorus, and potassium were measured periodically in-row and at between-rows positions at various depth increments up to 16 inches.

What they found was that, when they looked below ground, root density in strip-till systems was slightly lower than for no-till broadcast systems. "Basically, the plants are putting less energy into the root systems," explained Fernández. The NTBC system probably put more stress on the plants, and the plants compensated by putting out more roots.

"When we look at the total phosphorus and potassium taken up by the plant, we see that the strip-till definitely had a more efficient system because with a smaller root system, these plants ended up with much higher nutrient levels in the plant and higher yields,"

said Fernández

Strip-till seems to provide better conditions for plant growth, including more soil water. The researchers found slightly more soil water in the strip-till than the no-till in the between-row position.

"We are not sure why that happened," said Fernández. "We cannot say whether it was due to better infiltration or if the tillage of the strip-till is allowing more water to come into the soil, but we saw it consistently."

The other question they considered was whether deep-band applications allow for improved fertilizer use efficiency – specifically, can less fertilizer be

used in deep-banding than in broadcast applications?

"We found no evidence for that," said Fernández. "It doesn't save you anything, and it might cost more to deep-band the fertilizer than to broadcast it."

The finding that strip-till works well for soybeans is important, because farmers tend to think about the system as being mainly for corn.

This research, "Distribution of Soybean Roots, Soil Water, Phosphorus and Potassium Concentrations with Broadcast and Subsurface-Band Fertilization," will be published in the May-June 2012 Soil Science Society of America Journal.

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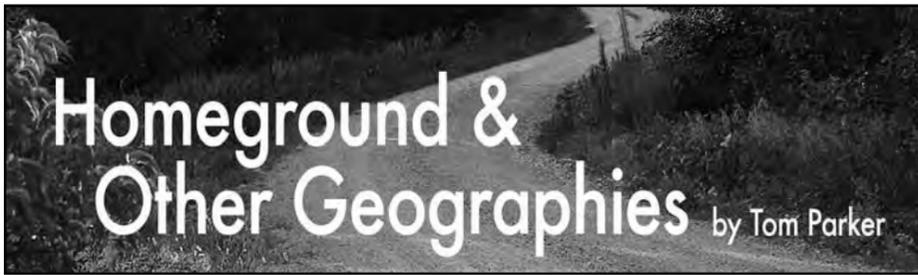
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**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** I remember the first time I met Izzy Brulez in the early 1970's. There was something about that infectious smile, his personality, his faith, and knowledge that made you remember him. They took very good care of everything they owned. They loved their farm, community, and their church. As per his wishes all proceeds are to be gifted to various charities. Plan to attend. There is something here for everyone. We appreciate you being at the auction. Refreshments available.  
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# Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

## Always a gamble

Well, I didn't cash in my winning Mega Millions lottery ticket, the one sold to an anonymous individual in northeast Kansas, the one worth something like fifty zillion dollars, or thereabouts. Enough anyway to halt all career activities and enjoy Kansas sunsets as they were meant to be, sitting at ease on a porch with a good book, a cold beer and a can of insect repellent.

I'm not sure what the odds were of winning the largest lottery prize in history, but mine were easily calculated: zero. I've always figured that my chances of winning were the same whether or not I bought a ticket, a mental state that's saved me hours of fruitless anticipation, bitter remorse and a few dollars here and there. Sure, there was that single lottery ticket we bought years ago to mark an auspicious date — an anniversary, the birth of a child, the exact reason escapes me — that turned out to be a winner of sorts: a free ticket. That the second ticket was a dud only cemented my resolve to distance myself from the lottery, or from gambling in general.

Friends who play the lottery (an incomprehensible concept of trading hard-earned cash for useless slips of paper) are quick to

point out that some of the largest jackpots were won by first-time ticket buyers, lucky souls who gambled one measly buck and reaped riches beyond imagining. And it's true, I cannot dispute the facts. But when I ask my friends how many tickets they've purchased, and how many riches they've been showered with, the conversation usually fades to an uncomfortable silence. Not always, though. One friend insists that she always breaks even, that the losses equal the winnings, more or less. If that's truly the case and not an addict's cry of denial, why bother, then? Equilibrium will take you nowhere.

Critics claim that lotteries are nothing more than regressive taxes placed on those least able to afford them or to understand their poor economic value. Sociologists, however, see lotteries as a form of rationalization in intrinsic worth, however misguided. If the entertainment value of buying a ticket — its short-term worth in anticipation, fantasy generation and hope for a better life — is satisfying enough, the cost of a lottery ticket loses its relevance. That sort of rationale works only you have the money to indulge in the gamble. If not, it's a dangerous financial folly.

I'm not immune to thoughts of getting rich, or even of risky behavior based on dubious justification. More than once I've splurged our last dime on beer or books, usually with a clear understanding of the potential consequences. The risk, the entertainment value, in the words of the sociologists, was worth it. But it isn't something I'd want to make a habit of. Eventually the odds catch up with you like Tony Soprano's goons.

According to the latest news, the Kansas winner of the Mega Millions has finally come forward. Personally, I'm relieved. Though I didn't care one way or another and indeed had only given the news cursory attention, a slight miscommunication propelled it into the forefront of my consciousness. It was on the morning of the announcement. Lori, having pulled a sixteen-hour shift before attending an eight-hour conference, was in bed when a friend called to ask if she'd checked her lottery ticket. "What lottery ticket?" I asked.

They'd each bought a ticket on the way home, the idea being that if either won they'd split the proceeds. A quick glance through the disheveled mess in Lori's purse netted nothing, so I asked the

friend if she'd written down the number.

"Sure," she said, and proceeded to read it to me.

I punched up the Mega Millions website and compared the number to the winning entry: it was identical.

My heart lurched. No way, I thought. No. Way.

I tore into Lori's purse like a madman. No ticket. Nor was a ticket in her pants pocket. In desperation, I gently shook her awake and asked for its location.

"I threw it away," she said.

"What!"

"It wasn't a winner."

"Are you sure?" I mean, she was punch-drunk, barely able to function much less decipher a string of numbers.

"I think so. I can't remember."

"Where did you throw it away?"

"At a gas station. Why?"

Afterward, after my heart had settled into its regular rhythm and my fantasies of a new house with a kitchen the size of Rhode Island had burned to ashes, I returned to my usual state of affairs. It's all a gamble, I thought, even life. Our days are filled with risks and chances. The newest is a dire warning of a tornadic outbreak scheduled for the weekend. Reading it, I was reminded of Clint Eastwood's Dirty Harry character grilling a perp on the wrong side of a .44 Magnum.

"Are you feeling lucky, punk?" Eastwood snarled.

Not particularly. Not even a little.

## Tallgrass Adult Range School to be held July 31-August 2

"The annual Tallgrass Adult Range School organized by the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition (KGLC) will be held July 31-August 2, at Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale," said Tim Christian, state coordinator for the non-profit educational group. "While the theme and agenda have not been finalized, we have a good handle on the direction and key topics to be covered by our cadre of rancher, agency, university, and organization presenters."

KGLC has set the registration fees for 2012 at \$300 per person; the same as the past two years. The fee covers course materials, lodging, meals and other related costs. The deadline for getting registered for the Tallgrass School is July 23. Eligible ranchers, managers, landowners, and students will qualify for a scholarship of \$150. Qualifying agency staff will receive \$100 off the fee. Scholarship forms are available now on the KGLC website, [www.kglc.org](http://www.kglc.org), under 2012 Range Schools on the left side navigation bar. Scholarship applications are due three days prior to registrations, or July 20. As in previous years, the scholarship funds are limited, so applying now is advisable.

KGLC has hosted the school since 2005, so there is a history of providing useful information through a quality agenda and slate of presenters. The success we enjoy today in providing such useful information to our students is that we have cultivated a reservoir of re-

spected ranchers, agency and organization staffs, and university specialists, he continued. They are able to help students make the connections between concepts, formulas, and strategies to real life applications that can be taken back to their individual ranch operations and implemented. Since 2008, 135 students have attended the three-day session.

KGLC relies on support by the Natural Resources Conservation Service; Kansas State University; Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism; Kansas Rural Center; Kansas Native Plant Society; Kansas Section of the Society for Range Management; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners Program to conduct the Tallgrass School. "And, we will be adding sponsors as the school gets nearer," said Christian.

KGLC was organized in 1991 and as a non-profit its vision is regenerating Kansas grazing lands. This is achieved through the management, economics, ecology, production, education, and technical assistance programs provided by voluntary methods to reach landowners, ranchers, and others making decisions on grazing lands. For more information on the 2012 Tallgrass Range School, contact Tim Christian, KGLC state coordinator, at 620-241-3636, email to [tdchristian@cox.net](mailto:tdchristian@cox.net), or Ken Sherraden, KGLC assistant, at 785-922-7061, email to [kennethsherraden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kennethsherraden@sbcglobal.net).

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# Canola tours scheduled in several Kansas locations

Kansas farmers will have several opportunities to get a first-hand look at canola fields and research plots in Kansas during the Canola Field Tours scheduled this spring, said Mike Stamm, K-State Research and Extension canola breeder.

"The winter canola crop looks very good this spring and we want to give producers an opportunity to see the crop growing in the field. These field tours allow canola producers and those interested in growing canola to view the crop at a time when yield potential is being determined," Stamm said.

Dates, times, locations, and topics for the tour include:

- April 27, 7:30 a.m.: Caldwell. From K-49 Hwy on the north side of Caldwell, take Avenue G west. Turn right onto Sunflower Rd. (road curves north). Sunflower Road turns west and merges with 160th

Street. Take 160th Street west to Milan Rd. Turn left (south) and drive ¾ mile to the field. Field is on the right (west) side of the road.

- April 27, 10 a.m.: Anthony. From K-2 Hwy on the north side of Anthony, take Garfield Street and drive east ½ mile.

- May 1, 8 a.m.: Lincoln. From Lincoln, drive two miles east on K-18 Hwy, take 220th Road south two miles. Turn east on Jaguar and drive 1.5 miles to 235th Road. Turn north and drive ¾ mile, then east one mile on Jewel Lane.

At the three locations above, discussions will focus on the current stage of the crop, harvest risk management, and marketing.

- May 1, 11 a.m.: Marquette. One mile west of Marquette on K-4 Hwy, turn south and take 4th Avenue one mile. Turn west on Smoky Valley Road. Drive one mile then turn

north on 3rd Avenue. Drive ¼ mile and the plot will be located on the right (east) side of the road.

- May 4, 11 a.m.: Sedgwick County Winter Canola Variety Trial. From Garden Plain, drive 5 ¼ miles north on 295th Street. Plot is on the east side of the road.

At the two locations above, discussions will focus on the current stage of the crop, harvest risk management, and marketing. In addition, those who attend can view 24 commercial winter canola varieties. At the Sedgwick County location, lunch is provided.

- May 31, 4 p.m.: K-State Southwest Research-Extension Center, Garden City. Those who attend can view 45 entries in the National Winter Canola Variety Trial and learn about today's newest and top-performing varieties.

- June 6, 7:30 a.m.: K-State North Central Exper-

iment Field, Belleville. Those who attend can view 45 entries in the National Winter Canola Variety Trial and learn about today's newest and top-performing varieties. There will also be discussions on general canola production practices, and the viability of canola as an option for north central Kansas.

The field days at Cald-

well, Anthony, Lincoln, and Marquette are part of the cooperative agreement between K-State and the USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) to promote canola production and educate growers on good farming practices and risk management. The program is titled "Promoting and Disseminating Good Farming Practices and Risk Management Education for

Winter Canola to Farmers and Ranchers in the Topeka, Kansas, RMA Region." These field days are sponsored jointly by K-State Research and Extension and the RMA.

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gal. sprayer on pull type trailer, 10ft booms, gas engine & pump (factory built); MTD Ace Hdw 5HP elect. start 24" 2 stage snow blower; Weedeater leaf blower; hand garden tools.

### FARM RELATED ITEMS (11:30 AM):

(2) 500 gal. Propane tanks 1 on skids; 114 gal propane tank for pickup; 400 gal plastic slide in water tank; 4ft x 8ft 2 wheel trailer; 1958 short bed Chev. Fleetside pickup bed trailer; many log chains up to 24 ft. long; 100 ft 1 ¼" rope new in packaging; pickup tow bar; 6 ft T posts; concrete blocks; 1" x 6" treated lumber; 20 2x4 studs (new); few pcs. oak planed lumber; other lumber & Plywood; Shop Vac; 17" fan an stand; plastic & steel barrels; extension cords; Come-along; ratchet straps; (2) pickup bed side tool boxes (new); large bolts & nuts; silicone calking; Black & Decker workmate; small table saw; Makita cordless 3/8" angle drill; wood working items; 4 wheel dollies lg & small; 30 cases oil; anti freeze; other items.

### LAWN & GARDEN ITEMS (11:00 AM):

Craftsman 19.5HP 42" cut, Hydro, riding mower; MTD 14.5HP 40" cut Hydro riding mower; many push mowers & tillers, various conditions; 10 gas weed eaters some need work; Scotts fert. spreader; 2 Homelite & Poulan chain saws; Kuker 50

### HOUSEHOLD & MISC (10:00 AM):

Haier 1.7 cu.ft. refrig/freezer (like new) 110v window air conditioner; Bissell

"Power Force" upright vacuum (VG); Spaulding "Blade" 12 spd mens bike (good); ladies Schwinn bicycle; Burley d'lite 2 wheel bike trailer w/canopy (nice); tricycle; 2 drawer pine nightstand; folding chairs; life jackets & skis; pr. oars; boat related items; electric organ; chairs; lighted Mr. & Mrs. Santa; lots of other miscellaneous items.

### ANTIQUES (Approx 1:30 PM):

Fawn 10c & 20c upright candy machine; NCR metal case model 1090 cash register w/ Dept. buttons; oak single & 4 drawer filing cabinets; large oak office desk; oak 2 drawer 3" x 5" card file; family scale; wood Coke & Pepsi cases; Story & Clark upright grand piano; 100lb. anvil w/Hammer trademark; license plates; old oil cans; Co-op E3 tractor booklet; Motorcraft parts tin sign; other tin & paper signs; cream cans; Exxon "Run with the Tiger" plastic race car w/box; other collectibles. Curtis key grinding machine & key blanks w/stand.

### TIRES (Afternoon):

25 new tires including a set of 4 Kelly Springfield P225/60R x 16"; sizes range from 13" to 16" including mud & snow; Approx 75 used tires 20" to 13"; boat trailer & mower tires.

### ITEMS SELLING APRIL 29:

#### SHOP TOOLS (1:00 PM):

Red Arrow 25 ton hyd. press; Schumacher 2/40/200 amp battery charger on wheels; HDC parts washer w/pump; 20th Century 180 Amp arc welder; Acetylene torch set; Peerless 976 Diagnostic Tune up center w/stand cart; Van Norman valve grinder; Hyd. Transmission floor jack; Air lift bumper jack; floor jack; Snap On Static Tire balancer 13" - 17" tires; Alemite on car elect. Wheel spin balancer; Snap On battery tester on stand; 1981 Packard Precision HD ½" drill press on stand; Generator growler; wheel bearing packer; elect grease guns; Hartzell 24" shop fan N 24-U; elect. hack saw; heavy 5" vise on barrel stand; bench grinders; AC gauges; other tools.

#### NEW STOCK TIEMS & PARTS (12 noon):

60 cases of oil some synthetic over 15 different companies, straight and multi viscosity; Transmission fluid; Johnson boat 2 cycle oil; 5 gal 75-80W synthetic oil; (2) 5 gal Blue EP Philube grease and MW #2 grease; Shell Quick Flush for cooling systems; Marvel Mystery oil; Anti-freeze; RV & camper anti-freeze; windshield washer fluid all types; K-seal radiator sealant; undercoating; Slick50 gas & diesel; oil treatments; "Fuel Up" tablets; Slime tire sealant; 2 ½ gal. Valvtect lead substitute; 134A frigate; Cooling flushes and conditioners; gals. Lucas gas treatment; paints; Transmission filter kits; huge selection oil & fuel filters; Lawn mower parts; ANCO wiper blades w/holder; Gates belts & hoses; air filters; light bulbs for cars; cars fuses w/ cabinet; spark plugs; New & rebuilt water pumps, alternators and generators; starters new & rebuilt; bearing seals; Ignition parts and wiring; 4 Dodge "Ram" truck chrome wheel center caps (new); exhaust pipe adaptors; clamps; Dayco vacuum hose & fuel line display; voltage regulators 1940-60's; air conditioner parts and hoses; 40 mechanical

fuel pumps; brake pads; Thrush turbo muffler; other new car parts.

#### SHOP & STORE ITEMS:

30 Motors & Chilton manuals; Repair manuals 1930-90's; Motor spec. guides 1980-2005; 5 battery racks; upright spin type display; bags of oil dry; Shop Vac; rolls of wiring various gauges; wireless elect. connectors & terminals; metric bolts & nuts; ½" bolts; Dyna systems 4 drawer cabinet with key stock, O-rings, cotter keys and stove bolts; (new) 1972 Chev. Pickup radiator; hose clamps; many other pieces.

#### USED PARTS (10:00 AM):

Chev 305 V8 engine w/turbo 350 transmission (less carb); 1979 Chev Monza V6 3.8L engine rebuilt; 283 V8 engine complete less 2 barrel carb; Chev 409 bare head 425HP; 1973 350 V8 Chev 4 bolt main block; bare Chev 400 V8 block; 1969 350 V8 4 bolt main short block; 1979 Impala 12 bolt rear end; 396 V8 Chev block short deck 1968-69; 350 Chev V8 Edelbrock 4 barrel intake, mild cam, Turbo 350 auto transmission (missing some parts); pr. of 2.02 intake Chev sm block V8 heads; set of 1969 Chevelle ladder type traction bars; lots used 1995 LeSabre Buick parts including alum wheels; 2 sets 15"1995 Jeep wheels (like new); 4 Ford



Rally 15" wheels w/good tires; lots of small bbck Chev parts; alum. 4 barrel small block Chevy intake; 2 (1972) Carter AFB Competition 4 barrel carbs; lots of used carbs.; very large selection of wheels & hubcaps many sets, some aluminum; set of 409 Chev Headers fender well exit; set small block headers for 1979 Chev 350 pickup; old car radios; Crankshafts Chev 383, 283, one steel crank; TRW TP246 TRW small Chev camshaft; many other used parts.

**AUCTION NOTE:** Very large auction. John has decided to retire and offer his treasures to others. To view photos go to [ksallink.com](http://ksallink.com) and click on Marketplace and then auctions or go to [kansasauctions.net](http://kansasauctions.net). Lunch available. Sales tax will be assessed.

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# GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled

April 17 — Saline County cropland at Salina for Marion Chopp Trust. Auctioneers: Omlis & 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 — Assets from a Dairy Queen, trailer, cars, gas engines, tools, Coca Cola memorabilia & more at McPherson for KDOR Tax Asset Seizure. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.

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 Antiques. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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

April 21 — Cars, lawn & garden, jewelry, coins, collectibles, glassware, artwork, furniture, appliances & misc. at Lawrence for combined estates. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

April 21 — Coins at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction.

April 21 — Watercraft auction, boats, jet skis RVs, boat trailers at Wichita. Auctioneers: Watercraft Auctions, Newcom auction.

April 21 — Tractor, equipment, pickup, jet skis, trailer, riding mower, tillers, go karts, power & hand tools, misc. household & misc. at Princeton for Dale and Nancy Gillogly. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

April 21 — Furniture, sports items, general school items for contents of Emmett School, City of Emmett. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

April 21 — Coins & guns at Sabetha for Richard Massieon Estate (estate from KC). Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

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. Auction-

## AUCTION

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28 — 10:00 AM**

Auction will be held at the farm located at 3177 S. Ohio — SALINA, KANSAS

<p><b>TRACTORS &amp; MACHINERY</b> 1955 John Deere 70 diesel tractor, wide front, 3 pt w/quick attach, new rear tires, restored; 1947 John Deere B tractor restored; John Deere A tractor restored new tires; JD 6 row 1250 pull planter 30" rows; JD 1450 semi mount 4-16 semi mount plow; Big Ox 3 pt. 8' blade; JD 407 Gyromor pull type mower; JD 3-14 pull type plow; 2 John Deere 2-14 pull type plows; 2 row pull type planter; combine bin on wheels; Good Roads Machinery 4 wheel road grader; double box wagon on 4 wheel running gear good; single disc; other machinery for iron.</p>	<p><b>TRUCK, CAR &amp; BOAT</b> 1959 Desoto Fireflite 4 door car, good condition 61,800 miles; 1952 Dodge 1 1/2 ton truck, flat head 6 cy, 4 speed, 14,000 actual miles, good condition; Invader fiberglass boat w/trailer 80 hp Mercury motor.</p>	<p>Durcraft chop saw; Sears battery charger; Craftsman 10" cutoff saw; Craftsman 10" table saw; Craftsman router crafter; table drill press; wood workers tools; 2 ton air floor jack; CP table saw; space heater; acc torches; gas power washer; assortment hand tools; jacks; chains; boomers; ladders; pickup tool box; 2 wheel trailer mover; 300 gal fuel barrel; assortment used lumber; wooden seed cleaner; wooden washing machine; David Bradley cultivator w/gas engine; Wheelhorse 1 wheel cultivator; bicycles; older electric motors; asst. iron; asst of household items; household furniture; asst. of other items.</p>
<p><b>LAWN MOWER, TOOLS &amp; HOUSEHOLD</b> John Deere 322 riding lawn mower w/hydraulic; 24" 3 pt. tiller w/5 hp gas engine; Fimco yard sprayer; 6' x 8' 2 wheel metal trailer w/winch; 2 wheel wood lawn trailer; 1958 Chev pickup box 2 wheel trailer; 110 gal fuel tank; Coleman generator; Lincoln ACDC welder; Craftsman twin cy portable air compressor; Makita chop saw;</p>		

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## REAL ESTATE AUCTION

### TWO PROPERTIES

The following two properties will be auctioned on  
**Saturday, May 5, 2012 • 10:00 a.m.**  
Location: 101 N. Colorado Ave., Beverly, Kansas

**Property #1**

Beautiful Ranch Style Brick Home, built in 1977, by Altman Construction, approximately 1768 sq. ft, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, with an attached 2 car garage. Home features recessed lighting, oak woodwork, slate floor entry, Pella windows, brick fireplace with gas lighter & fan, large attic exhaust fan, pantry, lots of storage, patio with brick floor & wall, an underground sprinkler system hooked to a private well and two 8' x 10' storage sheds. Appliances included are a Maytag washer & dryer, side by side refrigerator with water & ice dispenser, Jenn Air range with grill-griddle, dishwasher, trash compactor, water distiller piped to sink & refrigerator, and water softener. Recent upgrades include remodeled Kitchen including new sink, 2010; Bath with roll in shower, 2007; and new furnace & A/C, 2004.  
**Legal Description:** Lots Ten (10) and Twelve (12), in Block Eighteen (18), City of Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas.  
**TAXES FOR 2011:** \$1,841.64

**Seller: Joan E. Morton**

**Property #2**

A 75' x 142' parcel of land located directly across the street of Property #1 to the South, includes a 23' x 60' manufactured home, with central heat & A/C and carport. Also includes a 24' x 36' metal building with tin sides and cement floor, a 9' 10" overhead door and 1 walk-in door.

**Seller: Morton Farm, Inc.**

**Legal Description:** All of Lot Two (2) and the North Twenty-five Feet (N25') of Lot Four (4), all in block Thirty-One (31), in the City of Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas.  
**TAXES FOR 2011:** \$894.40.  
**TERMS ON PROPERTY:** 10% down day of auction and signed sales agreement. Balance due in certified funds at closing on or before June 30, 2012, upon merchantable title. Properties sold in "as-is" condition. No warranties express or implied by Auction Company or Sellers. Inspections, including lead paint inspections, will be the responsibility of all interested Buyers prior to the auction. Title Insurance shared equally between Buyer and Seller. 2011 and preceding years' taxes paid by Seller. 2012 taxes will be prorated as of date of closing between seller and buyer. Statements made the day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

## SELLERS: JOAN MORTON & MORTON FARM, INC.

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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 Wisheropp.

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

April 25 — Tractors, harvest equip., trucks, vehicles, trailers, tillage & haying equipment, fertilizer & chemical equipment, livestock & irrigation equipment, home, skidsteer & attachments online (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

April 28 — JD tractors, truck, car, farm equip., house, barns, garage, household furniture, pictures, antiques, collectibles, memorabilia at Overland Park for Brulez Family. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb & Associates.

April 28 — Coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift N

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April 28 — Tractor, implements, antiques, collectibles, Depression glass, pottery, crocks, furniture, Indian pottery, household, tools, farm equipment at Washington for Vernon Graham Estate. Auctioneers: Mark Uhlik.

April 28 — Tractors, heads, construction equipment, trucks, trailers, fuel tanks, fertilizer storage tanks, grain storage at Woonsocket, SD and online (www.gehlinglive.com). Auctioneers: Gehling Auction, Inc.

April 28 — Farm auction, implements, hay & cattle equipment at Hiawatha for Liz Mathewson & the late Tom Mathewson. Auctioneers: Howard Auction Service.

April 28 — Tools, truck, high wheel wagon, collectibles & furniture at Blue Rapids for Dean & Jeanie Moser. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

April 28 — Horse & farm equipment at Manhattan for Paul Bosch Farms. Auctioneers: Jeff Ruckert.

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 — Farm equipment at Leon. Auctioneers: United Country National Realty & Auction.

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: motorcycle, woodworking tools,

furniture & more at Asaria for Loren & Rose Jean Loucks Trust. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

April 28 — Tools, furniture & miscellaneous at Junction City for Vickie Samples & the late Danny Samples. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

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 — Machinery, trucks, mower, 4 wheeler ATV, stock trailers, trailers, hay in shed, cattle equipment, guns & misc. W. of Marysville for Dennis Gallagher & Lori Stohs (the late Bob Stohs). Auctioneers: Don Prell Realty & Auction.

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

April 30 — Butler County land at Leon. Auctioneers: United Country National Realty & Auction.

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 1 — Pottawatomie County horse property at St. George for Jeanne M.

O'Neal. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 3 — Pottawatomie County irrigated farm ground at Wamego for Edna Mae Peddicord Trust. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 3 — Dickinson County pasture & CRP at Abilene for James Donnelly Estate. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

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

May 5 — Real estate & personal property at Manhattan for Sara Guillen Estate. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

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 Ivalo Bisping. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty Service.

May 5 — Farm equipment, tools, vehicles & more at Gypsum for Weller Farms. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

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

May 5 — Marshall County property at Frankfort for Kennedy Family. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan

Realty & Auction Co.

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

May 6 — Auction at Lawrence for Ivan Percival. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

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

May 8 — Real estate, 3 bedroom home, guest house at Riley for Piper Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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 10 — Gray County native grass & Cropland at Cimarron for Renick Farms. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company, Inc.

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 20 — Auction at Lawrence for Tim Thurman. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

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

June 2 — Auction at Lawrence for Lance Burr. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

June 9 — Auction at DeSoto for Larry & Brenda West. Auctioneers: Elston 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.

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## Collected Tidbits

Hector, a Colombian, married an American lady from Reno and became a citizen. One evening on the way home from a party they were pulled over. "Just a routine check, sir," the officer explained, "For driving under the influence." Hector walked the line, no problem. For the next test, as Hector understood it, was to '...take a blow' on the back of the officer's hand.

"How hard?" asked Hector, puzzled. "As hard as you can," directed the law. Hector told me he took a deep breath, reared back and hit the officer's outstretched hand so hard his handcuffs jingled!

An old-timer came to help us pregnancy test last fall. He stood on the cat-

walk and helped push' em in. I asked him if he didn't get tired of doin' this. He said, "Son, when workin' cows becomes a chore, I guess I'll know I'm done."

When I look at the new cuts of tender lean meat, betterbeefsales.org and weaning calves bringing \$2.50 a pound, I'm thinkin' how 'bout a \$3 checkoff!

Unemployment in the state of Colorado is 8.3%. Last year the state paid many millions in unemployment checks. A Colorado produce grower reported that increased scrutiny on illegal aliens and red tape by the immigration department has depleted his supply of Mexican-born laborers. Last year he had to leave 10% of his vegetable crop unharvested, costing

him \$150,000. Asked about American workers he explained, "...Only 10% are credible candidates and they seldom last through the season." So much for the idea that we Americans are a proud, self-supporting, hard-working people.

A gentleman at a traffic stop in New Mexico was approached by a homeless man. The driver tried to wave the panhandler away

but he shook his head and pointed to the front bumper. The driver rolled his window down and heard the homeless man say, "No! I have something for you. Your license about supporting cancer relief... I had lung cancer. I'm alive because of them!" Then he pulled out a wrinkled dollar bill and gave it to the driver. Hope, where it wasn't expected.

The Food Network's "Top Chef" promotes horsemeat as a "healthy choice." France agrees.

A columnist reported of an isolated outback Australian ranch that suffered through nine years of drought. When it finally rained, it flooded the lake next to the house and the kids water-skied for the next nine months! Concluded the columnist, "I guess

the hardest thing to decide is when to buy a boat."

A quote from Congress' Minority Whip, "86% of the public thinks we're not worth a warm bucket of spit." What?! Only 86%?!

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