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Lyons-Blythe named America's Farmers Mom of the Year

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Mother's Day 2012 is one Debbie Lyons-Blythe isn't likely to forget anytime soon. Along with traditional Mother's Day activities, she watched as her son Trent graduated from high school, then later learned that she had been named Monsanto's America's Farmers Mom of the Year.

Debbie's ability to seamlessly combine two of her passions – her family and cattle ranching – led to her being nominated for the award twice, once by her aunt, Mary Ferguson, then again by her children. She knew her aunt had nominated her, but it wasn't until she received the notification that she'd won that she learned her children had done so as well, having been encouraged by their father, Duane. "That has special meaning," she said. "Because that's my family that I work with every single day saying they support what I do."

Along with managing the family's registered Angus herd, the White City wife and mother of five also serves on the board of directors for Kansas Livestock Association and National Cattlemen's Beef Association and is an active member of the American Angus Association. She artificially inseminates their 250 cows and has started a commercial heifer development program which involves AI'ing another 300 heifers.

The family lives on the place that was homesteaded by Duane's grandparents. His grandfather, L.J. Blythe was a state representative and ran a good-sized Hereford operation. "Duane had a commercial cow herd," Lyons-Blythe said. "When we got married I brought my cows and a black bull and we've been Angus ever since."

She said the conversion wasn't met with any real opposition, but joked, "Duane said his grandfather would probably roll over in his grave if he knew."

The couple had five children in four and a half years, and from an early age they were alongside their mother as she went about her work on the ranch. "At one point I had four kids in car seats, and we had a pickup that I could strap the four seats in and they would go with me to check pasture and do whatever it took," she recalled. "I put the twins in their car seats in the swather with me. Two car seats fit in a swather pretty well!"

"They have been there for every part of raising cattle since they were born," she continued. "I just took a playpen out in the barn and let them be in there to be safe and just kept going. They seemed to love it."

And it seems they still do. The three boys, Trent and twins Eric and Tyler, work hard each day on the farm. "They're cutting hay right now," she said. "Honestly I haven't done a lot of that the last couple of years because the kids are really good at it and like doing it." The two girls, Meghan and Allie, are students at Kansas State University, but return home to help when needed.

Lyons-Blythe has learned first-hand what generations before her also knew. "Being a farm mom is one of the hardest things – it's not an easy job. But it's probably one of the best, most satisfying jobs there is," she asserted. "I think Monsanto is doing a great job of highlighting farm moms. Women have always been involved in agriculture, we've always been milking the cows, working in the field and keeping dinner on the table. All of those things have been our jobs, but we've not always been spotlighted."

She is quick to point out that it's not a spotlight on herself that she desires. "I'm really humbled by this because there are so many thousands of women that do this. I don't know how they would have selected one individual. I think it's awesome to be able to shine the light on what women are involved with in agriculture."

Once the five regional winners were chosen from all of the nominations Monsanto received, their profiles were posted online from May 1 to May 12 and people were given the opportunity to vote for the winner. "I've been amazed at the number of people that have said, 'I voted for you.'



The Blythe children nominated their mother, Debbie Lyons-Blythe, in Monsanto's America's Farmers Mom of the Year contest. "Not only did Mom give us her eye color and smile, she shared with us her values and love of agriculture," they wrote in their nomination. "She raised us five kids alongside her in the truck checking pastures, sorting cattle and selling bulls." The family includes, from left: Allie, Tyler, Debbie, Duane, Trent, Eric (kneeling with Roo the Cowdog) and Meghan.

I was really honored to see all that local support and people who stepped up to spread the word," Lyons-Blythe said.

Her goal is to continue to shine that light on an even larger number of women. "I think the other four nominees are pretty awesome and have really neat stories to tell," she said. "You know, everyone has a story to tell. They've (Monsanto) offered me some speaking opportunities and things like that, so I'm going to try to tell more stories than just my own."

Telling stories, particularly the stories of agriculture are important to Lyons-Blythe. "We had relatives that were one generation removed from being raised on the farm and they had questions about things I thought they knew and understood. I realized then we can't just expect people to understand."

So three years ago she began writing a blog, *Life On a Kansas Cattle Ranch*, and is determined that it not just be preaching to the choir. "Frankly, I don't spend a whole lot of time on it talking to like-minded people," she said. "I want to talk to consumers. I have cultivated my audience and work hard to connect with people that I want my audience to be." She admits that it's much easier to just talk to the ranching community

who already understands the issues. "But it's really important that we reach out and work really hard to get it out to the other communities."

"That's more work that writing the blog, because I'm a writer and that's easy for me. I can write a blog post in ten minutes, but then I'll spend an hour promoting it to the right circles that I want to read it."

That's where her ability to multi-task comes in handy. "That's one thing that I like to do on the tractor. I'll write a blog post before I go out or early in the morning, and then I'll promote it on the tractor with my phone. I'll have the link and while the bale's wrapping, I'll be tweeting or writing a Facebook post or emailing it around."

"My goal is that a mom from Denver or St. Louis will read this, then when they hear something like the Lean Finely Trimmed Beef story, they'll remember what they read. I feel like if even one or two moms read a blog and accept or appreciate it, I've succeeded."

For being a regional winner, Lyons-Blythe received a \$5,000 prize, and was awarded another \$5,000 as the national winner. Along with buying a new tube for the kids to pull behind their boat, she is hoping the prize money can be used to build

a shed over her working chute. "We've talked about it for years, so maybe this will be the impetus to finally get it done," she said. She is also planning to work with the community on a

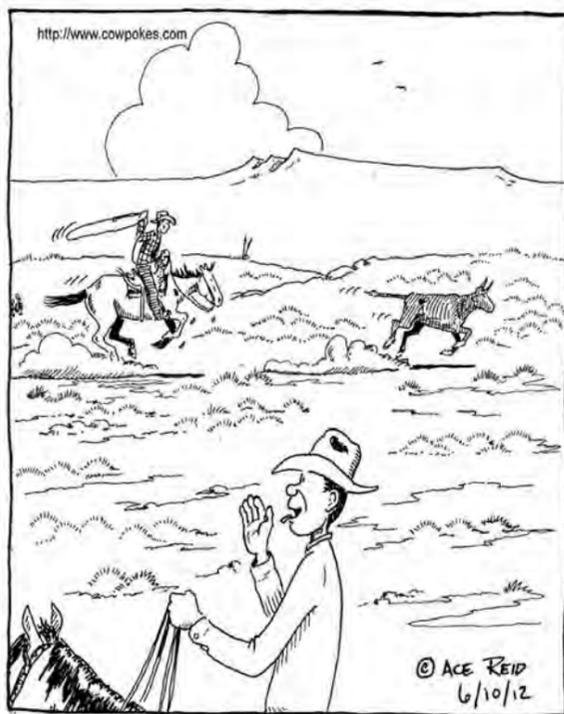
project for the town of White City that she hopes to announce in a couple of weeks. "I really want to give back to our little community that helped me raise my kids," she reflected.



While she loves being outdoors tending the cattle her children wrote that Debbie also loves hosting cookouts and family gatherings on their ranch.

COWPOKES®

By Ace Reid



"Jake if you can't catch 'im, write 'im a letter that you're comin'!"

KDA announces agriculture photo contest

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) is hosting a photo contest through June 30, 2012. KDA is asking Kansans to submit photographs that display all aspects of Kansas agriculture, from the scenic landscapes and livestock to the machinery and small to large-scale agriculture facilities.

KDA is not only looking for scenic photos but also pictures of Kansas agriculture at work. Examples include crops and machinery in the field, feed yards, people working livestock, feed mills, processing plants, crop harvesting, and other agriculture businesses and activities.

The categories for the competition are youth, adult, professional and KDA employees. The youth category is open to individuals who were 18 years old or younger on January 1, 2012. Individuals aged 19 and older as of January 1, 2012 fill the adult category unless they are professional photographers. A professional is someone who makes a substantial amount of their living taking photographs.

The photographer of the winning photo in each category will receive

\$100 gift cards. Photographers of the runner-up photos in each category will receive \$50 gift cards. Individuals may submit more than one photo if they desire to do so.

"Kansas is as green now as it gets," said Kansas secretary of agriculture Dale Rodman. "This is a great opportunity to go out and capture what a beautiful and functional agricultural state we live in."

Contest entries will be used on international trips to give people around the world an idea of what Kansas agriculture looks like. The photos will also be used on the www.ksda.gov website, in publications, on social media and shared with other Kansas agriculture groups.

Photo entries should be sent in .jpg format to PhotoContest@kda.ks.gov. Entries should include:

A title and brief description of each photo

When and where the photo was taken

Photographer's full name
Photographer category
(youth/adult/professional or KDA employee)

Hometown
Email address

Alternatively, CDs containing photo files and accompanied by all of the required information may be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Kansas Department of Agriculture Attn.: Communications 109 SW 9th St., 4th Floor, Topeka, KS 66612

Photos must be submitted no later than midnight on Saturday, June 30, 2012. Winners will be announced by July 31, 2012.

In submitting photos, the photographer gives the Kansas Department of Agriculture permission to use them in any publications, social media, websites, displays, and other places without payment or other consideration. Additionally, by submitting a photo that includes human subjects, the photographer is indicating they have obtained full permission from those subjects for the photograph to be used in these manners as well.

If you have any questions about the competition, contact KDA communications director Chelsea Good at chelsea.good@kda.ks.gov or 785-296-2653.

DUST ON THE DASHBOARD

by Glenn Brunkow



We need rain, and I am worried that we are in the beginning of a drought. Why, you ask? Well last weekend I saw a turtle crossing the road, the cows were bunched up in the corner of the pasture and my daughter had a softball tournament and it didn't rain. Each of those signs usually mean rain and all together they should add up to a gully washer, and we got nothing.

Things are starting to get desperate, and desperate times call for desperate measures. We need some rain and we need it now. But never fear, I have a plan to make it rain. However, I am going to need your help in making the precipitation come our way.

First of all, I want everyone to go out and wash your car(s) and let's not just stop with washing them, let's give them a wax job too. Then come home and leave the windows down, all the windows. If you own a pickup make sure and leave either feed or seed in the back.

Leave all the windows in your house open. Better yet, make sure you leave them open with something that you cannot get wet next to them. Shampoo the carpets and mop the linoleum. Next, wash every bit of clothes you can and hang it all out on the clothesline to dry. Then we all need to leave for the day with no way to get home in a hurry. Mow all the hay you can down, more than you possibly could bale in one day. Make sure you fix every flood gap you own or rent. Schedule the custom cutter to start on your wheat and plan to move cattle or gather them on the worst mud road you know of. The day before drive every piece of machinery you own and leave it out in the field, or at very least pull it out of the shed and leave it sitting outside.

For good measure schedule several outdoor weddings, ball tournaments and a couple of track

meets on the same day. All of these events need to have no back-up plans, non-refundable deposits and no rain dates. Be sure to pre-order the food and set up the day before, for good measure.

Will this work? You know what they say about the success of a rain dance. It is all dependant on timing. Dad is always reminding me that you plant your crops and hope for the best. There are many things you can't control in agriculture and the weather is number one on that list. But that does not stop any of us from worrying about it.

I know this will be hard to coordinate, but I also know that all farmers and rancher religiously watch the weather. In fact, I make it a point to watch two different weather forecasts on TV, listen to one on the radio and check three different sites on the internet and average the information. This gives me the right forecast about 10% of the time. Just last week, I drained the battery on my phone watching the rain miss us on the radar.

I also know that very soon we will be complaining about the rain. Mud will be everywhere and we will not be able to get anything done (I can't wait). The flood gaps will be placed and replaced twice each week and the hay will get moldy. We farmers and ranchers are fickle people who are hard to please. We seem to always be complaining about too much or too little rain.

However, right now we are complaining about too little rain and, honestly, things are getting desperate. But if you follow my lead it will start raining. After all, I have an ace up my sleeve. What is it? Well, I write these columns a week ahead, so I figure by the time you read this we will all have had three or four inches of rain. If not, maybe we need to buy some camels and plant some cactus.

Sec. Rodman recognized as Kansas State University College of Agriculture Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus

The Kansas State University College of Agriculture Alumni Association has selected Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Dale Rodman as the recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The college alumni association recognized Rodman at a reception on Saturday, May 5, and the New Graduate and Alumni Dinner that followed the reception.

The annual College of Agriculture Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award honors alumni who personify the College's tradition of excellence — bringing distinction to themselves and to K-State through their outstanding achievements. Nominees are individuals who excel in career accomplishments, contributions to their community, service to society and service to the university.

Rodman received his bachelor's degree from the K-State College of Agriculture in Feed Science and Management in 1963. Following graduation, he worked for Cargill Inc. for 37 years in various management positions. Rodman also served as president of Tramco Inc., a manufacturer of dry bulk conveying systems based in Wichita. He has lived in Europe and Asia and worked in more than 30 countries. In the 1990s, he worked with then-Secretary of Agriculture Sam Brownback as a member of an agricultural advisory board.

Rodman left retirement at the request of Gov. Brownback in 2011 to serve as the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture.

He and his wife, Ronda, live in Topeka. They have two children, Thomas Rodman and Chantel Mandel, and four grandchildren. His granddaughter, Payden, is a freshman at K-State.



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Think of land price as bushels of corn, MU economist tells Breimyer Seminar

To help farmers decide how much debt farmland can support, Joe Horner asks them to calculate payments not in dollars but in bushels of corn. That may surprise some on how cheap land has become.

Horner led those at the 2012 Breimyer Seminar through his way of thinking about how much mortgage payment a farm can absorb.

The University of Missouri seminar on land prices reminded Horner of his days in a county Extension office.

"Impossible-to-answer questions came in the front door," he recalls. "What's a farm worth?"

Now Horner is an agricultural economist with MU Extension in Columbia. He tackles those questions as if he were working across the kitchen table with a farmer.

Land-price questions require individual decisions, he says. Not all land is created equal. The same answer won't fit everyone.

Every speaker at the seminar recalled the land-price boom of the 1970s — and the land-price bust of the 1980s. Horner doesn't see much similarity in recent rapid increases in land prices.

He showed the changing value in the Missouri corn and soybean crop. In 1970, the combined corn-soybean value was \$500 million. In 2011, combined value shot up to \$4.5 billion.

"A whole lot more money popped up out in rural Missouri just in the last five years," he says. "You see a lot of new grain bins, bigger tractors and more combines. But you can only buy so much new equipment."

Land becomes an asset for investment, but he noted that there's not much land changing hands. When land becomes available, several bidders are waiting. Expect prices to increase.

"When reading news of high land prices, just remember, we are not Iowa," he says.

Horner notes that farmers' debt-to-asset ratios have dropped steadily since the farm crisis of the 1980s. Now, most farmers are on solid financial footing, unlike in the land rush of the 1970s.

"It's hard to accumulate debt when assets are piling up," Horner says.

On average, debt accounts for about 13 percent of farm assets today. In 1977, debts accounted for 20 percent of farm assets.

Land does represent the biggest share of farm debt, however. The land debt runs about 55 percent of all farm debt, according to recent reports.

The answer to how much debt farmland will support varies from farm to farm. Land on hills may be better suited for grass for cows, while river bottoms are best for corn and

soybeans. Cash flow will be different for each farm.

Another variable: Value of corn and beans changed dramatically over the last 50 years.

To help farmers decide how much land can be worth, Horner converts land price from dollars to bushels of corn.

His chart shows that in 1980, mortgage payment took 80 percent of the gross corn income from an acre. Last year, with record yields and prices, land payments dropped to 35 percent of corn gross.

Rush out and buy high-priced land, right? It's easy to pay for in bushels of corn.

Horner the economist showed his other hand. He asked, "What price will you put on that bushel of corn?"

Possibilities are a historic average for 50 years, the 2011 price, last month's price or the FAPRI baseline price for 10 years ahead. They all differ.

While commodity prices may vary, production costs continue upward.

"Reality isn't always clear," Horner says. Learning the capital debt-repayment capacity requires a serious look at each farm's ability to generate cash.

Horner took the group through his budget, based on prices of \$4.50 a bushel for corn and \$9 for soybeans. "This is how I'd help a farmer work

through this," he said.

In his calculations, Horner added no off-farm income to the budget. He recalls that in the 1980s income from a spouse made it possible for farms to survive. But with changes in prices, that \$20,000 income might not carry much weight.

Working through his budget, assuming a corn-soy rotation with his \$4.50 and \$9 prices — with no ex-

travagant family living — he maxed out at about \$200 per acre per year to service debt. That includes \$100 for non-land debt. But only \$100 is available for the mortgage.

While Horner remains optimistic, he adds caution in his advice to farmers. "This could be another bell-ringing year." But, he admits, "It is easier to look back than to look forward."

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: N E 1/4 34-8-6 Mitchell Co. Kansas.

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pond. There is a 1/4 mile new fence in 2010. Concrete slab in pasture w/electric & water.

POSSESSION: Possession of the home, kennel & building will be upon closing. Possession of the 36 acres of wheat will be after 2012 wheat harvest. Seller will keep the landlord's share of the wheat. Possession of the 71 acres of milo will be after 2012 milo harvest. Purchaser will receive 40% landlord's share of milo crop. Purchaser will pay seller the fertilizer & chemical cost at closing. Possession of grass will be upon closing.

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This farm has it all, good income crop land, CRP w/great bird hunting, grass pasture and pond for dove hunting. Great Home, new metal buildings and garage w/utilities. The farm was featured in Pheasants Forever National magazine spring counts at this farm are off the chart. Brome conversion to forbs and native grasses and food plots are almost complete. The farm has been under a PF management plan for 3 years, the bird hunting is unbelievable. With cropland, CRP and grasslands and pond wild game abounds.

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Winner Linda Downie, Topeka, Shares Winning Recipe For Grass & Grain Contest

Winner Linda Downie, Topeka: "The brown sugar in this pie really makes a great difference. I have made this for years!"

BLUEBERRY PIE

- 2 1/4 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups blueberries
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Pastry for 2-crust 9-inch pie
- 1 tablespoon butter

Combine tapioca, sugars, salt, blueberries and lemon juice; let stand for 15 minutes or while preparing crust. Fill pie shell with berry mixture and dot with butter. Top with top crust. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 45 minutes or until top is browned.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

FRESH STRAWBERRY PIE

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 4 teaspoons strawberry gelatin
- 1 quart strawberries, sliced
- 9-inch baked pie shell or graham cracker crust
- Whipped topping

Combine water, sugar and cornstarch and boil until thick and clear. Add gelatin. Stir and cool. Pour

over strawberries. Put in pie shell. Cool. Serve with whipped topping.

Lois Lahodny, Belleville: "I found this recipe in a Farmer's Handbook and Almanac. It was published in 1945."

CORNFLAKE BRITTLE

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

2 cups cornflakes

Mix sugar, brown sugar, corn syrup and water in a saucepan and cook without stirring until brittle when tested in cold water. Remove from heat and add butter, salt and cornflakes. Mix as little as possible and pour into thin log on buttered pan. When cold break into pieces.

Mary Rogers, Topeka: COFFEE CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup butter
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 can cherry pie filling

Combine sugar, butter, flour and baking powder in a bowl; mix well with a mixer. Mixture will be crumbly; set aside 1 cup for topping. Beat eggs and milk and stir into mixture in mixing bowl. Pour into lightly greased 9-by-9-inch pan. Spread pie filling over top, sprinkle with reserved topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, until golden.

Wayne Conger, Tecumseh: MAPLE PORK TENDERLOINS

- 1 teaspoon thyme

- 1/2 teaspoon marjoram
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 1/2-pound pork tenderloin, cut into 1/2-inch slices

Combine all ingredients except pork in ziploc bag and mix. Add pork slices, close bag, turn to coat and refrigerate 1-2 hours. Remove pork from bag, discard marinade. Cook in skillet for about 7-12 minutes. Brush with more maple syrup if desired and serve.

Mary Hedberg, Clifton: "This is real good." REAL DELICIOUS COFFEE CAKE

- 1/2 cup oleo
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup cream
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Topping:
 - 1/3 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup white sugar
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1 cup chopped pecans

- 1 cup butter brickle toffee chips
- Mix oleo, sugar, eggs, vanilla, cream, flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Spread half of the batter into a 9-by-13-inch pan. Combine topping ingredients and sprinkle half of topping on then layer with rest of batter. Top with the topping. Bake at 345 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes.

NOTE: Can also add 1 cup chopped pecans to batter.

Melissa Byrd, Independence, Mo.: SOFT TACO CASSEROLE

- 1 pound ground beef, browned & drained

- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 cup salsa
- 1/2 cup milk
- 8 1/2-ounce can peas & carrots, drained
- (7) 6-inch corn tortillas, cut into 1-inch squares
- 1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 cup shredded cheese, divided

Combine all ingredients except 1/2 cup cheese; spread in a 2-quart casserole dish sprayed with non-stick spray. Cover and bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes or until hot. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and let stand until cheese melts.

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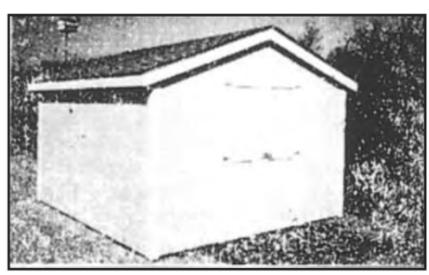


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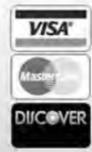


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Nutritious Snack Choices For Get-Up-And-Go

(NAPSA) — A nutritious snack can be a smart way to provide kids with the energy needed for busy days — and the right snack may also help them maintain a healthy weight.

"Choosing nutrient-rich snacks can be a great way to maintain energy between meals," says Sherry Coleman Collins, registered dietitian.

For example, peanuts can provide a welcome alternative to sugar and nutrient-deficient snacks. Preliminary research suggests that peanuts may help people feel full, which may help moderate appetite.

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Try this tasty recipe.

Get-Up-and-Go

Peanut Crunch Bars

Serves 12

2 cups GoLean Cereal (or other high-fiber cereal)
4 ounces peanuts, dry roasted with salt, all types
1/4 cup cranberries, sweet-

ened, dried
1/4 cup blueberries, dried
1/3 cup honey, strained or extracted
1/4 cup peanut butter, smooth
1 tablespoon brown sugar, packed
2 tablespoons peanut flour, defatted (optional)

Prepare an 8-inch square dish by lightly spraying with nonstick spray or lining with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, mix cereal with peanuts, cranberries and blueberries and set aside. Stir together honey, peanut butter, brown sugar and peanut flour (if using) in a microwave-safe bowl. Heat in 30-second increments, stirring in between, until the mixture is combined and pourable. All at once, add honey and peanut butter mixture to dry ingredients, stirring quickly to combine. Pour this mixture into the prepared pan, pressing into the pan with a silicone or lightly oiled spatula, and let cool completely. Once set up, turn out on a cutting board and cut into 12 equal-sized bars.

Nutrition Facts: Serving Size: 1 serving 40.5g, Calories 170, Calories from Fat 70, Total Fat 8g, Saturated Fat 1g, Trans Fat 0g, Cholesterol 0mg, Sodium 120mg, Total Carbohydrate 22g, Dietary Fiber 3g, Sugars 14g, Protein 6g.

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New Cookbook Unlocks The Secrets Of Smoke Cooking

(NAPSA) — New York Times best-selling author Jamie Purviance wants to teach grillers that smoke cooking doesn't have to be complicated or intimidating with his latest cookbook, "Weber's Smoke — A Guide to Smoke Cooking for Everyone and Any Grill."

"Smoke cooking can seem overwhelming to many people—even experienced grillers," said Purviance. "Our goal is to take the mystery out of smoke cooking and walk people through every step—from setting up their grill to adding the best kind of smoke at the right times."

A few of Purviance's insider secrets include:

- **Go Low and Slow** (Most of the Time). Real barbecue is cooked slowly over low, indirect heat, but don't miss easy opportunities for adding sweet wood aromas to foods that are grilled over a hot fire for just minutes, like steaks, shrimp and vegetables.

- **White Smoke Is Good; Black Smoke Is Bad.** Clean streams of whitish smoke can layer your food with the intoxicating scents of smoldering wood. But if your fire lacks enough ventilation, or your food is directly over the fire and the juices are burning, blackish smoke can taint your food or lead to unpleasant surprises

when you lift the lid.

- **Keep the Air Moving.** Keep the vent on the top of your grill open at least halfway. The open vent will draw smoke from the charcoal and wood below so that it swirls over your food and out the top properly.

Try your hand at smoking with this recipe from "Weber's Smoke."

Mesquite-Grilled Cheeseburgers With Warm Chipotle Salsa

- 1 1/2 pounds ground chuck (80% lean)
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground black pepper
- Kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 4 plum tomatoes, each cut in half lengthwise
- 2 large handfuls mesquite wood chips, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 canned chipotle chile pepper in adobo sauce, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 4 slices smoked cheddar or smoked Gouda cheese, each about 1 ounce
- 4 hamburger rolls

1. In a large bowl, gently

combine the ground chuck, cumin, pepper and 1 1/2 teaspoons salt. Shape into 4 patties of equal size, each about 3/4-inch thick. With your thumb or the back of a spoon, make a shallow indentation about 1-inch wide in the center of each patty. This will help the patties cook evenly and prevent them from puffing on the grill. Cover and refrigerate until ready to cook.

2. Prepare a two-zone fire for high heat (450 to 550 degrees).

3. In a medium skillet over medium heat, warm 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add the onion and garlic and cook until the onion is tender, about 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a medium bowl. Brush the tomatoes with the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil.

4. Brush the cooking grate clean. Drain and add half of the wood chips to the charcoal and put the lid on the grill. When smoke appears, place the tomato

halves, cut side up, over **INDIRECT HIGH HEAT**. Close the lid and cook until the tomato juices are bubbling and the skins split, about 12 minutes. Remove from the grill. Remove and discard the tomato skins and roughly chop the tomatoes. Add the tomatoes, cilantro, chile and lime juice to the onion mixture. Season with salt. Set aside.

5. Drain and add the remaining wood chips to the charcoal and put the lid on the grill. When the wood starts to smoke, cook the patties over **DIRECT HIGH HEAT**, with the lid closed as much as possible, until cooked to medium doneness, 8 to 10 minutes, turning once. During the last minute of cooking time, place a slice of cheese on each patty to melt and toast the rolls, cut side down. Remove from the grill and build each burger with the salsa. Serve warm.

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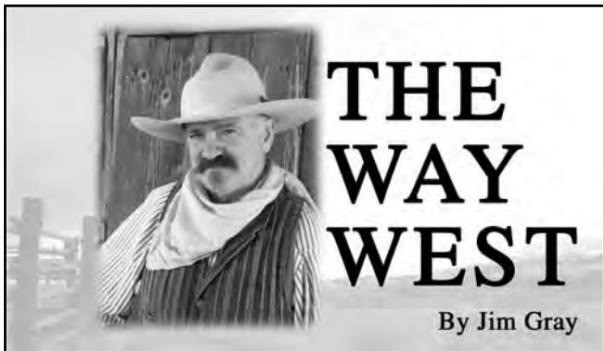
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Pueblo on the Plains

Of all the intriguing stories in Kansas history, the ruins of El Cuarteletejo offer enough mystery and romance to intrigue even the casual of historians. The story is rooted in the early conquest of New Mexico by Spanish Conquistadors following Coronado's exploration in 1540 and 1541. Coronado's lieutenant, Hernando de Alvarado, visited the thriving pueblo (city) of Taos at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in the fall of 1540. The city straddled the Taos River, its multi-storied apartment houses were unexpected and the size of its great "eustafas" or meeting halls, greatly impressed the Spaniards. Wooden bridges spanned the river. The Taos were a proud people, known over a great section of the country for the great trade fair held for all tribes. The wild plains tribes would trade buffalo hides and dried meat for corn, squash, beans, and cotton blan-

kets. The Comanches, Utes, Kiowas, Plains Apache, and Pawnee travelled the Kiowa trail from the north. Other Apache bands traveled up the Rio Grande, along with various Pueblo tribes while the Navajos journeyed with the Hopi from the west. Spanish rule was not well received in Taos. By 1609 the Taos had formed an alliance with the Picuris, Apache, and Vaquero people in resistance to Spanish dominion. In January, 1640, the Indians killed a priest and other Spaniards in the vicinity. They destroyed the church and fled northward to the land of the Plains Apache. The Spanish referred to the pueblo as El Cuarteletejo, also spelled Quarteletejo. They began to identify the original inhabitants as Cuar-

telejo Apache. El Cuarteletejo was an oasis on the High Plains. Between forty and fifty springs fed the watercourse, known today as Ladder Creek. The area is known as Lake Scott State Park. Water flowed year round. Limestone bluffs surround the fertile valley, providing protection from severe weather. Irrigation ditches were built by the Indians to divert life giving water to their bountiful fields of corn and other produce. El Cuarteletejo was the North American equivalent of the Garden of Eden. In 1659 the Taos people reluctantly bid farewell to their home with the Plains Apache and returned to the Taos pueblo where they accepted a new priest. But the reconciliation was short lived. Intrigue between the governor of New Mexico, Bernardo Lopez de Mendizabal, and the leading clergy, Fray Juan Ramirez, led to a recall of the governor to Mexico City where

Mendizabal was placed on trial. Mendizabal was said to have supported the Indian leader who had killed the priest in 1640. Mendizabal countered that he had hanged the priest's murderer and that he "had brought the Taos Indians back from El Cuarteletejo." Throughout his trial Mendizabal was held in a dungeon. He became ill and called for a confessor before his death in September of 1664. Six years later he was found innocent of the charges brought against him and his bones were buried in consecrated soil. During the turmoil between the governor and clergy, a band of Taos people once again fled to the safety of El Cuarteletejo. They stayed at El Cuarteletejo for the next several years, but Spanish authorities again induced them to return to pueblo at Taos. The Cuarteletejo Apache remained in the valley throughout the comings and goings of their Taos neighbors. The valley

had been their hereditary home, reaching back into the mists of time. As native culture often viewed their homeland, the Plains Apache could truly say that El Cuarteletejo was the "Navel of the Earth." Taos continued to be a hotbed of discontent. In 1680 the Taos Indians instigated a revolt against their Spanish oppressors. The Picuris and the Tewa joined the revolt which spread across New Mexico. The unprepared Spanish government was forced to flee. In only a month's time New Mexico was completely free of Spanish control. The Spanish returned in 1692 with the promise of clemency and protection to all who would swear allegiance to

the King of Spain. One year later a band of dissatisfied Picuris fled to El Cuarteletejo. They remained for a decade and as the Taos before them, the Picuris returned to New Mexico. The Cuarteletejo Apache abandoned the site in the 1730s, leaving only enigmatic evidence for Kansas settlers to ponder as they took up their own lives on The Way West.

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NRCS announces National Water Quality Initiative conservation in Kansas

State conservationist Eric B. Banks announced the launch of a new National Water Quality Initiative committed to improving three impaired waterways in Kansas. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will manage the initiative funds available to farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners in the selected watersheds. All applications for funding consideration, during this fiscal year, must be received either by the second application cutoff date, Friday, June 15, 2012.

"The Water Quality Initiative will further NRCS' partnership efforts to improve water quality using voluntary actions on private lands," Banks said.

"This initiative is a focused approach in areas facing significant natural resource challenges. It enhances the positive results of landscape conservation initiatives NRCS and its partners already have underway," said Banks.

Through this effort,

Kansas eligible producers in Headwaters Grasshopper Creek in the Delaware River Watershed in south-central Brown County and small portions of Atchison and Jackson Counties; Town of Munjor—Big Creek in the Smoky River Watershed in southeast Ellis County; and City of Hesston—West Emma Creek in the Little Arkansas Watershed in portions of Harvey and McPherson Counties. The selected watersheds were identified with help from Kansas state agencies, partners, and the NRCS Kansas Technical Committee.

Using funds from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), NRCS will provide financial and technical assistance to producers about installing management practices that use residue, crop rotation, irrigation, nutrient and/or conservation practices such as cover crops, filter strips, riparian forest buffer, and terraces in impaired watersheds where the federal investment can make a difference

to improve water quality.

"American farmers are good stewards of the environment, especially when they have the tools they need to improve and protect fish and wildlife habitat and water quality," said NRCS chief Dave White. "We look forward to collaborating with producers in key watersheds to help them have a positive impact on streams with impaired water quality."

Headwaters Grasshopper Creek in the Delaware River Watershed in southcentral Brown County and small portions of Atchison and Jackson Counties — The land use acres for this watershed is cropland 14,133.8, grassland 4,838.1, miscellaneous 139.7, water 918.9, and woodland 2,034.6 or a total of 22,065. Impair-

ment in this watershed is attributed to total phosphorus. Contact: Matt Sprick, NRCS Supervisory District Conservationist (SDC), USDA Service Center, Hiawatha, 785-742-3161; Bruce Yonke, NRCS DC, USDA Service Center, Holton, 785-364-3329; Alan Larson, NRCS SDC, USDA Service Center, Effingham, 913-833-5460

Town of Munjor — Big Creek Smoky River Watershed in southeast Ellis County —The land use acres for this watershed is cropland 26,193.8, grassland 10,489.9, miscellaneous 52.6, water 636.1, and woodland 32.6 or a total of 37,405. Impairment in this watershed is attributed to nitrate and total phosphorus. Contact: Brad Shank, NRCS SDC, USDA Service

Center, Hays, 785-628-3081

City of Hesston — West Emma Creek in the Little Arkansas Watershed in portions of McPherson and Harvey Counties—The land use acres for this watershed is cropland 21,771, grassland 1,685, miscellaneous 153.8, water 103.2, and woodland 1,219.1 or a total of 24,933. Impairment in this watershed is attributed to biological and total phosphorus. Contact: Baron Shively, NRCS DC, USDA Service Center, McPherson, 620-241-1836; Gay Spencer, NRCS DC, USDA Service Center, Newton, 316-283-0370

NRCS accepts applications for financial assistance on a continuous basis throughout the year. Check with your local NRCS office to see if you are located in a selected watershed. After

the cutoff dates, NRCS will notify all applicants of the results and begin developing contracts with selected applicants.

In Kansas, socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers will receive a higher payment rate for conservation practices related to the NWQI.

Since 1935, NRCS's nationwide conservation delivery system works with private landowners to put conservation on the ground based on specific, local conservation needs, while accommodating state and national interests.

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I first saw her out of the corner of my eye, a small lithe shape flitting between two towering gray monoliths, here one second and gone the next in a flash of tawny leonine hues and tangled golden hair, bare legs blurred against a darker field of shadowed green.

That's odd, I thought. For a minute I could have sworn she carried a spear.

I glanced around the nearest monolith. Beyond a narrow strip of indeterminate lawn stretched the park, with its pines and maples and central fountain bubbling merrily. Whatever I had glimpsed had vanished into thin air, an incorporeal sprite.

There was, however, a man with a camera. I almost asked him if he'd seen something unusual but then thought better of it. My expression must have registered an unspoken question because he studied me as if awaiting my next move. When I had

none, he simply nodded. I nodded back. He stared at my camera. I stared at his. Mine was bigger.

Behind me Rex Buchanan, interim director of the Kansas Geological

Survey, droned on. The glacial ice sheets ran diagonal across the state from Washington County to the Kaw River, he said, sculpting the land into an undulant waveform of rises and

falls, rivers and rills, ridges crenelated with limestone outcrops and the occasional glacial erratic, or reddish Sioux quartzite boulder. The latter were carried down from Minnesota and left behind like so much ice age litter. You see them around; one lies east of town beside an old farm truck, each almost spatially equivalent. A Washington resident had one hauled into his yard and liked it so much he added a second. An old black and white photo shows a dozen men standing atop one impressive specimen, now buried by time and agricultural improvements.

Beyond Buchanan was a sizable crowd of onlookers and not a few dignitaries from around the state. A representative from Sen. Jerry Moran's office was there, and Becky Blake, director of Kansas Travel and Tourism; Marci Penner, director of the Kansas Sampler Foundation and premier booster for all things Kansas; a few representatives from local governing bodies. For this one important day, at least, Blue Rapids was on the map. Off to the side stood white-haired Professor George Callison, a Blue Rapids native, world-renowned paleontologist, first-class artist and cre-

ative genius behind the Ice Age Monument, for whose dedication the crowd had assembled (plus for the woolly mammoth burgers following the dedication, of course). And behind Callison what appeared to be the tip of a wooden spear jutting above a smaller concrete pillar.

My curiosity aroused, I tiptoed around the monument to approach the spear from the rear. My attempt at stealth was hampered by age and a bum knee, reasons no doubt the man with the camera watched me with undisguised distaste. I smiled in an attempt to diffuse the



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Kansas Cattlemen's Association to host Creekstone Farms plant tour June 21

mood. His frown deepened. Maybe he thought I wasn't being serious enough.

Oh, grow up, I thought. Grow down. There's a spear-packing cavegirl loose and I need to find her!

Around the monoliths I stalked, camera ready. Buchanan was replaced by Penner, who said the monument was a perfect addition to the only round town square in Kansas. As I near-ed the place where I last glimpsed the spear, I slowed down to get my bearings. I tried to ignore the looks from the crowd, but after a minute of feeling like an oaf I realized they were looking not at me, but behind me.

It was a trap. I spun to face a diminutive cave girl dressed in what appeared to be a wooly mammoth hide. She snarled and jabbed a spear at my chest. Another spear poked me in the back. Before I could register what had happened, the two disappeared in a swirl of hides.

And they say nothing ever happens in small towns.

The monument dedication concluded with clapping and cheering. From

across the park wafted the smell of grilled mammoths. Still hunting the elusive cave waifs, I stumbled across yet a third, this one taller, with a smile that dimmed the sun. Before fleeing, she handed me a slip of paper charcoaled with a stick figure wearing a white broad-brimmed hat and a box camera dangling from a shoulder. "It's you," she said, and she was gone.

As cave art goes, it was a superb rendition of the modern photojournalist at work. And, being a stick figure, it made the photographer look almost anorexic. Nice touch, I thought.

For a moment I stood there lost in time, thinking of mile-thick glaciers, of the earth groaning beneath the weight, of mammoths and primitive peoples and art, and of small towns, too, that refuse to go quietly into that long night. The Ice Age Monument may well be the only one of its kind, but then we're the only Blue Rapids in North America, so we're used to feeling special. And with cave girls running wild in the park, well, that's just icing on the cake. Ice on the cake. Whatever.

Working with Creekstone Farms, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association will be hosting a tour of their Arkansas City plant to provide cattlemen and consumers with better insight into beef processing. The two-hour tour will take place on Thursday, June 21 at 9:00 a.m. and will be immediately followed by a luncheon that will take place at the Regency's Courtyard Restaurant located inside the nearby Best Western Hotel.

"This is a prime opportunity for cattlemen to understand how their product moves through the supply chain prior to hitting the retail shelves. For consumers, this can be a positive look into the beef industry where they can see firsthand the

quality control and safety procedures that are implemented to provide a safe and wholesome product," stated KCA director and El Dorado cattleman Mason Greene.

"This tour is one that you will not want to miss out on. The chance to tour a facility like this is rare. We encourage involvement from everyone, whether you are a rancher, farmer, or consumer, because we want to spread the message of quality beef products and a healthy supply chain," remarked KCA event coordinator Kelsey Gibson.

The event is sponsored in part by: Howard State Bank-Howard, Bluestem Veterinary Clinic-Cedar Vale, Winfield Livestock Auction-Winfield, Mid American

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It is open to anyone who wishes to attend, members

and non-members alike; however, space is limited and registration is required. Cost of the tour and luncheon is \$50/person. Anyone interested in participating in the event may reserve their space today by calling the KCA office at 785-238-1483 or registering online at www.kansascattlemen.com.

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Pork exports post strong first quarter growth; beef results mixed

U.S. pork exports finished the first quarter 8 percent higher in volume (598,058 metric tons) and 20 percent higher in value (\$1.66 billion) than last year's record pace, according to statistics released by the USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF).

At the same time, the value of beef exports for the quarter rose 4 percent (to \$1.25 billion) on 10 percent lower volumes (266,388 metric tons).

March pork export volume of 198,972 metric tons was 8 percent lower than a year ago, but up 6 percent from February 2012. Export value of \$570.5 million was 3 percent higher than last year and up 8 percent from the previous month. These results were led by excellent growth in the China/Hong Kong region and by strong performance in Mexico, Japan and Canada.

Beef export volume in March of 89,803 metric tons was 23 percent lower than last year but up 3 percent from February. March export value of \$438.5 million was down 8 percent year-over-year but was 7 percent higher than the previous month.

"A 20 percent increase in pork export value for the first quarter is extraordinary, especially considering the record performance of last year," said USMEF president and CEO Philip Seng. "On the beef side, market access issues and price sensitivity are making volume growth difficult in some markets, but we are pleased to see export value remaining above last year's record pace, even on smaller volumes."

Pork export value per head sets new monthly record
March pork export value was particularly strong on a per-head-slaughtered

basis, reaching \$59.92. This was nearly \$4 higher than a year ago and set a new monthly record, surpassing the previous high of \$59.53 set in November 2011. Exports equated to 27.8 percent of total U.S. production of muscle cuts plus variety meat, and 24 percent when including muscle cuts only.

Mexico remains the leading market for U.S. pork on a volume basis, with first quarter exports up 17 percent in both volume (162,721 metric tons) and value (\$299.7 million). Exports to Japan, which nearly reached the \$2 billion mark in 2011, were up just 1 percent in volume (122,899 metric tons) but also achieved a 17 percent increase in value to \$530.6 million. Exports to the China Hong/Kong region, which came on very strong in the second half of 2011, were 30 percent higher in volume in the first quarter

(115,642 metric tons) and surged 82 percent in value to \$234.9 million.

Other first quarter market highlights included:

Exports to Canada were up 26 percent in volume (55,916 metric tons) and were one-third higher in value at just under \$200 million.

In Russia, where U.S. pork now has better potential for expansion under a global tariff rate quota, exports were up 20 percent in volume (15,510 metric tons) and 36 percent in value (\$47.9 million).

Led by a strong performance in Colombia, exports to the Central and South America region expanded 9 percent in volume (20,603

metric tons) and 16 percent in value (\$53.5 million).

In South Korea, pork exports surged in the early months of 2011 because of culling of the domestic swine herd (due to foot-and-mouth disease) and a temporary duty-free tariff rate quota for some cuts of imported pork. Consequently, year-over-year exports to Korea were lower in the first quarter of 2012 - down 27 percent in volume (53,590 metric tons) and 12 percent in value (\$154 million). It is important to note, however, that these totals were still more than double the volume and triple the value recorded in the first quarter of 2010.

"While domestic sup-

plies are recovering in Korea, we are still creating new opportunities for U.S. pork," Seng said. "The lower tariffs made possible by the Korea-U.S. FTA will enhance the competitiveness of U.S. pork in terms of price, and help us further expand the presence of chilled pork and value-added pork products in the retail and foodservice sectors. These marketing strategies have proven very effective in Japan, and I believe we can have similar success across north Asia."

While beef export volume slows in some markets, value remains solid

March beef export value equated to \$204.65 per fed steer and heifer slaugh-

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Old fire wood box from Hays House; large selection of CI pcs. including banks, toys, cook stove, cowboy, WW1 soldiers figures, tractor with man, door stop, desk letter holder, etc.; large metal toy train including engine, coal tender & Pullman cars; wooden express wagon; toy train gas station figures; 1929 Beech travel air airplane in box; pink Barbie Jeep; glass candy jars owl & gun; wooden toy boat, Washington Battleship, Tacoma Washington; toy lantern with tiny beads (glass); Champlin motor oil bell; John

Deere toy items including 2240 tractor, 1930 JD series "P" tractor, 65th anniversary special edition 2-cylinder 1995 JD in box, JD metal wall hanging, JD 1941-1946 model LA in box, JD 1915 model "R" Waterloo Boy in box, JD knife set in metal box; wooden handle rug beater; small grain seed harvester; wooden butter churn; old picnic basket; CI sad iron heater; sad iron; kerosene iron complete; stone horse tie; old crocks; Aladdin lamps; glass Horsford's baking soda jar; old glass medicine bottle lola, KS; various ruby red pcs; various pattern glass; pink Cameo ware pcs. By Harker Pottery Co.; large glass Planters Peanut Jar; butter mold; wooden chalk box with eraser; copper vase; KS car tags 1930 & 1933; Birger Sandzen Prints incl. Kansas Landscapes, Blue Valley Farm, original water colors by Al Mettel incl. Panama Cathedral, Mission Deloris; S&P; silhouette pictures; Gone with the Wind Lamp; kerosene lamps; quilts; collection of lures, several

wooden; linens; dolls and doll house; primitive kitchen items; cook books; old wooden boxes; vintage hats; old kids books; pink depression glass; Standard Oil advertising glass shade; 60's KS license plates; 1933 items; CG & Sante Fe Trail books; CI skillet; miners pick; ice tongs; grapple hook; cornsheller; walking plow; 2 deer mounts; binding twine rope making machine; CI coal hod; hand blown gold baton; leaded glass window from CG Methodist church; double broiler red and white; hand made buggy with horse.

TOOLS & MISC.

Craftsman router & table; router blades; bar clamps; 12volt sprayer with boom; Rigid 18" pipe wrench; 2 Rigid 24" pipe wrenches; Rigid 36" pipe wrench; 2 metal file cabinets; Homelite gas string trimmer; lawn spreader; fishing poles; Honda self propelled lawn mower; propane heater; various hand tools.

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tered, down slightly from the March 2011 total of \$205.40. Beef exports accounted for 12 percent of total U.S. production when including both muscle cuts and variety meat, and 9 percent for muscle cuts only. These ratios were lower than a year ago (15 percent and 11 percent, respectively).

Despite a 13 percent decline in volume, Mexico remained the leading destination for U.S. beef (55,725 metric tons) and exports to Mexico managed a 5 percent increase in value to \$250.9 million. Export volume to Canada was steady with last year at 36,834 metric tons, but 15 percent higher in value at \$215.4 million.

In Japan, where the Food Safety Commission continues to examine BSE-related age and product restrictions on U.S. beef, exports were down 7 percent in volume (29,695 metric tons) but up 10 percent in value (\$194 million). The United States continues to gain market share, as Australia's exports to Japan have fallen 14 percent in 2012.

Other first quarter market highlights included:

Exports to Russia reflected a shift toward higher-value muscle cuts, as volume increased 4 percent to 14,463 metric tons but volume surged 85 percent to \$59.9 million. As with pork, U.S. beef faces a more favorable access situation in Russia as the U.S. tariff rate quota for muscle cuts was expanded from 41,700 metric tons in 2011 to 60,000 metric tons this year.

While exports to some Middle East markets slowed, Egypt continued to post very strong results - increasing 12 percent in volume (31,466 metric tons) and 18 percent in value (\$47.7 million). As a result, exports to the Middle East region were up slightly in volume (35,480 metric tons) and 10 percent in value (\$78.9 million).

Led by outstanding results in Chile, exports to the Central and South America region increased 44 percent in volume (8,383 metric tons) and 94 percent in value (\$32.5 million). Exports to Peru and Guatemala also posted impressive value growth.

Market access issues took a toll on U.S. beef exports to Taiwan (down 18 percent in volume to 5,554 metric tons and 11 percent in value to \$35.1 million), where controversy over ractopamine residue testing has made for a very unsteady business climate. Drastically lower import quotas have lowered U.S. beef exports to Indonesia, where volume (601 metric tons) was down 86 percent and value (\$2.4 million) was down more than 60 percent (Though not reflected in these results, Indonesia also imposed new market access restrictions as a result of the BSE case announced April 24). Year-over-year exports were also lower for Korea, but this was largely due to a surge in export activity in early 2011. First-quarter performance in Korea was fairly consistent with the second half of 2011. U.S. beef

has also continued to gain market share in Korea this year, as Australia's exports have declined by 37 percent.

"Despite a decline in export volume, prospects for U.S. beef remain positive across the globe," Seng said. "We are, for the most part, encouraged by the response to the recent BSE case. Nearly every trading partner followed established science and did not alter our level of market access. We remain hopeful that Japan will open to a wider range of products later this year and that access issues in other Asian markets will also be addressed. Consumer demand for U.S. beef is solid, but we need to eliminate trade barriers and maintain an active presence in these markets in the face of aggressive competition if we want to keep export value strong and get back to the record volume pace established in 2011."

Lamb export value up slightly despite slump in volume

Lower exports to the Caribbean and a sluggish market for variety meat held back the first quarter performance of U.S. lamb. Export volume was down 18 percent to 3,295 metric tons, while value increased slightly to \$6.4 million. Led by strong exports to Canada, lamb muscle cuts achieved a 12 percent increase in value (\$4.4 million) despite a 9 percent decline in volume (1,484 metric tons).

HSUS launches attacks against USDA's Wildlife Services

Earlier this month, animal rights organizations launched a media and internet campaign demanding that U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Vilsack end lethal control at the Wildlife Services (WS) agency.

The effort of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and Defenders of Wildlife also helped pen a series of articles by the Sacramento Bee criticizing USDA for the conduct of wildlife management.

"The articles are very biased against livestock protection as well as the department quoting outrageous claims," stated Peter Orwick, executive director for the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI).

The reporter of the Bee is quoted by HSUS as criticizing the USDA program by saying "It doesn't even work - it's just a psychological salve for ranchers and

other resource users who dislike wildlife and don't want to have to contend with wild creatures."

The articles and the group's websites call for an end of the use of control tools including the M-44 and the livestock protection collar "in spite of the Environmental Protection Agency rejecting their allegations in formal reviews of the tools under both the Bush and Obama administrations in 2008, 2009 and 2011," added Orwick.

Wild Earth Guardians this month filed a suit against WS asking a federal court in Nevada to halt the program based on National Environmental Pol-

icy Act (NEPA) requirements.

Orwick stated the program has nearly twenty years of successful NEPA implementation to support its operations.

"ASI, joined by nearly 160 agriculture, local and state government and sportsman organizations, this year relayed support of WS to the U.S. Congress and to USDA. This proved to be important and timely given the attacks initiated this spring by these animal activist groups."

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1980 IH 986 diesel tractor with cab, SN24197, 5097 hours, 3 pt., 8 suitcase weights & 18.4x38 rubber (20%); 1959 IH 560 gas tractor, SN2785 with WF, cylinder lift fast hitch & 16.9x38 rubber (10%); Koyker manure loader w/7 ft. bucket w/PTO pump.

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COLLECTIBLES

Oak veneer 6-drawer dresser; 5 gal. RW crock; West 2 gal. crock; wooden high chair; wicker flower stand; Hall pitcher; Hull 7-8 1/2 vase; Roseville 722 vase; oil canvas painting; press glass items; stemware glass items; cookbooks; records; Ruby candlesticks; enamel ware; silverplate service items; cream & sugar; napkin rings; Chenille bedspread; 2 cream cans; kids games; sheet music & other small items.

LAWN & GARDEN

Cub Cadet Tank 19 hp, 48 in. commercial deck riding mower; Cub Cadet .5 hp, 21 in. mulching mower w/catch; Craftsman 7 hp snow blower; Craftsman Bush Hog elec. trimmer; Cub Cadet gas trimmer; B/D 2 hp lawn edger; Sears hedge trimmer; tree trimmer; Remington elec. chain saw & elec. 1.5 hp pole tree saw; McCulloch gas blower; p/t lawn spreader; homemade p/t lawn sprayer w/boom & elec. pump lawn chemicals & hand lawn tools.

MISCELLANEOUS

Acetylene torch set; 2.5 hp shop vac; 1/2 in. elec. drill; welding booth; air compressor; 6 in. bench grinder; right angle grinder; Shop Craft 1/2 in. drill press; Kenmore elec. dryer; oak lighted curio corner cabinet; 58 in. double pedestal Duncan Phyfe dining table, 6 chairs & leaf; 58 in. buffet; 2, 4-leg stands; 58 in. oak entertainment center; cane back padded chairs; La-Z-Boy recliner; Filter Queen vac; 3 pc. bedroom set w/full size bedding; 2 queen size bedding sets; metal single bed; 3 pc. sectional; 48 in. wrought iron wire mesh patio table w/5 chairs; lawn lounge; wooden glider; Rubber Maid table & 2 chairs; vanity table; table lamps; occasional chairs; BBQ grill; elec. typewriter; pop-

TRUCKS & PICKUP TRAILER

1977 Chevy C-65 truck chassis with 427 cu in engine, PS, air brakes, 5x2 transmission, double step fuel tanks, 5th wheel plate-2 5/16 ball hitch & drop hitch, sand blasted chassis & paint & 10x20 rubber; 1973 Chevy C-65 truck w/16 ft. bed, 366 cu in engine, 5x2 transmission, single axle w/cheater, hoist, gooseneck ball, drop hitch 10x20 rubber; Chevy 8 ft. ball hitch p/u box trailer w/L-shape fuel tank & tool box.

MACHINERY

BMB 3 pt. 6 ft. shredder; IH 7 ft. fast hitch sickle mower; NECO 8 in x 65 ft. PTO auger; Dempster fast hitch 4-row wide lister; Hi Go 3 pt. 6 ft. shredder; fast hitch post hole auger; loader bale spear; Acura Trak guidance system; 2, 4-bolt hub w/wheels; Rhino 800 3 pt. 8 ft. blade; fast hitch 2x16 plow; Heider 6x10 ft. box wagon w/hoist on Lindsay 4-wheel gear; IH 311 3x16 fast hitch plow; Mayrath 4x12 ft. auger; 560 gal. fuel tank w/elec. pump; BEFCO 3-wheel 3 pt. flip rake; 500 gal. p/t anhydrous tank.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Hamilton spinet piano; electric organ; xylophone; Whirlpool washer; Kenmore elec. dryer; oak lighted curio corner cabinet; 58 in. double pedestal Duncan Phyfe dining table, 6 chairs & leaf; 58 in. buffet; 2, 4-leg stands; 58 in. oak entertainment center; cane back padded chairs; La-Z-Boy recliner; Filter Queen vac; 3 pc. bedroom set w/full size bedding; 2 queen size bedding sets; metal single bed; 3 pc. sectional; 48 in. wrought iron wire mesh patio table w/5 chairs; lawn lounge; wooden glider; Rubber Maid table & 2 chairs; vanity table; table lamps; occasional chairs; BBQ grill; elec. typewriter; pop-

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New Holland 3415 diesel tractor 12 sp., dual hy., canopy, w/Great Bend 260 loader(will sell as one unit, very nice!); Ford 3000 gas tractor hi/lo, good rubber; 1998 Dodge Ram Laramie SLT 1500 V-8 mag. truck, 89K, leather, ex. cab, auto; 2000 Dodge Grand Caravan SE van; Crossfire 150 Dune Buggy; 2000 Ponderosa combo 6 x 16 livestock trailer(used very little); Neal 7 x 16 flat-bed tandem factory trailer; 3 pt.: KingKutter 6 ft. rotary mower, 6 ft. straight blade, Dearborn 1 bottom plow, 5 ft. disc, post hole auger w/bit; Craftsman GT hydrostatic 46 in. riding mower; Husky 7 hp. rear-tine tiller; 300 gal. fuel tank/stand; Cyclone 12V seeder spreader; Coleman Powermate 5000 generator.

GUNS & SUPPLIES (Will Sell First)

Pistols: matched Ruger Vaquero Pearl Handled 45 cal. NRA Gun of the Year set (NIB); Smith Wesson 9mm model 9VE (NIB never shot); Plinkerton 22 revolver(NIB never shot); Hopkins & Allen 38 Police Special w/holster; Savage Model 10122 single shot Chicopee Falls, Mass w/Indian Heads on grips; Long Guns: Winchester model 94 30-30 & model 1894-30-WCF; 762 Mauser model Argentino 1891; Ithaca model 49 .22 cal Youth Lever Action; Glenfield model 10 .22 single shot; old 410 single shot; Glenfield model 60 .22 auto; Mossberg model 283B 410; Springfield model 67E 12 ga. pump; old double barrel 12 ga. Japanese origin; Winchester TS-22 gun safe(LIKE NEW fire protected, dead locking); Oak Custom made 10 gun cabinet; pellet guns; several boxes of ammo.; leather Western holsters.

COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD & LIVESTOCK & TOOLS, MISC.

100+Toys: Ertl 1/16th scale Collector Ed. JD/IH/Ford, Vintage Gas Engines, Restoration Tractors (JD 4020/Farmall 460/Ford 8N, Farmall A & B, several other tractors(MOST ALL NIB); JD & IH books; pedal car; 30+ steel traps; RR lanterns; Aunt Jemima bank; cast iron dog scraper & irons; pitcher pump; Perfection #15 stove; 5 ft. bull horns; iron wheels; metal lawn chairs; West Germany Cuckoo clock; 30+ pieces Green depression glass; ruby red; clear & pattern glass; tea-pots; Whirlpool side/side refrigerator w/ice & water; Amana dryer; oak custom corner entertainment center & corner shelf; oak custom bookshelves w/glass doors; Hall Tree/Mirror; lighted china cabinet; oak rocker; recliner; couch; full size bedroom set; single bed; dresser; parlor table; end tables; pictures; kitchen décor; patio set; picnic table; outdoor child's plastic playhouse; park bench; Double TT #375 15 in. Western saddle(Like New); older 15 in. Western saddle; horse collar mirror; concrete horse & stable boy; bridles/halters/misc. tack; stock tanks; feeders; bale ring; Farmaster 5 ft. gates; Rhinehart calf dehorner(NEW); steel posts; barb wire; chain-link fence & gates; small animal cages; woven wire; chicken supplies; Craftsman: air compressor, EZ router, table-saw; Walker front bumper jack; Stihl & McCulloch chainsaws; Poulan tree-saw; Milwaukee angle drill; grinder; large vise; rotary hammer drill; floor jacks; Craftsman impact & sockets;socket sets; end wrenches; power & hand tools; multi-fold ladder; plumbing & electrical supplies; pipe/metal; aluminum salvage pile; fishing poles; camping items; metal & plastic culverts; live plants; many other items too numerous to mention!

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K-State's Biosecurity Research Institute hosts international symposium on African swine fever

Scientists from around the world came to Kansas State University's Biosecurity Research Institute May 15-17 to take a global look at the highly contagious viral disease, African swine fever (ASF). The researchers assembled to give updates on research and in some cases, the status of ASF in their countries.

ASF has not been found in the United States, but is a serious problem in Africa and outbreaks have occurred in other countries, including Spain, Italy, Russia, and the Dominican Republic. There is no vaccine or treatment. Changes in production practices and increasing globalization have increased the risk of introducing ASF into North America and other parts of the world, according to the Center for Food Security and Public Health at Iowa State University.

"ASF is spreading in many areas of the world which means that there is an increasing threat of introduction into the United States," said Stephen Higgs, research director of the BRI and symposium coordinator. "Something as simple as a discarded sandwich containing meat from an infected pig could be enough to cause an outbreak. Although we might be able to contain an outbreak in commercial pigs, the consequences could be devastating to our booming and highly competitive pork industry. Due to the growing numbers of feral swine that

are widely distributed in the U.S., the virus could then become established here." Humans are not susceptible to the African swine fever virus (ASFV), but when an outbreak occurs in any region or country, the financial and physical implications can be devastating to the swine industry and those related to it. During outbreaks in Malta and the Dominican Republic, for example, the swine herds of the entire countries were completely depopulated. The effect on a swine herd can vary depending on the strain, from near 100 percent mortality to cases of low virulence isolates that can be difficult to diagnose. Species that can be infected include domesticated members of the pig family, as well as wild species, such as wild boars, warthogs and bush pigs, the latter species usually without clinical signs.

"We have 20 million feral pigs in Australia, so if African swine fever arrives, we might have a problem we could never get rid of," said Martyn Jeggo, director of the Australian Animal Health Laboratory. He said Australia has a commercial swine herd of about 2.5 million head.

The disease can be transmitted by direct contact with infected animals, ticks, or indirect contact with fomites - inanimate objects or substances, such as clothing, furniture, or soap - that is capable of transmitting infectious organisms from

one individual to another. Other blood-sucking insects such as mosquitoes and biting flies may also be able to mechanically transmit the virus.

With the economic, physical and emotional toll of the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in the United Kingdom during 2001 still fresh, John Fazakerley, director of the Institute of Animal Health in Pirbright, UK, said, "The country wants the capacity to deal with whatever comes along." Estimated costs of the FMD outbreak ranged from \$8 billion to \$13 billion, and 6.5 million animals were slaughtered. "The emergence of African swine fever virus (ASFV) in the Republic of Georgia, followed by further spread

throughout Russia establishes this pathogen as a high threat pathogen for the U.S.," said Juergen Richt, director of the Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Animal Diseases headquartered at Kansas State University. For that reason, K-State, in collaboration with national and international partners, is planning to conduct research on the virus. "Our short term plans include adaptation and validation of the ASFV challenge model developed by our colleagues at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center," Richt said. The model will establish a baseline for future vaccine studies, Richt added.

Richard Bishop, senior

molecular biologist with the International Livestock Research Institute in Nairobi, Kenya, spoke of the importance of the swine herd in Africa, adding that even one pig can make a significant difference in a family's income. He said that the pig population in Africa increased 284 percent from 1980 to 1999 and that pork consumption during the period almost doubled.

ASF is currently a problem in Russia, but scientists are facing challenges in combating the disease. "It's difficult to explain to authorities that this is very im-

portant," said Denis Kolbasov, director of the National Institute of Veterinary Virology and Microbiology in Vladimir, Russia. "The cost of control is an impediment," he said, adding that because Russia does not export pork, ASF is not considered a trade issue. Scientists from Spain, Kenya, Canada, Ukraine and several U.S. states also participated in the symposium.

More information on African swine fever is available at: www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Factsheets/pdfs/african_swine_fever.pdf.

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TERMS OF SALE: 10% of Purchase Price down day of Auction, balance due as of closing date July 9, 2012. The Seller will provide an Owner's policy of title insurance in the amount of the purchase price. The cost of such title insurance and any escrow closing services will be shared equally by the Seller & Buyer. Sale is not contingent upon Buyer financing. Real Estate taxes will be prorated the day of closing. Farmers National Company are acting as agent of the Seller. For more information call Van Schmidt (620-367-3800) or Farmers National Company (402-496-3276).

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KJLBA to hold annual field day

Super C Limousin of Eureka is hosting the Kansas Limousin Field Day on June 2nd and 3rd. The farm location is 1355 Anderson Ave, Eureka. For directions you may contact Randy or Nancy Corns at 620-583-8213, 620-750-0924 or 620-432-5056.

Cattle may begin arriving on Friday June 1 and must be in place by 6 p.m. on Saturday. Bedding for the barn and tie-outs will be straw and provided, if you want to use something different you will need to provide your own bedding. All participants must be current paid members of the KJLBA; if you have not paid your 2012 dues you may include them with your entry. Entries were due May 25, but late entries will be accepted at the show at \$20 per head. You can get an entry form off of the KLBA website which is www.kansaslimousin.org.

NALJA show rules and regulations will apply to

this show. This will be a no fit show. You can camp out at the farm (restrooms available) or make reservations at the Bluestem Lodge 620-583-5531, Benny's 620-583-8700 or the Carriage House 620-583-5501.

The junior association will be having their business meeting and election of officers at 6:30 p.m. Following the meeting there will be a cookout, each family is asked to bring one item (salad, dessert, etc.)

Sunday, June 3rd, Randy and Nancy are personally inviting KLBA members and Limousin enthusiasts to Eureka for the Field Day show. There will be biscuits and gravy served for breakfast for those who arrive early for the events of the day. The show time has been moved back to 10:00 a.m. to give association members more time to travel and come watch the juniors present their cattle.

After the show Super C will be sponsoring a free noon meal for all in attendance. The plan is to have a tent for shade, bleachers to sit on, a quality show of cattle, and great time to socialize with old acquaintances. They have been told there will be an old-time breeder at the grill cooking for everyone. Come and check it out.

If you know of a junior member that would like to come for the weekend that has not received the details for the field day please have them contact Randy Corns at 620-750-0924 or e-mail him at rcorns@389ks.org. Karen Campbell has e-mailed the information out, but some e-mail addresses have changed or new junior have purchased cattle that she may not know about. They want to encourage everyone to attend the show and promise you will be home before dark.

United States cattle on feed down 1%

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on May 1, 2012. The inventory was 1% below May 1, 2011 figures.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.52 million, 15% below 2011 figures. Net placements were 1.44 million head. During April, placements of

cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000; 600-699 lb. were 250,000; 700-799 lb. were 380,000; and 800 lb. and greater were 536,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, slightly above 2011 figures.

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ADM plants a seed to grow the KARL program

The renewal of support from Archer Daniels Midland Company in the amount of \$10,000 has planted a seed for continued program enhancements for the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership (KARL) Program.

"ADM believes we have a responsibility to the communities where we live and work, and we work to meet the needs of our communities in many ways," said Mirinda Rothrock, community engagement manager with ADM. "We are pleased to support the KARL Program and its efforts to help develop the next generation of agricultural leaders. Through our ADM Cares program, we're working to sustain and strengthen this commitment by directing funding to initiatives and organizations around the world that drive meaningful social, economic and environmental progress."

"KARL takes emerging

leaders through a series of seminars that enhances their ability to lead during agriculture's most challenging times," said Jack Lindquist, who has served as president of KARL, Inc. since its inception in 1990. "Focuses on the local community through national concerns in the first year and international opportunities in the second year, KARL is the most intensive and broadest perspective leadership development course in Kansas."

"With the continued partnership and investment from ADM, Kansas communities and the agricultural industry can feel confident they will not just survive, but will thrive with KARL graduates leading the way," Lindquist said.

The mission of KARL, Inc. is to provide first class development for agriculture and rural stakeholders by designing and offering challenging and illuminat-

ing education and enrichment programs as well as a forum for continuous engagement.

"With KARL Class XI, we have 330 participants to date that are beneficiaries of the KARL training experience as they serve in their home communities in 98 Kansas counties and beyond," Lindquist said. "KARL graduates are ambassadors for rural communities, agriculture and the way of life associated with each. The knowledge, contacts and skills gained in the program allows them to do their best to bring knowledge, expertise and an effective voice for rural communities and agriculture in Kansas."

KARL's offices are located at Kansas State University through an in-kind gift of office space and access to services. For more information, interested persons can visit the website at <http://www.karlprogram.com> or call the office at 785-532-6300.

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May 29 — Woodson County Acreage at Yates Center. Auctioneers: Farms National Company.

May 30 — Trucks, vans, vehicles, farm equipment, woodworking tools, mower & more at Shawnee. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.

May 31 — Tractor, spray coupe, paddle scraper, trucks, pickups, equipment, trailers, mowers, Gator, other items near Dighton for Phil Habiger & Rhonda Habiger and Edwin Habiger Trust. Auctioneers: Berning Auction.

June 2 — 3 bedroom house at Chapman for Chapman High School Project. Auctioneers: Ron

Shivers Realty & Auction Co.

June 2 — Boats, jet skis, RVs, boat trailers at Wichita. Auctioneers: Watercraft Auctions, Rex Newcom.

June 2 — Toys & guns at Tracy, MO. Auctioneers: J&J Auction, LLC., Jerry Cox.

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

June 2 — Convertible, truck, hay loader, forklift, GN tilt trailer, scaffolding trailers, scaffolding, lawn mowers, yard & garden, tools at St. George for Padgett Masonry. Auctioneers: United Country Ruckert Re-

alty & Auction.

June 2 — Farm equipment, antiques, household, coins at Grenola for Clarence "Ted" Terrell Estate. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

June 2 — Guns, ammo, shells, cabinets, toy cars, farm toys at Newton for Claudie & Helen Sizelove Trust. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

June 2 — Mitchell County real estate, boats, trailer, mowers & other near Simpson for Leslie A. & Shirley A. Tucker. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 2 — Vehicles, trailers, guns, household, an-

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Drawers, Dresser, Bunk Bed Set w/Chest of Drawers, King Size Mattress & Springs, Trundle Bed, Black Dresser, Folding Baby Pen, Kitchen Cabinet, Oak Bar Stool, 2-Step End Tables, End Tables, Desk, Oak Hall Tree, Magazine Rack, Wainscot Garage Cabinet, Card Tables w/Folding Chairs, TV Stand, Kenmore Refrigerator. **Glassware & Collectibles:** Punch Bowl, Red Glass Plate, Cos-

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(will sell at approx. 12:30 pm)
1986 Case IHC 1394 FWA dsl tractor with cab & AC, 3 pt., 2 hyd., new tires & batteries, 1392 hours, very nice; Rhino TW 72 3 pt., 6 ft. PTO rear shredder; 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup, club cab, auto trans., air, PS, cruise w/Safari top, black, 22,810 actual miles, real slick; 2009 Kawasaki Mule 610 ATV, 4x4, roll bar top & windshield, 199 hours, like new; Big Ox 3 pt., 8 ft. rear blade; Craftsman 32" self-propelled lawnmower, 4 hp.

TOY TRACTORS (Will sell between 10 am & 12:30 pm)
Approx. 120 1/16th scale model tractor collection, 20 w/boxes, International, McCormick Deering, Farmall, IHC, Case IHC, 21 John Deere, 14 Case Ford & Fordson, Massey Harris, Massey Ferguson, Allis Chalmers, Oliver Minneapolis Moline, Co-op, Avery, Cockshutt, White. **Complete list on website.**

APPLIANCES & FURNITURE (Sell at approx. 1 pm)
'09 Kenmore ceramic top 4 burner stove, self-cleaning oven, 30"; '08 Whirlpool Duet auto washer, high efficiency; '08 Whirlpool Cabrio elec. dryer, heavy duty; Whirlpool upright freezer, 19 cu. ft., 5 years old; Whirlpool refrigerator, 20 cu. ft. w/cross top freezer; '03 Zenith 36" color TV w/stand; newer

brass headboard with queen size box springs & mattress; dinette table with 2 leaves & 6 padded-seat chairs on casters; wood dining table with 4 chairs; floral divan; oak telephone bench; La-Z-Boy recliner rocker; wood-arm recliner rocker; wood glider with padded seat; wood-arm porch rocker, 2-seat; end tables; lap tables; oval parlor table; laps - lap table with magazine rack; wood buffet, glass doors & shelves on top; serving cart; recliner rocker; cabinet with drawers & glass doors; display shelves - 24"x24"x6 ft.; brass floor lamp; corner table; lawn chairs; folding chairs; TV trays; humidifier; 4 & 2 drawer filing cabinets; Magnavox record/CD/cassette player; Fisher CD player; 4 head VCR; wood desk; Oreck upright vacuum; Oreck hand vacuum; microwave cabinet; radios; luggage; stadium seats; RCA wireless speakers; globe; Presto bread slicer; George Foreman grill; Tupperware; cake pans; asst. of cooking utensils, pots & pans; yarn, sewing supplies; games; wall coat racks; electric ice cream freezer; Cross Walk treadmill exerciser; exercise machine; benches; yard windmill; yard decorations; wall pictures; Igloo cooler; plastic horns deco; Pro Form exercise machine; asst. coolers; asst. of other household misc., utensils & cooking items. **COLLECTIBLES:** John Deere pedal tractor, less seat &

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tiques, mowers, tools & misc. at Belleville for Harold & Betty Johnson. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

June 2 — Farm equipment, yard & shop, antiques, household, boat, trucks at Hiawatha for John Torkelson Estate & Joe Torkelson. Auctioneers: Howard Auction Service.

June 2 — Real estate, vehicle, musical, furniture, appliances, household, antiques, collectibles, shop & tools, sporting, yard & garden & misc. at Great Bend for Eleanor M. Smither. Auctioneers: Schremmer Auction & Real Estate.

June 2 — Complete operating saw mill, horse trailer, winch truck, pickup, riding mower, equipment, tools, lumber, canoe, pool table, round oak duplex heating stove, appliances at Topeka for Mrs. Brian (Cathy) Garretson. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 2 — Automobile, furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Schulte & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 2 — Tractor, trailers, lawn tractor, lawn items, log splitter, generator, equipment, tools & misc., guns, pianos, household at Holton for Richard Knaak Estate. Auctioneers: United Country Pagel, Inc. Realty & Auction.

June 2 — Antiques, col-

lectibles, household & outdoor items at Randolph for Victoria Desjardins. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

June 2 — Furniture, collectibles, household, tractor, equipment & misc. at DeSoto for Marietta Bichelmeyer. Auctioneers: Paxton Auction Service.

June 3 — Gun auction at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.

June 3 — Tractors, truck, machinery, guns, furniture, appliances, collectibles & misc., tools at Seneca for Elmer & Peg Osterhaus Estate. Auctioneers: Wilhelm Auction Service.

June 3 — Furniture, antiques, collectibles, tools & misc. at Council Grove for Marvin & Jackie Skinner & another seller. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

June 3 — Household goods, collectibles, coins & misc. at Beatrice, NE for Patricia Alpaugh Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

June 3 — 2 bedroom home, coins, Mercury Grand Marquis, antiques, furniture, tools, lawn tractor & guns at Keats for Merton G. Schurle Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 4 — Tractors, trailers, saddles, antiques, primitives W. of Carbondale for John & Barbara Merrill. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

June 4 — Ellis County home, grassland, CRP at Hays for Mary Ann C. Gabel. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

June 5 — Mitchell County real estate at Tipton for Clement & Fay Konzem Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 7 — Car, tools, household at Burlingame for property of the late Harold "Red" Croucher. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

June 9 — Household, tools, mower, equipment & misc. at Linwood for Roberta & the late Gary Malburg. Auctioneers: Paxton Auction Service.

June 9 — Farm equipment: vehicles, trailer, tractors, farm machinery & misc at Junction City for Keith Devenney Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Auction Service.

June 9 — JD Gator, mowers, shop tools & misc., camping & recreation equip., antiques, collectibles, household, furniture, appliances at Onaga for Jackie & Fran Wegner. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

June 9 — Real estate, camper, trailer, shop equipment, household & guns at Walton for Richard Hiebert Estate, James W. (Jim) & Marilyn Martin. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction & Real Estate.

June 9 — Tractors, loader, trucks, farm equip., hay equip., lawn & garden,

camper, motorcycle, ATV, livestock, trailers & beds, guns, tires & misc. at Effingham. Auctioneers: Hoffman Auction Service.

June 9 — Tractor, pickup, appliances & household misc. at Concordia for Roger & Mary Jean Colby. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

June 9 — Tractors, loader, trucks, pickup trailer, machinery, household goods, collectibles, lawn & garden, misc. near Beatrice, NE for Eugene Bargman. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

June 9 — Tractors, vehicles, trailers, equip., guns & supplies, collectibles, household, livestock & tools, misc. at DeSoto for Larry & Brenda West. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

June 10 — Tractors, roadster, motorcycle, mowers, appliances, household, collectibles at Shawnee for James R. (Jim) Coleman. Auctioneers: Miler Auction LLC.

June 11 — Commercial real estate Manhattan for Barry Arp. Auctioneers: Landmark Real Estate, Harold Mugler.

June 16 — Antique furniture, collectibles, tools W. of Overbrook for Jon & Wanda Wilhite. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

June 16 — Antique Maytag & other washers & dryers, antique Maytag items, antique refrigera-

tors, ironers, ranges, televisions & radio items, vehicles at Belleville for Leonard Royer. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

June 16 & 17 — Carriages, wagons, Victorian furnishings, primitives, collectibles, piano, Model A, vintage cars, tractors, horse equip. near Elm-dale for Clover Cliff Ranch, Jim & the late Joan Donahue.

June 19 — Real estate at Council Grove for Steven C. Zerbe and Mark A. Zerbe. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

June 21 — Chase County real estate at Cottonwood Falls for James L. Shaw. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction, LC.

June 21 — Farm real estate at Overbrook for Vernon & Marjorie Robb. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett Real Estate, Jennifer Courtney, broker; Wayne Wischropp, realtor/auctioneer.

June 28 — Missouri Cattle Farm in 16 tracts at Mt. Vernon, MO for Jerry L. Bornemann Trust. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company, Inc.

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.

July 6 — Marshall County land at Beattie for Elaine Regnier Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auction.

July 9 — Real estate at Formosa for Cynthia A. Hart. Auctioneer: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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.

September 17 — Pasture at Aurora for Maryln Swenson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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

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dollar; Craftsman 12" band saw; top & bottom roller tool chest; Power-Kraft 4" planer-jointer; Sears 10" table saw; Huskie 15 gal. lawn sprayer; National portable air compressor; two wheel trailer, 4x8 ft.; Remington Sportsmaster 22 bolt rifle; Buffalo Bill Scout BB gun; hand tools, hammers, wrenches, log chains, bits, nails, etc.; table lamps, bedding, linens, pots, pans, etc.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Suspicious of the good cow market

I was visiting with Bill in Alabama. He's a cattleman, a bit of a philosopher and a constant worrier. I mentioned that one of my friends had sold a set of 520 pound feeder cattle for \$1.99 a pound! That's more than

a thousand dollars a head!

"I know," said Bill, "I've sold some myself but..." then he paused and added, "I'm wondering if the price is getting too high?"

I cast a skeptical eye,

but he was serious. "What-taya mean?" I asked

"Is it possible that the price will drive people away from beef and ruin our business?" he said.

I immediately thought of that Yogi Berra observation, "The place is so crowded, nobody goes there anymore."

Due to the government's cheap-food policy re-established with each new Farm Bill, and the tremendous advances in production brought on by modern ag technology, food prices have stayed cheap in relation to other essential commodities.

I compared the number

of 500 lb. feeder cattle it took to buy a new ¾ ton pickup in the last four decades. In the '70s it took 22 head, in the '80s it took 36 head, in the '90s it took 72, and in the 00's it took 79 head. With each passing decade the farmer's product declined in value relative to his costs. Then suddenly in 2012 the number of feeders it took to buy a pickup dropped to 64 head! That's back to the mid-'80s average.

We in agriculture have grown used to being treated like Cinderella's stepchild or the kindly old hick uncle who still has cows, plants a garden and drives a real tractor. The consumer believes we live a simple life, Ma and Pa Kettle, like the sod-bus-

ters on the plains that need to be protected by the hero (a congressman or senator) who shoots the bad guy and runs off with the farmer's daughter!

It would be an eye opener for a good portion of consumers to spend a day with a Washington feedlot operator, Illinois corn grower, Georgia seed stock producer, Utah rancher or an Arkansas cotton farmer. To see computer projections of average daily gain, soil testing, laser leveling, vineyard irrigation systems, dairy genetic selections, swine and poultry's meticulous ration calculations and the voluminous scientific research being used in all phases of agriculture.

The corn seed or semen

sample that is put to work on our farms and ranches every day has as much technology behind it as a satellite on its way to Mars. But the trusting consumer doesn't see all that. They only see us driving a grain truck out to the mill or taking a trailer load of feeders to the sale. We, in our greasy overalls or well-worn cowboy hat, are the tip of the technological, tried and trusted, diligent, essential iceberg that puts food on their table.

So if the price of beef, grain, milk and strawberries are now a little closer to what they are really worth, I'm gonna be thankful. Of course, if corn hits ten bucks, I just might start to worry.

Thomas County Wheat Plot tour June 5

The Thomas County Extension Council will be holding their annual Wheat Plot tour on Tuesday, June 5th at 7:30 a.m. at Solomon Creek farm (Mike, Jeanene, and Tanner Brown) located 4.5 miles south of the Levant/I-70 interchange, in the shop on the east side of the road. Mattson Farms is providing rolls and Kansas Wheat Alliance is sponsoring the beverages.

Jim Shroyer, KSU Extension agronomist and Erick DeWolf, KSU Extension plant pathologist, will be our guest speakers for the event. Before touring the plots there will be discussion on Stripe Rust, Barley Yellow Dwarf, how to identify diseases, and wheat Farm Management Data. While tour-

ing the plots we will view the varieties and their stress levels caused by Stripe and/or Leaf Rust as the plot was not sprayed with a fungicide. Additionally, Jim and Erick will point out any visible signs of insect, disease, or weather damage to help improve our crop scouting skills.

This year the plot tour is about a week earlier than normal due to the early development of the wheat, so plan to attend on June 5th. Bring any wheat questions you have or any wheat samples you would like to have Jim or Erick look at.

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