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Dirt, Denim and Diamonds Conference encourages networking, highlights important role of women in agriculture



As she prepares to return to her own family farm, Lori Bammerlin is hosting the Dirt, Denim and Diamonds Conference as her final project for her Master's degree.

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

There's never been any doubt in Lori Bammerlin's mind that one day she would return to the small diversified farm near Manhattan where she grew up. She was active in FFA at Riley County High School and got an animal science degree from Kansas State University, all while caring for her own ten head of Angus cattle and working alongside her grandparents, Harry and Donna Whitney. As she began working on her Master's degree at Oklahoma State University, with 'Women Returning to the Family Farm' as her topic, she had the choice of either doing research and writing a thesis or using the research as part of a creative final project. She chose the latter and the result will be the Dirt, Denim and Diamond Conference, geared towards women involved in all aspects of farming and ranching. It will be held August 10-12 at Living Water

Ranch near Olsburg.

"Originally it was just going to be for women returning to the farm," she said. "But I broadened it to include women in every aspect of agriculture, from ones that work in town and help support the farm to ones that work on the farm every day, and also women in ag-business."

Bammerlin had previously attended the "Women in Blue Jeans" Conference in Mitchell, South Dakota and drew some of her ideas from that experience. That conference began with just ten women getting together on an afternoon and has grown to an annual event drawing close to 250 women.

She intends for networking to be a prominent focus of the conference. "I've been to other ag conferences, and you never get to talk to other women," Bammerlin explained. "Here you're going to meet other women that have a similar interest, get to network with

them and learn something in the process, as well as have fun." She stresses that the conference is for women of all ages and backgrounds.

Her research indicated a 13.7% increase in women that are sole operators of a farming operation. "I plan on making agriculture my full-time living," she said. "That's why I chose this research topic. I wanted to justify that I wasn't the only person doing that." With limited resources on her grandparents' farm and little opportunity for expansion, she knows she will have to be more specialized to make it work. "I'll have to have better genetics or raise show cattle," she said. "Something you can operate on a small amount of land."

Friday evening is billed as a "Girls' Night In" and will feature vendor booths and socializing. Saturday will hold speakers and sessions all day. Speakers include Jodi Oleen with the Kansas Pork Association,

Kelsey Pope with the Nebraska Corn Board, Chris Wilson, former American Agri-Women president and others. Cowboy poetry around a campfire will cap off the evening. Optional Sunday morning activities include a church service and a post-conference tour of area farms, historic barns and other points of interest. The registration deadline is August 10. A registration form can be found at www.dirtdenimdiamonds.blogspot.com. The cost is \$100 per attendee.

"Agriculture today needs the support, input and intelligence of women just as much today, or maybe even more, as the generations before us," Bammerlin said. "Whether it's managing your own farming operation, being responsible for keeping the home fires burning or simply wanting to learn more about the agriculture industry, this event fits you like your favorite pair of jeans."

Kansas drivers are first to try new E15 fuel

Zarco 66 owner Scott Zaremba is known as a groundbreaker in his efforts to offer a variety of biofuels to drivers. Last Tuesday, he became the first retailer in the United States to offer E15 fuel for all vehicles model year 2001 and newer at his Zarco 66 station at 1500 E. 23rd St. in Lawrence. The Kansas Corn Commission, Renewable Fuels Association and East Kansas Agri-Energy are sponsors of the E15 effort at Zarco 66.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

gave its final approval for the use of E15 ethanol blends in light duty vehicles model year 2001 and newer. According to the Renewable Fuels Association, two-thirds of all vehicles on the road are 2001 and newer, and those vehicles represent nearly three-fourths of all miles driven.

Zaremba offers a variety of ethanol-blended fuels at his locations in Lawrence, Ottawa and Olathe and has been selling E15 as a fueling option for flexible fuel vehicles at his stations leading up the EPA's approval for vehicles 2001 and newer.

"Scott knows the importance of biofuels and is a great advocate for ethanol," according to Lawrence farmer Pat Ross who is treasurer of the Kansas Corn Commission. "It's fitting that Zarco 66 will be the first station in the nation to sell E15 fuel. Ethanol is a superior fuel, and is made right here in Kansas and throughout the Midwest, creating jobs and reducing our dependence on foreign oil. I'm excited to have access to E15 in my hometown."

In a joint statement when EPA cleared the final hurdle for E15 in June, the RFA and Growth Energy said the ethanol industry was grateful for support from the White

House and agencies involved in bringing E15 to the marketplace. Growth Energy filed the initial E15 waiver request in 2009 and in the three years since filing that request, the industry has worked extensively with the EPA to meet its conditions for approval, the groups said.

The Kansas Corn Commission has been involved in bringing E15 to the market by funding an E15 Health Effects Study as well as supporting implementation efforts for the fuel.

"Bringing E15 fuel to consumers is the product of three years of efforts by the ethanol industry," Corn Commission Executive Director Jere White said. "We've been working closely with the Renewable Fuels Association to move forward with E15 implementation-making sure we have everything in order on the federal and state levels to sell this new fuel." To help finalize the long process, White fueled his personal car, a 2010 Chevrolet Camaro SS, with the first gallons of E15 sold in the United States under the new EPA waiver.

Kansas is one of the first states to become ready to allow retailers to sell E15 fuel.

"We've been lucky to have a forward-thinking

Weights and Measures department at the Kansas Department of Agriculture," White said. "When we wanted to introduce blender

pumps for flexible fuel vehicles, KDA's guidelines became a template for other states as well. Thanks in part to that groundwork, Kansas

drivers will be the first in the nation to buy E15 fuel."

Zaremba blends Zarco 66 fuel options right at each of

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Cowboys on the job



An old-fashioned calf working took place recently at the ranch of Gene Helms near Randolph. At left holding the calf is Pepper Helms as Danny Marcotte performs a castration and Jim Franey applies the brand. Greg Wert is at the head of the calf. In the background are Steve Hoog, Todd Hughes, Donny Butler and Jenell Prows.

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COWPOKES®

By Ace Reid



"Yeah, we jist got over one drought and now we're gittin' ready fer another one!"

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Guest Editorial

Editor's note: The following article is the winning entry in the 2012 KAAE (Kansas Association of Agricultural Educators) essay competition.

By Justin Rope Haun

Sixteen career clusters, seventy-nine career pathways, and over ninety percent graduation rate is one way Career Technical Education (CTE) can be defined. CTE is evolving and innovating student opportunities throughout their everyday teachings. To secure student success, CTE is adopting a revitalized vision plan, which is to reward ingenuity, support different learning styles through hands-on activities, value student interest and talents, adapt and respond to technology and workplace needs, and prepare all students for career success. However, for me CTE means much more, since I am planning to pur-

sue a career within a CTE program.

I am involved in our school's Agricultural CTE Program. The agricultural program at my school has had a notable impact on my preparation for college and career, by applying 21st century career and technical knowledge in class teachings. In addition, our agricultural program enables young individuals to develop their leadership, personal growth, and career success through Agriculture Education, Career Development Events (CDE) and Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE).

Through classroom teachings, students like myself learn how to utilize knowledge gained in core classes and apply it towards real-life settings. For example, each day in my agriculture class we are asked to answer a MAG Challenge. This MAG Challenge allows students to apply their knowledge in math classes and apply it towards the agriculture industry, whether it is a geometry, algebra, or simple conversion question. These questions are actual real-life problems that people go through every day. Also, rather than intensive note taking we are allowed to learn by hands on activities. In my Animal Science class, we had the opportunity to actually dissect and view the parts of a fetal pig.

The National FFA Organization grants students the opportunity to improve their leadership skills by trying for a chapter office, becoming a leader on their CDE team, and attending leadership conferences at the chapter, district, state, and national

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Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

I got a call last night from the younger of my two sons. "Do we have dental insurance?" he queried. Not exactly the kind of question you like to hear – especially from a young man with his particular history. "I think part of my fake tooth is coming off," he continued.

Ahh, his fake tooth. How well I remember the night it became a necessary feature of his cherubic little seven-year-old face. He and his brother were watching television in the living room, and as I recall, he had a butter knife in his hand. Don't ask me why... it's a question that will probably remain unanswered forever. As I'm preparing supper, I hear a wail, followed by his brother's plaintive plea... "Are you all right?" I rush into the living room and blood is spurting from his mouth and streaming down his face and the butter knife is in his hand. I'm just sure that he has somehow managed to jab the knife down his throat, sever some important vessel or artery and is about to bleed to death before my very eyes. I did what any good mother would do. I turned to his brother and demanded, "What did you do?"

"He foo a menpy at me and I clucked," the injured child replied, through lips that were beginning to swell. "What!?"

"I threw a penny at him and he ducked," his brother translated helpfully.

Turns out the knife had nothing to do with the injury or the flowing blood. When he ducked to keep from being hit by the tiny flying copper disk, he banged his mouth on the decorative wooden ball that was on the arm of the chair he was sitting in. Along with cutting his lip, he broke off one of his front teeth – the wooden ball doing infinitely more damage than the penny ever would have.

The dentist installed the fake tooth and soon his face was restored to normal. A couple of years later he was rough-housing at a friend's house and broke it off again, which required another visit to the dentist for replacement. After that he finished grade school and high school with nary another problem with the tooth.

Then he went to college. Two and a half hours away.

I'm minding my own business at work one day when my phone rings. "I just broke off my tooth, it looks terrible, and if we can't find someone to fix it this afternoon I'm going to Super Glue it back in," he said. As I'm frantically trying to find someone to fix his tooth late on a Friday afternoon, certain that he'll suffer brain damage or possibly death if he tries Super Gluing it in, he calls

DUST ON THE DASHBOARD

by Glenn Brunkow



I have to make a confession. I am an avid deer hunter, but I have not harvested a deer for five years. I said I was avid, I did not say I was good. That was until last Monday. I really didn't intend to lower the deer population and especially not with our good car, but the deer left me no choice. However my calamity is not what this column is about.

We decided to have our deer damage fixed at the local body shop. I dropped the car off but in the process I struck up a conversation with the owner. We use this body shop because the owner is very particular about the work he does and does things right. He spoke with great pride about his work and even though I know very little about body work on cars I enjoyed listening to him.

Later in the week I hosted a meeting at a local café. I arrived early and talked to the owners about their business. They spoke with great pride about their business, how they decide upon menu items, where their ingredients come from and about their establishment in general. They were very passionate about their occupation and I enjoyed listening to them even if I did not completely understand everything.

Then today, I went to the coffee roisserie I frequent. The owner roasts and grinds his own coffee and it is the best I have ever tasted. Today he had a new roast and was particularly proud of it. He gave me a sample of each flavor and explained in great detail about the coffee, where it was from and what it should taste like. All of this was way over my head, but I listened intently. He was very passionate about the process of roasting coffee.

All three of these stories have a common line. No, it is not that I like to talk; that is a given. Each of these individuals was working jobs that were more than occupations. They had chosen to make their living in areas that were their passions. I find people like that very refreshing and very interesting. As a farmer and rancher I also relate to them very easily.

In agriculture we are no different. I would guess that very few if any of us chose to farm and ranch because we thought we would get rich. If you did, you are sadly mistaken. Agriculture is some-

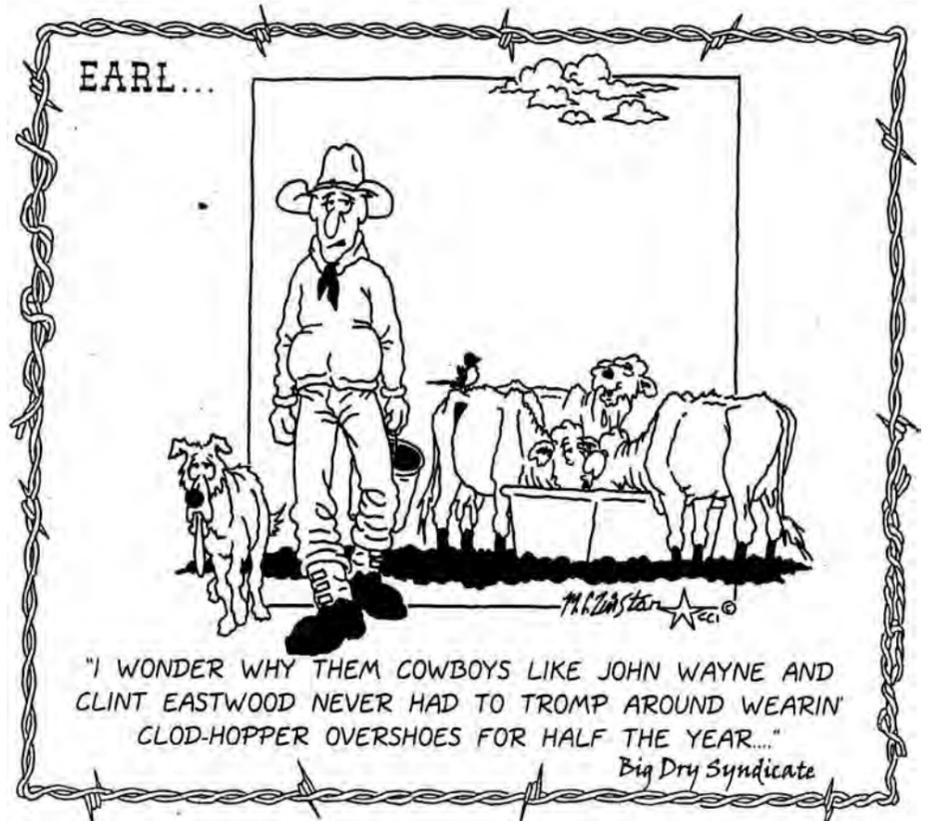
thing you become a part of because of a fire in your belly; it is what you do and who you are. Many of us are the fourth or fifth generation to farm the land we are on, it is in our DNA.

However, most often we are not very good about telling our story. I truly believe most people want to know where their food comes from and want to know the people who produce it. We all love what we do, we just need to convey that to our customers like the owners of the body shop, café, and coffee shop did to me. Farmers and ranchers in the United States are the best in the world at what they do.

If we allow people to see the pride we take in the work we do, I truly believe that we will win many more hearts and instill greater confidence in the food on the grocery store shelf. We all strive to preserve the land, air and water we depend on while caring for our crops and livestock and preserving our way of life. We all have a story that we can tell and one that many people want and need to hear.

We just need to take every opportunity to tell that story. I think many of us feel like we are bragging about ourselves. Maybe we are afraid our story won't be understood or we have a hard time finding the time to tell it. We have been conditioned not to talk about ourselves too much. While that may have been good, it needs to change now.

First, you are not bragging; people like to see pride in other's work and passion for their way of life. I believe that the general public is interested in where their food comes from. They want to know us and they want to trust us. Those listening to our stories don't have to understand every detail to know that you take pride in your work and you love what you do. Finally, we must find time to tell our story or risk letting those who have an agenda contrary to ours tell our story for us. That is why the next time I go to the body shop (many years from now, I hope), eat at that café, or buy my next cup of coffee, I will take the time to tell each of them about the way of life I have chosen. We will part with them knowing that I am a proud producer of the food we all need.



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again. "Never mind," he said. "I used porcelain glue and I think it's going to stay in."

He came home for the weekend and went to our regular dentist, who found the whole porcelain glue solution quite humorous. He proceeded to install yet another fake tooth and informed us that at some point a root canal was going to be in order.

Which brings us to last night's call. He was working on a fencing job two hours from home, and thankfully nowhere near Super or porcelain glue.

"It's still in there, but the back of it feels funny," he described.

Honestly, who knew, all those years ago, just how much trouble would be caused by my taste in furniture and a flying penny?

Guest Editorial

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level. Through the National FFA Organization, I have been able to acquire the skills and knowledge to assist me in accomplishing goals that I thought could never be accomplished. With the leadership skills and passion that I have gained for the organization, I have made it my goal to obtain a Kansas State FFA Office. Through opportunities like this, it opens doors and grants people like me connections for future careers.

The last component in the agricultural program allows people to learn with an SAE. An SAE is a planned agricultural experience where Agricultural Advisors, parents, or employers assist the student by allowing them to use their skills and knowledge learned in their core and agricultural classes and applying it to an actual career possibility. My SAE is Wildlife Production and

Management, where I assist my parents in their hunting operation. I have developed customer relation, organizational, and management skills that are all important for career success.

Without CTE programs students like myself would not have as good of an opportunity to become successful. I have gained numerous skills that will all play a pivotal role in my career success. For more information I encourage you to visit the CTE website at www.actonline.org. If your school contains CTE programs, become an advocate for that program and lend a hand. If your community has an FFA or agricultural program there are a few things you can do: become an FFA Alumni Member, see how you can sponsor the club, or just simply attend their activities. As you can see, CTE's most effective advocacy is you!

Kansas drivers first to use E15 fuel

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his stations. He is the vice president of the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas. Blender pumps offering E15 with the proper labeling will also be offer E10 and other ethanol blends to allow consumers to choose the fuel option that is best for them and their vehicle. Higher ethanol blends, like

E85, E40 and E30, are for use in flex-fuel vehicles. And now motorists with cars model year 2001 or newer can use up to 15 percent ethanol, (E15). The nation's second retail station to offer E15 will be the Zarco 66 station at 2518 E. Logan in Ottawa. This station is located at the intersection of I-35 and Highway 68 in Ottawa.

"Alternatives to gasoline

are critically important to our nation's energy future and Americans deserve to have a choice of cost-competitive fuel at the pump," Zaremba. "With the help of the Kansas Corn Commission, East Kansas Agri-Energy, and the Renewable Fuels Association, we are pleased to be the first to offer consumers real choice at the pump in the form of E15 ethanol fuel."

CoBank announces \$3 million charitable matching fund for cooperatives

CoBank, a cooperative bank serving agribusinesses, rural infrastructure providers and Farm Credit associations throughout the United States, has announced the creation of a \$3 million charitable fund designed to benefit cooperatives and charitable groups they support throughout rural America.

Under the bank's new "Sharing Success" program, CoBank will match contributions by its cooperative customers to nonprofit organizations of their choice. Contributions made during the remainder of 2012 will be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis, from a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$5,000.

"Shared success is a hallmark of the cooperative business model, so we're absolutely delighted to be announcing this new program," said Robert B. Engel, CoBank's president and chief executive officer. "Throughout rural America, cooperatives of all sizes are working not only to provide value to their members but to improve the quality of life in their local communities. We hope all our cooperative customers will take advantage of this new fund, and use it to leverage the support they provide to worthy causes in the areas they serve."

The launch of CoBank's Sharing Success program coincides with the United Nations' "International Year of Cooperatives" in 2012. Throughout the year, the U.N. and cooperative organizations are using programs and special events to celebrate the many contributions of co-ops and the strength of the cooperative model.

"I commend CoBank for its generous decision to establish this fund," said Wilson Beebe, chairman of the National Cooperative Business Association. "I can think of no better way for a cooperative to take part in the International Year of Cooperatives than by participating in the Sharing Success initiative."

CoBank will begin formally accepting applications for funding from cooperatives on August 1, 2012. The program will run through December 31, 2012 or when the \$3 million matching fund is exhausted, whichever comes first. Cooperative customers interested in participating should contact their CoBank relationship manager for an application and detailed program requirements. Additional information about the "Sharing Success" program is available at www.cobank.com/sharingsuccess.



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- 2 cups pasta, your choice of shape
- 3 cups cooked & cubed chicken
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 11-ounce can mandarin oranges, drained
- 3/4 cup slivered almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup diced celery
- 1 1/2 cups seedless red or green grapes, halved
- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain and rinse in cold water. In large bowl combine pasta and remaining ingredients. Cover and refrigerate 3-4 hours or overnight to blend flavors.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:

APPLE PECAN CREAM CHEESE BARS

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 3 large eggs, divided
- 8-ounce package cream cheese

2 cups confectioner's sugar
1 cup chopped apples (Braeburn preferred)
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan with nonstick baking spray with flour. In medium bowl, combine cake mix, pecans, melted butter and 1 egg stirring well. Press into bottom of prepared pan. In bowl, combine cream cheese and remaining 2 eggs, beat at medium speed with an elec-

tric mixer until smooth. Gradually add confectioner's sugar, beating until smooth. Add apples, stirring to combine. Spoon over cake mix and bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Reduce temp to 300 degrees and bake for 30-35 minutes longer or until center is set.

Carol Ricketts, Clay Center: FROZEN STRAWBERRY MARGARITA PIE

- 1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 3 1/2 cups sliced strawberries
- 1 tablespoon finely grated lime zest (optional)
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk

- 2 tablespoons tequila
- 2 tablespoons triple sec
- 1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream, chilled
- Sliced strawberries & lime (optional for garnish)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-inch pie plate (4-cup capacity) with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. In a medium bowl, stir together graham cracker crumbs, sugar, and butter until well mixed. Press mixture evenly in the bottom and up the sides of prepared pie plate. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until slightly browned. Let cool in pan about 30 minutes. Meanwhile in a blender container, combine sliced strawberries, lime zest, lime juice, sweetened condensed milk, tequila and triple sec; puree until just smooth. Transfer to a large bowl. In a chilled mixing bowl with chilled beaters, beat whipping cream until it just holds stiff peaks. Gently fold 1/3 of the whipped cream into strawberry mixture until blended. Then fold in remaining whipped cream. Pour filling into cooled crust, mounding it slightly. Freeze 4 hours or

until firm. Before serving, remove pie from freezer and let soften in refrigerator about 40 minutes or until semi-soft. Cut into wedges. Garnish with sliced strawberries and limes, if desired.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: TOMATO PIE

- 9-inch crust
- 4 tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet onions
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves or 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise

Set oven to 350 degrees. Pierce bottom and sides of crust with fork. Bake 12-14 minutes or just until edges begin to brown. Meanwhile place tomatoes in colander, set over bowl, press onto tomatoes with back of spoon to release as much juice as possible. Discard juice. Sprinkle onions onto bottom of crust, top with tomatoes and basil. Combine cheese and mayonnaise, spoon over tomatoes to within 1/2 inch of edge. Bake 30-32 minutes or until filling is heated through and crust is golden

brown. Sprinkle with additional basil if desired.

NOTE: Prebaking the crust will help it stay as crisp as possible. But as the pie sets, the liquid from the filling will soften the crust some.

Amy Feigley, Enterprise: SCALLOPED POTATOES

- 1 pint whipping cream
- 7 to 8 medium potatoes
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 1 package shredded cheese, your choice

Salt, pepper, onions & garlic to taste

Mix together the above ingredients and bake covered at 350 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes.

NOTE: Can toss in some cubed ham!

Mary Rogers, Topeka: BROWNIE GOODY BARS

- 1 box fudge brownie mix
- 1 container vanilla frosting

- 3/4 cup salted peanuts, walnuts or pecans, coarsely chopped
- 3 cups crisp rice cereal
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 12-ounce bag chocolate chips

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray bottom only of a 9-by-13-inch pan. Make and bake brownie mix as directed on box for 9-by-13-inch pan. Cool completely about 1 hour.

Frost brownie with frosting. Sprinkle with your choice of nuts, refrigerate while making cereal mixture. Measure cereal into large bowl, set aside. In 1-quart saucepan, melt peanut butter and chips over low heat, stirring constantly. Pour over cereal in bowl, stirring until evenly coated. Spread over frosted brownies. Cool completely before cutting about 1 hour. For bars, cut into 5 rows by 4 rows. Store tightly covered at room temperature.

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1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 1/4 cup cornstarch
 2 cups 1% milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 Whipped Cream:
 1 cup heavy cream
 1 to 2 tablespoons Domino or C&H Light
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a small saucepan, whisk together all dry ingredients. Whisk in milk, 1/2 cup at a time, until combined. Place over medium heat and continue to whisk until the pudding becomes thick and begins to bubble. Remove from heat and whisk in vanilla. Pour into medium-sized bowl or individual serving bowls. Place a piece of plastic wrap on the surface to prevent a skin from forming. Chill for at least 2 hours. Serve with fresh whipped cream. Serves 4.

In a large bowl, whip cream with an electric mixer on medium speed until soft peaks are just beginning to form. Add Domino Light and vanilla; increase speed slightly until stiff peaks form.

You can find more baking tips plus light and delicious recipes for such delicious treats as a Mixed Berry Almond Biscotti, Chocolate Mocha Brownies, and Orange Cream Smoothie at www.dominosugar.com/light and www.chsugar.com/light.



Unplugging for a low-tech day

By Lou Ann Thomas
 Last Sunday I unplugged. I didn't check my email, update my status on Facebook, or post a single tweet. I didn't turn on the computer or even answer the phone.

My goal was to be conscious of and pay attention to whatever was going on around me, and soon I felt myself settling more deeply into myself. Of course, without spending time in front of a computer screen, or constantly checking email on my phone, or habitually scanning the various social networking sites, I was awake, aware and more conscious of everything that was happening around me.

Every time I strayed and began worrying about some upcoming deadline, to-do tasks still undone, or wondering what was happening in the cyber world in my absence, something inside would gently bring me back to my intention of allowing myself to feel whatever this day held for me. Often that reminding came from my heart asking questions like, "Where are you now? What can you hear? What can you see? How are you feeling?" Sometimes it was my bladder asking, "Do you have to pee?" And as a middle-aged woman, I usually did.

But by allowing my heart to lead I started really see-

ing a plethora of things that might have otherwise gone unnoticed. A raccoon ran across the road and into the shed, where I had noticed his tracks but had yet to spot him. As I looked out my north windows four deer trekked up over the hill presumably to their daytime hiding places.

I walked up along the edge of my pond and saw four red-tailed hawks riding thermals in the bright blue sky above me and heard a woodpecker in the woods tap-tap-tapping. I felt keenly aware of every sound and sight and felt tuned in and rather than disconnected,

totally connected.

But the most amazing part of my day occurred while I was sitting on one of the large red granite boulders that dot my pasture. As I sat and pondered the perfection of the day I looked up just as an eagle flew directly overhead.

What a sight! What a day! And what a gift to disconnect from technology and feel so incredibly connected to everything else, including myself. It was such a surprisingly good day that I'm hoping to treat myself to a day of Connected Disconnection every week!

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Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

7-9 a.m. Enter Swine
 7-9 a.m. Enter Poultry
 9-11 a.m. Enter all other Livestock
 8-10 a.m. Enter Open Class Foods, Catholic Parish Center, 714 Court Street
 8:30 a.m. 4-H Entomology, Geology, & Forestry Judging, Floral Hall
 9 a.m. 4-H Electricity Judging, Floral Hall
 9 a.m. Open Class Clothing & Textiles Judging, Exhibit Hall
 9 a.m. Woodworking Judging, Floral Hall
 9-11 a.m. Enter 4-H & Open Class Floriculture, Horticulture & Crops, Floral Hall
 9:30 a.m. 4-H Scrapbook Judging, Exhibit Hall
 10:30 a.m. 4-H Miscellaneous Judging, Exhibit Hall
 9:30 a.m. Open Class Ceramics, Crafts & Paintings Judging, Floral Hall
 10 a.m. Open Class Foods judging begins at Catholic Parish Center
 11 a.m. 4-H & Homemaker Extension Unit Booths & Banners Judging
 11 a.m. 4-H Floriculture Judging, Floral Hall
 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Open Class Bake Sale, Exhibit Hall
 12 noon Open Class Floriculture Judging, Floral Hall
 12 noon 4-H Horticulture & Crops Judging, Floral Hall
 12:30 p.m. 4-H Foods Judging (except decorated cakes), Catholic Parish Center, 714 Court St.
 1 p.m. Open Class Horticulture & Crops Judging, Floral Hall
 1 p.m. Open Class Photography Judging, Floral Hall
 1:30-5:30 p.m. 4-H Bake Sale, Exhibit Hall
 6 p.m. Swine Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
 7 p.m. Chamber of Comm. & Clay Co. Farm Bureau FREE watermelon feed
 8 p.m. Rodeo, Horse Arena

Admission: Advance: Adult-\$7 K-8-\$3 • Gate: Adult-\$8 K-8-\$4

THURSDAY, JULY 19

9 a.m. 4-H/FFA Horse Show, Orrin Hogan Arena & Rodeo Arena
 4 p.m. Meat Goat Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
 5:30-7:30 p.m. Gazebo Entertainment- FREE
 6 p.m. Chainsaw Carving
 7-8:30 p.m. Free Snow Cones courtesy of Citizens National Bank
 6 p.m. Sheep Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
 8 p.m. Rodeo, Horse Arena

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6-10 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements

FRIDAY, JULY 20

9 a.m. Decorated Cake Judging, Extension Office
 9 a.m. Rabbit Judging, Rabbit & Poultry Barn
 11 a.m. Poultry Judging, Rabbit & Poultry Barn
 1 p.m. Dairy Cattle Judging followed by Dairy Goat Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
 4 p.m. Bucket Calf Interviews, Orrin Hogan Arena
 5 p.m. Bucket Calf Showmanship, Orrin Hogan Arena
 2 p.m. Project Auction entry deadline. All 4-H projects, including livestock, except beef, must consign project auction exhibit to Fair Office
 5:30-7:30 p.m. Gazebo Entertainment- FREE
 6 p.m. Chainsaw Carving
 6 p.m. Beef Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
 8 p.m. Demolition Derby, Grandstand • Adult-\$8 K-8-\$4
 10 p.m. 4-H Beef project auction entry deadline due to Fair Office
 6-10 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements

SATURDAY, JULY 21

8:30 a.m. Round Robin Showmanship, Livestock Arena
 10 a.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Orrin Hogan Arena
 12-1 p.m. Kiddy Tractor Pull Participant Check-In Orrin Hogan Arena
 1 p.m. Kiddy Tractor Pull- FREE Orrin Hogan Arena
 4:30 p.m. 4-H Awards Presentation, Orrin Hogan Arena
 5 p.m. 4-H Kiss the Pig Contest Results, Orrin Hogan Arena
 5:30 p.m. Decorated Cake & Project Auction, Orrin Hogan Arena
 6 p.m. 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction, Orrin Hogan Arena
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 7:30 p.m. Motorcycle Races
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KOHP is an interactive program where participants learn and practice new skills to manage any chronic condition. The sessions help participants of all ages learn ways to reduce their pain; to deal with difficult emotions, fatigue, frustra-

tion and isolation; become more physically active safely; make healthy food choices, set and achieve weekly action plans, identify and solve problems caused by having a chronic condition; increase their energy level; to handle stress and relax; to use medications effectively; to talk to their doctor; to make choices about their treatment.

Discussion is facilitated by trained instructors Sheila Haley and Deanna Turner. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences and learn from each other. The workshops are sponsored by the Clay County Medical Center, K-State Research & Extension River Valley District, & Kansas Department of Health. Stanford University developed the program and participants are encour-

aged to attend all of the sessions. A small pre-registration fee per person will help pay for the workbook, supplies and snacks each evening. If interested pre-register along with the fee by July 29th. Call Deanna Turner at the River Valley Extension- Clay Center office at 785-632-5335 or stop by 322 Grant Avenue in Clay Center. Or call Sheila Haley at the hospital, 785-632-2144, extension 484.

Sign up today! For more information, please contact your local River Valley Extension Office with offices in Belleville (785-527-5084); Clay Center (785-632-5335); Concordia (785-243-8185) or Washington (785-325-2121).

Laughter program planned for July 31

Laughter is good medicine. Plan to lift up your spirits and lessen the stress in your life. Attend the upcoming program, Jest for the Health of It, on Tuesday, July 31, 1:30-3 p.m. at the Apollo Towers Dining Room, 330 West Court in Clay Center. Kathy Conway, a music teacher from Osborne, will

share humorous incidents as Ida Clare Yawnoc. She will encourage people to laugh. There is no pre-registration or charge for the meeting. Snacks will be provided halfway through the program. Park in the north parking lot behind Apollo Towers.

The Clay County Wellness Council, K-State Re-

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Get your groove on: Staying active important at all ages

Regular physical activity is good for just about everyone, including older adults. In fact, even those with chronic conditions or who have trouble walking or standing can benefit from moving on a daily basis.

"It's that old adage of use it or lose it. We hear over and over from medical, mental health and aging professionals about the importance of movement to keep joints, muscles and the brain in good working order," said Jan Johnston, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension gerontology specialist. "It's actually riskier to stop being active."

"Find activities you love doing and that keep you active then match those activities with your own needs and abilities," Johnston said. Most older adults, in-

cluding those who take medication for chronic conditions such as arthritis, high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease, have nothing to lose and everything to gain when it comes to moving more on a regular basis.

Federal guidelines recommend at least 30 minutes of moderate activity on all or most days. Older exercisers also should focus on building up their balance, flexibility and strength.

Whether it is gardening, playing with the grandchildren, yoga, walking or some other activity, regular exercise promotes good health and helps older adults continue to perform everyday tasks such as vacuuming, carrying a full laundry basket, reaching for items above their heads and bending over to tie their shoes.

Regular exercise also can reduce feelings of depression and may improve overall mood and cognitive function.

On the other hand, according to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, people who are inactive are almost twice as likely to develop heart disease compared to those who move more. Lack of physical activity also can translate into more visits to the doctor, hospital stays and medications to treat a variety of illnesses.

For anyone just starting to get physical, keeping an activity log for a couple of weekdays and a weekend day is a good first step.

"When you think about your normal routine, how much time do you spend sit-

ting and how much time do spend being active? When you are up and moving, what types of activities are you doing?" Johnston said. "Writing down these details will help you figure out how much exercise you're already getting in and pinpoint opportunities to add activity into your day."

Free activity logs and trackers are available at www.choosemyplate.gov and through the National Institute on Aging's Go4Life, an exercise and physical activity campaign at www.go4life.niapublications.org.

"If you are just starting out, go slowly, but try to do something every day," Johnston said. "If you're already active, try something new or work harder at the activities you enjoy. For instance, rake the leaves instead of re-

lying on the leaf blower." After establishing a routine, sticking with it for six months increases the odds of making it a habit. For some, setting activity goals and developing a reward system for reaching each milestone can motivate them to stay active and engaged.

Because life can be unpredictable, exercisers can anticipate the occasional interruption to their exercise routines. However, strategies

for getting back on track include writing down all the benefits of regular exercise, asking for support from friends and family and coming up with new, creative and fun ways of moving.

"Making physical activity a priority in your everyday life can make a world of difference in the quality of life of older adults," Johnston said. "No matter your age, there are activities that meet every level of fitness and ability."

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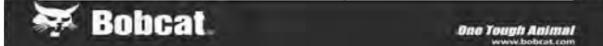
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in Kansas and in surrounding states. Therefore it is important to know how to control and manage the crop.

The Douglas County Livestock Association will host an evening field day

scheduled for Thursday, August 30. The field day will address behavioral methods and how to manage and control tall fescue. The field day will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Kent Ochsner's farm at 1870 N 100 Rd., Baldwin City. The field day is free and open to the public. Bring a lawn chair.

The educational topics

will include: Utilizing a Bud Box for Working Cattle- Kent Ochsner and John Bradley; Maximizing Your Fescue: Fescue Endophyte Facts- Bill Wood, Douglas County Extension director; Maximizing Your Fescue: Fertilizer Management- Kent Ochsner; Maximizing Your Fescue: It Fits Well with Fall Calving- Jeff John-

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Please RSVP to the Douglas County Extension office at 785-843-7058 or bdwood@ksu.edu by August 27. For more information, or if the weather is questionable, please call 785-843-7058.

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It was a record hot day for those attending an oats threshing bee near the Historic Stone Barn east of Council Grove. The one-acre oat field, owned by Morris County, was bound and shocked a few weeks ago and on Saturday, July 7 a good number of people showed up to help thresh the oats. Ross Olson, Council Grove, provided a 22-inch Case thresher and Ralph Anderson, Council Grove, provided a team of horses and wagons to hold the threshed oats and carry the bundles to the thresher. Pictured are, left to right, Ross Olson tending the thresher, Matt Easton, Olsburg, Kirby Zimmerman, Alta Vista, and Chase Kesl, Topeka, pitching oat bundles into the thresher, while Ralph Anderson steadies the team of horses. Note the shocked bundles of oats in the back ground.

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Adrian J. Polansky, State Executive Director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that pollinator habitats, which support a variety of pollinator species, will now be accepted as a Continuous Sign-up Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) practice. CCRP is a voluntary program that helps producers apply conservation practices to safeguard environmentally sensitive land.

Pollinator habitats are areas of permanent vegetation located in an agricultural landscape: field edges, field middles, odd corners, or any agricultural location that is suitable for establishing pollinator habitat.

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Participants of newly enrolled pollinator habitat practices are eligible to receive a \$150 CRP Sign-up Incentive Payment (SIP) per acre. The SIP is a one-time payment issued to CRP participants after the contract is approved. The following

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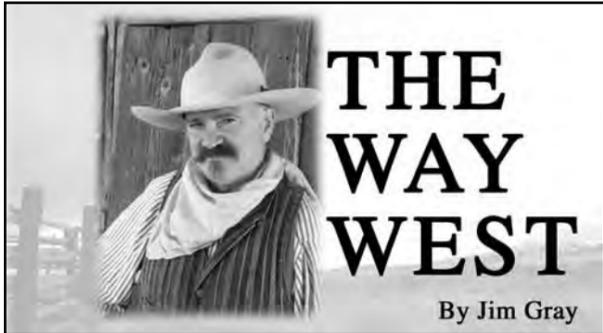
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1878 put Dodge City on the map as the latest wild and woolly end of trail town. Marshal Ed Masterson was killed while trying to disarm a trail cowboy in April. Squirrel Tooth Alice, a famous prostitute who had plied her trade in the earlier cattle towns of Abilene and Ellsworth, was beaten to death by a drunken lover in May. Dirty Dave Rudabaugh and three others

were in court over a botched train robbery at Kinsley and Deputy U. S. Marshal Harry McCarty was killed in a saloon fight on July 13th. Dodge City lawmen were hard pressed to keep the lid on the town and keep themselves in check as well. Cowboys who ran afoul of the law were not shot but often suffered the indignation of a good pistol whipping. Considering the level of revelry, the lawmen were doing an extraordinary job of keeping the peace.

Each night the cowboy celebration generally lasted well into the next morning. July 26, 1878, was no exception. The Comique Theatre was packed with people even at 3 a.m. Jim Thompson and Eddie Foy were performing a comic routine on stage to the delight of the crowd. Thompson and Foy sang lively

tunes and turned traditional dances into slapstick comedy with "knockabout clowning" that kept the audience entranced with laughter and bewilderment throughout their performance. A band of cowboys left for the night just before three o'clock. The no-gun law required the cowboys to "check" their guns while visiting Dodge City. Once they were ready to leave town they could have them back. Having been reunited with their pistols they saddled up and proceeded to treat Dodge City to a little "music from the festive revolver." Dodge City was no stranger to the ways of the cowboy. The traditional "hurrah" while leaving town had been heard on the streets before. But these shots didn't burn off into the night. Three of the wayward bullets whizzed into the Comique.

Inside the theatre Bat Masterson was dealing cards with Doc Holliday at his side. Eddie Foy was reciting a popular poem, "Kalamazoo in Michigan" when the bullets tore through the wall, sending pieces of splintered boards across the room. Foy dived for cover but couldn't help but notice "the instantaneous manner" in which Masterson and Holliday "flattened out like pan-

cakes on the floor." The performer later recalled, "I had thought I was pretty agile myself, but those fellows had me beaten by seconds on that trick." Policemen Wyatt Earp and James Masterson rushed into the street amid bullets flying in their direction. One drunken cowboy left behind at the dance hall, "...perched himself in the window... and indulged in a promiscuous shoot all by himself." As the

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Auctioneers Note: I have known the Burtis family for many years. They were active in the community and the Kansas Livestock Association, Plan to attend. There is something here for everyone. We appreciate you being at the auction. Refreshments available. All items including scrap metal must be removed from auction site in one week.

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rowdy cowboys rode headlong over the Arkansas River bridge an officer's bullet found its mark. The cowboy fell from the saddle to the floor of the bridge. He had suffered a serious wound in the arm. The officers found the cowboy to be George Hoy, who according to the Dodge City Times was "rather an intelligent looking young man." The officers delivered the wounded man to Dr. T. L. McCarty. His arm was shattered which ultimately called for amputation. The surgery was performed by a surgeon from the nearby military post of Fort Dodge. The Ford County Globe spoke well of the young cowboy writing that he was a "...rather a good young man, having those chivalrous qualities, so common to frontiersmen, well developed."

The Globe also revealed that despite his good qualities Hoy was under a fifteen-hundred-dollar bond

to appear in Texas for "aiding and assisting" the roundup of one thousand head of cattle belonging to other parties. Hoy had many friends and no enemies among the Texas men and was not considered a criminal by any means. He was expecting to be released from the bond on his return from the cattle drive to Kansas. However, gangrene set into the wound after the amputation. He died August 22, 1878, just one month short of his twenty-fifth birthday, a day he could have celebrated if he hadn't fired that pistol during a festive night in Dodge City on The Way West.

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



Taylor Nikkel, Maple Hill, won reserve champion Angus-based steer at the 2012 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 2 in Hutchinson. The steer weighed 1,206 pounds.

Photo by Shelia Stannard, American Angus Association.

Hallauer offers drought corn thoughts

By David G. Hallauer, Meadowlark District Extension Agent, Crops & Soils/Horticulture

There is plenty of information out there about how bad things are for our crops. I'm not going to go in-depth about that, but do want to share a couple of things to help you as you make a decision about what to do about the corn crop.

For starters, is it done? That's maybe the toughest of all. Obviously, if you are past the point of ear set – and you don't have any, your options are pretty limited. For those plants that have completed pollination, we start the 'wait and see' about what actually gets to a grain crop. We may lose kernels five, six, maybe even longer after pollination, so the sooner it can get cooler, the better. The good news is, at least in some locations, the corn may roll significantly during the day, but leaves unfurl again at night and don't look too bad in the morning. If your crop's leaves are rolled morning, noon, and night, that's not a good sign.

Until you reach milk, dough, or dent stage, estimating yield can be difficult (again, kernels can abort). There are lots of seed company and university formulas and tools out there for

you to use, just like there are 'rules' of thumb (i.e., in a year like this, we might make the assumption that there are 90-100,000 kernels in a bushel of grain – combined with population, we can get a 'rough' estimate of potential yield). I would encourage you to use – with PLENTY of information. In other words, get multiple

ears and multiple populations from multiple areas of the field before putting too much stock in an estimate.

And last but not least, consider your forage needs in combination with crop removal. For example, a five ton/acre silage crop will remove approximately 16 pounds of phosphorous and 43 pounds of potassium.

What is the cost of that removal?

There are LOTS of things to consider before we give up on the crop – then options thereafter. If you want to look at other tools (silage cost calculator – there's a really good one at www.agmanager.info, nutrient removal rates, etc.), don't hesitate to contact us.

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2 – 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in AURORA, KANSAS

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TERMS: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before September 4, 2012. Possession of open ground will be immediate. Possession of 36 acres planted to beans will be

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 28 – 9:30 AM

Auction will be held at the home located at 759 N. 170 road (old highway 81) BENNINGTON, KANSAS

GUNS: SELL AT 9:30 A.M.
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The Crazy Horse Ride

In 2011, Charles "Bamm" Brewer, an Oglala Sioux, wrote an article about the annual Crazy Horse Ride. The ride commemorates Crazy Horse, the revered Oglala Sioux war chief, who was a leader of men in many battles before he died at Fort Robinson, Nebraska on September 5, 1877.

Brewer said, "This is probably the biggest trail ride in Nebraska and South Dakota with between 150 and 200 riders participating. The horses are usually a Quarter Horse mixed with War Spirit. That's what I called the breed here." The Crazy Horse Ride is a 75-mile, four-day spiritual ride from Ft. Robinson, Nebraska to the Pine Ridge Veteran's Pow Wow Celebration. Crazy Horse is a warrior in the Lakota culture that represents the Lakota Paradigm of a peaceful warrior who resisted aggression and oppression based in spiritual natural law. Chief Crazy Horse lives in the lives of the Lakota People and is still leading Lakota hearts in this moment. Bamm

Brewer's article is reprinted in this Picket Line column with his permission from The Lakota Country Times.

Bamm Brewer: Some memories of the annual Crazy Horse Ride

As smoke drifted through the tipi poles and the warm sun rays shined, the camp was slowly coming to life. There were only a few riders moving around early, after two days of a long ride it was great to know it was a day of rest. The night was a long one. There was a low fog and everything was soaked, but the first person I saw was a smiley-faced kid looking for his horse and that is what we were all about.

I rolled over and remember wishing for just a couple more hours of sleep. I was never a late sleeper but this was one time I wish I was. If I never felt age, I was feeling it now. I hoped we had a dry ride ahead, but rain was always a part of our journey.

Next, someone came over to see if we had any coffee, we didn't even stand up yet.

Then I heard someone talking, they had a tough night. They were talking and the tone of their voice made me listen closer. They were talking in Indian, and I could make out some of it. As it seemed, they were saying some of the horses got out last night and in the dark some of the boys went after them.

We always left the horses secure and it was the young warriors' duty to watch them throughout the night. They said something that ran a chill down my back. It was said the young boys who went up there on foot to get the horses, they were having some trouble the horses ran farther away into the night. The boys continued after the horses. Then a rider showed up out there in the dark! They couldn't see the rider it was too dark, but the rider was trying to help them. They kept saying there was someone out there helping them. Whoever it was turned those horses around and they don't know which way they went after that, or who it was. That was the morning mystery; it was the talk around that morning coffee pot.

That camp is a special place to the Lakota. Most of those kinds of experiences we thought we were used to after 10 years, but that one was a good one. You kind of give it a whirl in your mind then let it settle, there's no way to shake off a mystical

experience like that, especially when you know you're at the Crazy Horse Camp. It's the kind of feeling we try to hold onto as long as we can. In a camp where yesterday meets today and we are one with our ancestors.

It had been a long time ago that Crazy Horse camped in the Beaver Creek area, in 2011 the people will ride again on June 5 through June 9; coming into the

camp on the afternoon of June 7. The area was rich with game and good water and it provided a sheltered place from the hardest winters. The surrounding hills were loaded with big bucks, turkey, rabbits, and to the north in the plains were the antelope and buffalo. If ever there was a warrior camp this was it. The Beaver Valley grew ash trees providing good hard wood for the

camp. The camp was known to be a favorite camp of Crazy Horse and the people; it was also a Sundance ground, today in the month of June the people return once again. The camp in all its beauty is still there today. A historical landmark preserved and protected by the Kadelchek family north of Hay Springs, Nebraska.

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Sunday, July 22

9:00 am Horse Show - LP

July 23-25 - No Exhibits
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Thursday, July 26

1-5 pm Bake Sale - EH
 1-6 pm Entry of Open Exhibits - EH
 4:00 pm Shepherd's Lead - LP
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9:00 am-7:00 pm Petting Zoo - EH

Noon-5 pm Rabbit Show - EH

12:00 pm-8:00 pm Quilt Show - EH Open to the Public
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4-6 pm 4-H Public Presentations - Atrium
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9:30 am Dog Agility Trail - LA
 9:30 am Dairy Cattle Show - LP
 10:00 am R&C Equine Rescue - EA
 10:30 am Dairy Goat Show - LP
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for three straight hours and the sound of washing rain gave the riders a wide-awake night. I mean the thunder rolled a constant rumble for three straight hours. I knew morning would come fast after a night like that. I remember a constant hard downpour, everything soaked and horses singing with the rain into the night. The only time I could see anything was when the lightning would flash. Everyone had to duck into tents when that rain started. I came outside of the tipi to check on the situation and all looked normal, just a soaking wet camp. It was the Crazy Horse Ride all right.

Everyone took shelter and the camp kitchen tent, courtesy of John Two Bulls, was providing shelter for those that didn't want to go to tents. It was always fun staying up late and visiting around a camp fire and a pot of coffee even in the rain, but when it started to rain really hard later that night everyone vanished. There wasn't anyone over at the cooks' tent anymore and it looked like I was the only one up when that rain hit. I walked up on the hill above the camp and when the lightning flashed, I knew that even as deserted as the camp looked it was not so, this was the Crazy Horse Ride and in this camp there were over 200 Lakota riders.

The sun always shined more than the rains drenched us and as the people always said when it rained; "It is a cleansing of the earth and the people." The nights were always something to remember on the Crazy Horse Ride. There is always some great laughter sitting around those crackling camp fires.

When the drum group pulled out the drum on a starry night that always brought us closer to the grandfathers; a 49 song or original camp honor song always stopped you in your tracks and you could feel it in your heart. The Cheyenne creek singers were always there from the start, Bull, Tim, Rob and John and what was great they weren't just the drum group they rode too.

They'd sing into the night and then start out the next day's ride with a prayer song. These guys were always a ton of laughs, when they're not under the arbor they are sitting atop a green-broke bronc. Anyway as I would often walk around camp I would stop at their camp for our usual joker session. It was always fun to see who was riding what horse; Brian Dean always had someone on a bronc in that camp.

This part of the journey is always my favorite, the people really come together and learn to travel as one Oyate (Lakota for nation.) In

the beginning we may travel a little spread out, but by the time we get to the Beaver Valley area the people are closer. I really admired them for that togetherness, as today I see that to be one of our many difficulties. A difficulty that can be overcome and this is one event that can teach togetherness and team work. Great team work and the togetherness of our people are the heart and soul of the Crazy Horse Ride. To all the sponsors, cooks and supporters we would not have been able to do this event without you. All the Oyate coming together has been a Crazy Horse Ride tradition. A tradition that echoes through the Beaver Valley.

Many times as I rode along I looked at our people and I was overwhelmed with pride, as they all came to ride for Crazy Horse and our veterans. This was the whole reason we did this every year, because of our warrior people and what they stood for. In honor of all veterans and Crazy Horse we committed ourselves to this journey; a journey that has brought us closer to our ancestors and gave recognition to the real heroes of today, our veterans.

In a modern time when our youth really struggle with the difficulties of growing up, here is an event that has been a cultural, educational and spiritual experi-

ence for our youth. Our journey has seen some rough spots with injuries and accidents; I thank all of our people for your dedications to our veterans and Crazy Horse. I have seen the people come together, we forgot anything that was negative or the hardships in our lives, I know some of those injuries were serious and the horse that we lost was a beautiful war pony. We continued through it all to say thank you to those veterans who returned from the battle fields, and to remember what Crazy Horse stood for. We took our youth on a journey back into who they really are, the future generation of the Lakota Nation.

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



Bar S New Day 1578 won grand champion steer at the 2012 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 2 in Hutchinson. Grady Dickerson, Paradise, owns the April 2011 son of MSAR New Day 2525. Bill Conley, Clarksdale, Mo., evaluated the 93 entries. Photo by Shelia Stannard, American Angus Association.

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Tallgrass Range School set, enrollment still open

"Drought and heat is still on everyone's minds, and this has been another tough summer for ranchers, their livestock, and the grasslands across most of Kansas," said David Kraft, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) state rangeland management specialist, Emporia. "An upcoming Range School may not relieve all the current pain, but we hope that we can better equip ranchers and land managers to be able to deal with this extended drought situation."

"The Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition (KGLC) has firmed up all presentations and presenters for the Tallgrass Range School set for July 31-August 2 at Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale. The School focuses on grassland ecology and livestock management," said Tim Christian, KGLC state coordinator. Thematically, "Roots, Rainfall, and Recovery... Management Coming Out Of

Drought" should provide attendees with some solid tools and new thought processes to help offset the persistent hot, dry conditions."

The course subject matter is directed at offering as much resource material and hands-on training to attendees as can be crammed into a three-day period, Christian said. Presentations and exercises include Landscape Change With Climatic Variance Influences, David Kraft, NRCS; Plant and Animal Interaction and the Effects of Drought, K.C. Olson, KSU Animal Science; Regenerating Rangeland Potential, Walt Fick, KSU Research and Extension Agronomy; Livestock Stocking Rates During the Good, Bad and the Ugly, David Kraft; Soils, Ecological Sites, and Measuring and Monitoring, various instructors; Drought Planning - "Mental" Plans Don't Work, various instructors; and a se-

ries of talks that encompass Wildlife Considerations and Opportunities on Rangelands, Dave Dahlgren, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism and Greg Kramos, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners Program. The school also devotes a good share of time to plant identification and students will each receive a plant identification book.

"Our hope is that participants will be further down the road to successfully manage their grazing lands without sacrificing too much economically and damaging fragile plant communities," he continued. Having a written drought or contingency plan and following it is essential to staying the course over time in an extended drought.

The three-day school costs \$300 per person, but KGLC and its co-sponsors will be providing scholarships to eligible ranchers, ranch employees, students,

and agency staffs. Most will receive \$150, with agency attendees receiving \$100, to bring costs down, making the highly rated course a great value. Scholarship forms are available online at www.kglc.org, under 2012 Range Schools in the left-side navigation bar, or by contacting KGLC staff. July 20 is the cut-off for receiving scholarship applica-

tions, and registration is due July 23.

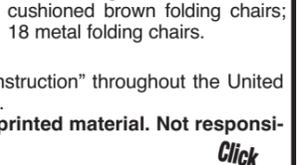
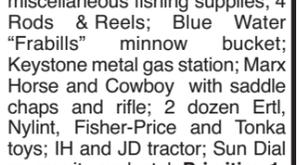
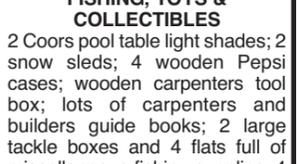
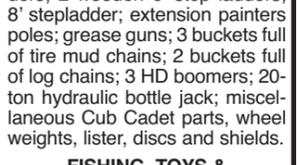
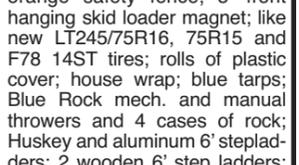
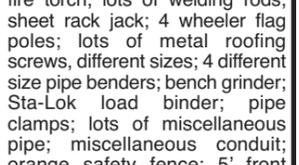
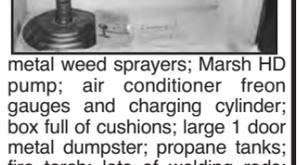
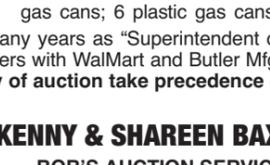
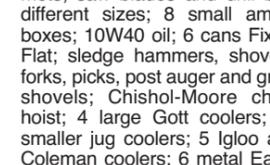
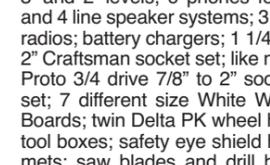
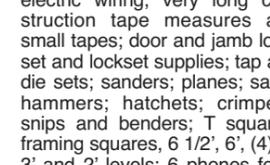
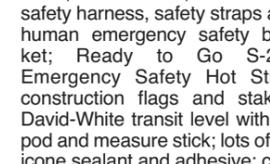
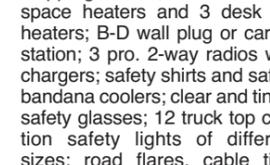
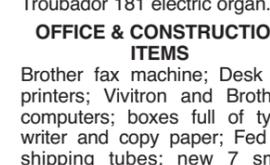
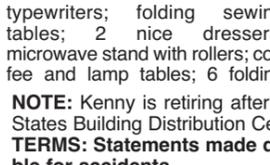
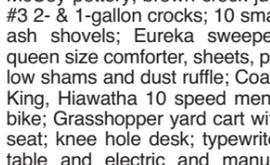
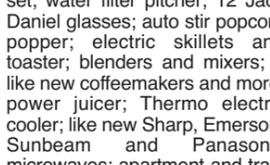
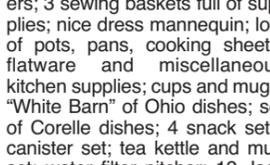
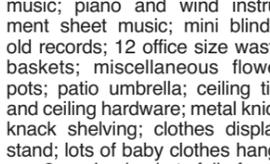
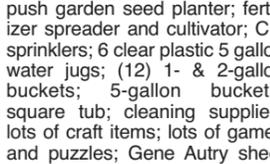
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Program; William F. Bradley, Jr. Trust; and the Kansas Section of the Society for Range Management.

For more information, contact Tim Christian, KGLC state coordinator, at 620-241-3636, e-mail tdchristian@cox.net, or Ken Sherraden, assistant, at 785-922-7061, e-mail kennethsherraden@sbcglobal.net.

AUCTION SATURDAY, JULY 21 - 9:30 AM

Held at Bob's Auction House, 1535 South 2500 Road From Herington, KS, 4 way stop of Hwy. 77 & 56, go East on 56 Hwy. 7 miles to 2500 Road then north 1/2 mile. LOTS OF PARKING IN THE YARD!



STARTING AT 9:30 AM WITH HOUSEHOLD, APPLIANCES & GARDEN ITEMS

20 plus boxes full of canning jars, 1/2 pint to quart size, small and large mouth jars; wet and dry mops; push and other brooms; snow shovels; rakes and hoes; push garden seed planter; fertilizer spreader and cultivator; C.I. sprinklers; 6 clear plastic 5 gallon water jugs; (12) 1- & 2-gallon buckets; 5-gallon buckets; square tub; cleaning supplies; lots of craft items; lots of games and puzzles; Gene Autry sheet music; piano and wind instrument sheet music; mini blinds; old records; 12 office size waste baskets; miscellaneous flower pots; patio umbrella; ceiling tile and ceiling hardware; metal knick knock shelving; clothes display stand; lots of baby clothes hangers; 3 sewing baskets full of supplies; nice dress mannequin; lots of pots, pans, cooking sheets, flatware and miscellaneous kitchen supplies; cups and mugs; "White Barn" of Ohio dishes; set of Corolle dishes; 4 snack sets; canister set; tea kettle and mug set; water filter pitcher; 12 Jack Daniel glasses; auto stir popcorn popper; electric skillet and toaster; blenders and mixers; 7 like new coffeemakers and more; power juicer; Thermo electric cooler; like new Sharp, Emerson, Sunbeam and Panasonic microwaves; apartment and trailer size refrigerators, good; Whirlpool built-in stove; 31.1 cu. ft. Kenmore upright freezer; Standard bathroom lavatory, bath sink and never used complete shower stall; lots of Tupperware; Atners, Haeger and McCoy pottery; brown crock jug; #3 2- & 1-gallon crocks; 10 small ash shovels; Eureka sweeper; queen size comforter, sheets, pillow shams and dust ruffle; Coast King, Hiawatha 10 speed men's bike; Grasshopper yard cart with seat; knee hole desk; typewriter table and electric and manual typewriters; folding sewing tables; 2 nice dressers; microwave stand with rollers; coffee and lamp tables; 6 folding

tables, different sizes; kitchen table with 2 chairs; Thomas Troubadour 181 electric organ.

OFFICE & CONSTRUCTION ITEMS

Brother fax machine; Desk Jet printers; Vivitron and Brothers computers; boxes full of typewriter and copy paper; Fed Ex shipping tubes; new 7 small space heaters and 3 desk top heaters; B-D wall plug or car air station; 3 pro. 2-way radios with chargers; safety shirts and safety bandana coolers; clear and tinted safety glasses; 12 truck top caution safety lights of different sizes; road flares, cable ties, safety harness, safety straps and human emergency safety basket; Ready to Go S-230 Emergency Safety Hot Stick; construction flags and stakes; David-White transit level with tripod and measure stick; lots of silicone sealant and adhesive; caution tape; safety helmets.

TOOLS & MORE

Milwaukee Big Hole drilling bit kit; Sawzall; drills; Hilti DX 350 nailer; Hole Hog (needs work); power shears and jig saws; lots of HD electric cords, multi plugs, electric wiring, very long construction tape measures and small tapes; door and jamb lockset and lockset supplies; tap and die sets; sanders; planes; saws; hammers; hatchets; crimpers; snips and benders; T squares; framing squares, 6 1/2", 6", (4) 4", 3" and 2" levels; 6 phones for 2 and 4 line speaker systems; 3 old radios; battery chargers; 1 1/4" to 2" Craftsman socket set; like new Proto 3/4 drive 7/8" to 2" socket set; 7 different size White Work Boards; twin Delta PK wheel hub tool boxes; safety eye shield helmets; saw blades and drill bits, different sizes; 8 small ammo boxes; 10W40 oil; 6 cans Fix-A-Flat; sledge hammers, shovels, forks, picks, post auger and grain shovels; Chisholm-Moore chain hoist; 4 large Gott coolers; 15 smaller jug coolers; 5 Igloo and Coleman coolers; 6 metal Eagle gas cans; 6 plastic gas cans; 2

metal weed sprayers; Marsh HD pump; air conditioner freon gauges and charging cylinder; box full of cushions; large 1 door metal dumpster; propane tanks; fire torch; lots of welding rods; sheet rack jack; 4 wheeler flag poles; lots of metal roofing screws, different sizes; 4 different size pipe benders; bench grinder; Sta-Lok load binder; pipe clamps; lots of miscellaneous pipe; miscellaneous conduit; orange safety fence; 5' front hanging skid loader magnet; like new LT245/75R16, 75R15 and F78 14ST tires; rolls of plastic cover; house wrap; blue tarps; Blue Rock mech. and manual throwers and 4 cases of rock; Huskey and aluminum 6' stepladders; 2 wooden 6' step ladders; 8' stepladder; extension painters poles; grease guns; 3 buckets full of tire mud chains; 2 buckets full of log chains; 3 HD boomers; 20-ton hydraulic bottle jack; miscellaneous Cub Cadet parts, wheel weights, lister, discs and shields.

FISHING, TOYS & COLLECTIBLES

2 Coors pool table light shades; 2 snow sleds; 4 wooden Pepsi cases; wooden carpenters tool box; lots of carpenters and builders guide books; 2 large tackle boxes and 4 flats full of miscellaneous fishing supplies; 4 Rods & Reels; Blue Water "Frabills" minnow bucket; Keystone metal gas station; Marx Horse and Cowboy with saddle chaps and rifle; 2 dozen Ertl, Nylint, Fisher-Price and Tonka toys; IH and JD tractor; Sun Dial on granite pedestal; Primitive 1-Room School House Teacher's Trippensee Planetarium, complete in original box; 5 wooden nail kegs.

TABLES & CHAIRS

8', 6', 4', 2' folding tables; 4 cushioned folding chairs, colored; 15 cushioned brown folding chairs; 18 metal folding chairs.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 - 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the Village Café in ESBON, KANSAS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W 1/2 SW 1/4 & S 1/2 NW 1/4 29-2-10 Jewell County, Kansas

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 160 acres located from Esbon 2 1/2 miles West and 1 mile North on 20 road. 73.4 cropland acres with 5.9 acres CRP. The CRP contract runs through 9/30/2018. The rental rate is \$43.14 per acre. Roger Fricker planted the CRP and will receive 1/3 share of CRP contract on remainder of contract. Buyers will agree to maintain CRP contract. Base acres are wheat 41.3 yield of 34 bushel, grain sorghum 23.9 yield of 56 bushel; The direct payment total is \$1,019.00. The balance of approximately 86 acres are pasture.

TERMS: 10% down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before

September 7, 2012. Possession of milo & bean ground will be after 2012 milo harvest. Purchaser will receive 1/3 landlords share of milo & beans. Purchaser will pay the seller's 1/3 share of expense on milo & bean ground. Possession of open ground will be immediate. Possession of pasture ground will be immediate.

Seller will pay 1/2 of 2012 taxes. 2011 taxes were \$720.00. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Escrow & closing fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.

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AUCTION

TUESDAY, JULY 24 - 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the North edge of SIMPSON, KANSAS

REAL ESTATE

TRACT I: Mitchell County, Kansas. Approx. 8 acres with a Kent building with partial concrete floor, older home & barn, buildings, corrals.

TRACT II: Mitchell County, Kansas. 80 acres with 55 crop acres, 24.6 acres hay meadow.

See last week's Grass & Grain for complete real estate details.

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TRACTORS, COMBINE, TRUCKS & MACHINERY

2008 New Holland T5060 diesel tractor, front wheel assist, power shift, dual hyd w/flow meter, 1204 hrs, with 820 TL8 loader 8' bucket, bale spear; 1982 John Deere 4440 diesel tractor, 18.4-38 duals, weighted, quick tach, 6693 hrs; 2000 Freightliner FL80 semi tractor Cat diesel engine, Fuller 9 speed transmission, 175,252 miles good condition; 2010 Neville 26' semi grain trailer, dual axle, 2 dump, electric roll over tarp; 1973 IHC Loadstar 1600 truck, 8 cy., 4 speed 2 speed, w/ 16' steel box, roll over tarp; 1995 John Deere 9500 diesel combine 30.5L 32 tires, good condition, 2749 engine hrs, 2150 separator hrs; John Deere 25' model 925 header; 4 wheel header trailer; milo guards; 2005 New Holland BR780 round baler, twine & net tie, less than 1900 bales; White 6100 pull type 12

row folding planter w/dual hyd markers; John Deere 455 grain drill 30' 7 1/2" space, dual hyd markers, select-a-lift; Sunflower 16' pull type chisel; Leon 3 pt. 370 blade; Ford New Holland 3 pt. 6' rotary mower model 951; Miller 14' offset disc; sieve for JD 7720 combine.

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Titan 22' covered gooseneck stock trailer; 1999 Krause 31' disc model 4991; 1994 Great Plains 24' bi fold grain drill 7 1/2" space; 1990 Great Plains end wheel 13 1/2' grain drill 7 1/2" space w/alfalfa seeder; White 5100 pull type 6 row planter, PTO hyd; Krause 46' field cultivator w/harrow model 4241; Kawasaki 300 4 wheeler; Farm Hand XL 1140 quick tach loader 7' bucket & grapple fork for IHC 766; 4 wheel 25' truck frame trailer w/dual rear wheels; Versatile 8' 40' PTO auger; JD F145H semi mount 5 bottom plow; 3 pt. detracker; Miller welder & generator w/gas engine on 2 wheel trailer; 20 Winkler 12' cattle panels; hydraulic drill fill auger; 12 volt drill fill auger; 20 ton hydraulic press; Makita hand grinder; JD grain moisture tester; assortment of 510 Massey Ferguson combine parts; 2-20' round top calf sheds; no other items.

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GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled

July 17 — Chase County home & acreage at Cottonwood Falls for Property of Colleen Hynson & the late Keith Hynson. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

July 21 — Mobile home at Willard. Auctioneers: Raine Auction Service.

July 21 — Cars, bikes, tools & more at Manhattan for Riley CO. PD seized items, KSU Agronomy dept. Auctioneers: Totally Auction.

July 21 — Household, appliances, garden items, office, construction items, tools, fishing, toys, collectibles near Herington for Kenny & Shareen Baxter. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.

July 21 — Household & collectibles at Marysville for Caryl E. Toedter Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

July 21 — Guns, farm primitives, collectibles, lawn, garden, shop at Wabaunsee for Gale Shepherd & Family. Auctioneers: Kocher's Auction Service.

July 21 — Lamps, furniture, clocks, collectibles, glassware, pottery, antique tools, Santa Fe tools, Ford tools, Winchester, Keen Kutter, Scale Beam, bottle openers, shop equipment, mobility chair, outdoor items at Emporia for Marvin Willey. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

July 22 — Vehicles, boat, motors, furniture, treadmill, household, tools & misc. at Wamego for Jack Dover. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 22 — Furniture, appliances, collectibles & misc. at Seneca for Joan Parks Estate. Auctioneers: Wilhelm Auction Service.

July 23 — Skid steers & attach., dump trucks, pickup, machinery & tools at

Concordia for John Martin. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

July 23 — Real estate, producing minerals, Smokey Hill River, grassland/ cultivation, Ellis County at Hays for Armella Gottschalk Trust, etal. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

July 24 — Mitchell County Real Estate, tractors, combine, trucks, machinery, baler, trailer, grant cart at Simpson for Mihm Brothers (Dennis & Jerry Mihm). Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC. United Country Theurer Auction Realty, LLC.

July 24 — Kitchen & dining equipment at Prairie Village. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.

July 24 — Chase County land at Cottonwood Falls for 4J Land & Cattle LLC (Stanley Stout Family). Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

July 25 — Tractors, combines, semi trucks, straight trucks, dump trucks, dozer, balers, till, planting, livestock and haying equipment & more online (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

July 26 — Saline County cropland & pasture at Salina for Althea Pauls Trust. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

July 26 — McPherson County cropland near Moundridge for Gale Schrag, David Schrag, Kirby Goering. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

July 26 — Retail, office, warehouse real estate at Wamego for Swamp Angel, Inc. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 27 — Butler County grass land at Burns for

Elizabeth Lathrop Hunter Family Trust. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

July 28 — Ford pickup, furniture, collectibles, household & misc. at Manhattan for Merle & Willadeanne Eyestone Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 28 — Guns, trailer, mower, tools & other at Bennington for John Yoxall Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 28 — Combines, tractors, implements, hay balers, grain railers & trucks W. of Paris, MO for annual July Machinery Consignments. Auctioneers: Wheel Auctions.

July 28 — Farm equipment, tractors, saddles, stationary baler, branding irons, scrap metal, antiques, collectibles & more at Olathe for Orville Burtis Sr. & Orville Burtis Jr. Auctioneers: Webb & Associates, Dave Webb.

July 28 — Vehicles, farm & yard equipment, trailer, furniture, appliances, tools, repairs, new house items, collectibles & misc. at Osborne for Mark & Deb Morrison. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

July 28 — Antiques at Basehor for Ma's Country Antiques. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.

July 28 — Tractors, trucks, stock trailer, machinery near Marysville for Wayne Hildebrandt. Auctioneers: Don Prell Realty & Auction.

July 29 — Guns, tools, quilts, furniture, antiques, appliances, household & specialty items at Burlingame for J. Martin Quaney. Auctioneers: Arb Auction Service.

July 29 — Forklift, shop equipment, office equip-

ment & misc. at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Wayne Wischropp.

July 30 — Ranch style home at St. George for Wilson Family. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 30 — Real Estate, Cloud County cropland & pasture with 3BR home at Concordia for Arlan & Barbara Campbell Trust. Auctioneers: Kenneth Johnson Auction & Real Estate.

July 30 — Geary County land, stone farm home & acreage at Manhattan for Virginia Waters & Children. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

August 1 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.

August 2 — Real estate (80 acres CRP) at Delphos for Payne Farms. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Realty.

August 2 — Cloud County real estate at Aurora for Jim Letourneau. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 4 — Cars, trucks, farm implements, antiques, tools at Hanover for the annual Hanover Firemans Consignments. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik.

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

August 5 — Trailer, mower, antiques, collectibles & other in Cawker City for Jim Cruce Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 6 — Mitchell County pasture & cropland, modular home at Simpson for John & Lisa Mastin. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

August 7 — Real estate, house on corner lot at Alta Vista for Karl & Vonnie Lloyd. Auctioneers:

Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

August 7 — Jewell County real estate at Esbon for Myrna (dodd) & Jim Iwig. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 11 — Farm equipment at Russell County for Lenhardt & Alice Homeier Revocable Living Trusts. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.

August 11 — Northeast Wabaunsee County, brick ranch home on acreage at Maple Hill for Estate of A.B. Hudson. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.

August 11 — Furniture, appliances, tools, glassware & toys at Herington for Dale "Swede" Carlson. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.

August 11 — Pottawatomie County real estate at Westmoreland for Alexia A. Ebert. Auctioneers: Cline Real & Auction, LLC.

August 21 — Clay & Washington County real estate at Clifton for Delmer Kahrs & Medora Kahrs Trust. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, agents & auctioneers.

August 25 — Household goods, shop supplies & misc. at Morganville for

Alfred & the late Maxine Marcotte. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.

September 1 — Personal property N. of Marysville for Mrs. (Gary) Opal Tobin. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

September 3 — Real Estate (510 acres) at Miltonvale for Ethel Fuller Trust. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Realty.

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.

September 29 — Female sale at Westmoreland for R&L Angus.

October 31 — Fink Beef Genetics Annual Angus & Charolais Bull sale at Randolph.

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

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

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SUNDAY, JULY 22 — 12:00 NOON
136 Riverview Drive — WAMEGO, KANSAS

1997 Mercury Grand Marquis LS 4-door car, approximately 80,000 miles, clean and good; 1991 Mercury station wagon, approximately 120,000 miles; 14' fiber glass, V-bottom boat & trailer; **Johnson 9 1/2HP & 6HP boat motors; trolling motor.**

Maple dining table, 6 chairs, & matching china hutch (nice); **Pro form treadmill (very good);** sofa; hutch; 5-drawer chest; twin bed; 4-drawer chest; Amana automatic washer; Kenmore dryer; chest deep freeze; refrigerator; nite stand; treadle sewing machine; antique rocker; Oak dinette table; living room chair; TV; end tables; trunk; metal shelves; coffee & stand table; microwave & cart; sewing machine; office chair; cabinets; hat rack; Cardio glide exerciser; valet; typing table; fan on stand; step stool; Oak mirror; coolers; Corningware coffee pot; stockpots; pots & pans; dishes; books; cookbooks; household items; lamps; pictures & wall hangings; child's wagon; lawn chairs; Roto-tiller; 2 gas weed eaters; 2 push lawn mowers; lawn spreader; wheelbarrow; garden planter; BBQ grill; aluminum extension and step ladders; shop vac; wrenches; jointer; bar clamps; toolboxes; sander; saws; hardware; hammers; drills; organizers; saws; braces; hand tools; rods & reels; garage, shop, lawn items; lawn windmill; tractor sprinkler; tomato cages; pet carrier; garden tools; hose; miscellaneous.

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Singer Featherweight sewing machine; child's chair; cash register; child's high chair; vintage linen & lace; various woodcuts; trols & accessories; Collection of Harmonicas; 2 Bugles; violin; mandolin; trumpet; tuba; doll bed; dolls; American flyer train set; 1970's & '80's Sports Illustrated; skis; golf clubs & bags; KSU VHS football tapes; 2 single shot shotguns; tube radio; mirrors; printer's boxes; milk bottles; teapot; glasses; bowls; fruit jars; slide projector & carousels; Budweiser charcoal grill; Coors Power cat neon light; skateboard; globe; Coke bottles; books; baby bed; tricycle; typewriter; records; craft material/items; picnic basket; board games; what-not shelf; wood boxes; milk cans; leggings; yardsticks; cast iron skillet; bottles quilt frame; wood level & plane; coffee grinder; coal shovels; scales; old toys; rug beater; ice tongs; buck saw; chisels; tools; miscellaneous lumber; cigar boxes; insulation; stainless sink; movie screens; projectors; fondue set; electrified kerosene lamp; snack sets; heater; Christmas decorations; food dehydrator; reel-to-reel; file boxes; variety of miscellaneous!

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Cow Stupidity

I was watching Will trying to entice a small bunch of cows through an open gate by baiting them with protein pellets. The last two cows could not find the gate! After three backtracks he finally coaxed them through.

"It's frustrating," he said. "My dad told me cows are stupid, that's why we eat them."

I thought that was philosophical genius! Right there in front of our eyes, akin to Columbus suddenly realizing that the earth was round, or a six-year-old discovering he can burp on command! One of those moments when a person sees there really is a master plan in the universe.

However, I hear story after story about men trying to outsmart cows. Temple Grandin has built a fine reputation defining and manipulating cow behavior. But, her techniques do not depend on a cow's intelligence. The design of her cattle handling facilities could also be used in bottling plants, air conditioning ducts and irrigation systems. It's all about flow.

It is true we can use fear, temperament or food to get cows to do as we ask. Dairymen have perfected the system. They lure one cow to come in the parlor and stanchion with grain, and the rest of the cows follow. They learn the system but hunger is the instinctive reason they come rather than intelligence.

On the open range, once a cow finds the water hole they can find it again even if there is no trail. I'm not sure it is all because of their sense of smell. It's almost like they have their own GPS, like geese, to guide them. Witness their ability to hide

their calf, walk half a mile to water then return to the calf's hiding place. Instinct or intelligence?

Is it stupidity when you try and run a range bull through a chute three days in a row and he resists? Is it stupidity when you get a roping steer that ducks his head? How 'bout when an ol' cow sticks her nose in the ground at her annual "Fall Mouting?" Is she really thinking, "I don't want Farmer Bill to see I've got a loose tooth?"

Maybe stupid is too harsh a word. We could say learning handicapped, S.A.T. negative, IQ-diminished, thinking deprived, thick-headed, brain-dead? And stupid, compared to what? A creosote post, a box of gravel, a tamping bar?

To be fair to the cow we must look at the company they keep... cows, and of course, cowboys, who aren't stupid but sometimes you can't tell.



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More therapeutic rides offered at Reins of Hope

Therapeutic riding is growing in popularity. More horses are being used as a physical therapy tool to increase the circulation, balance and concentration for the disabled. Reins of Hope Therapeutic Riding adopted this philosophy more than 15 years ago. The organization will be able to continue this practice thanks to a local

farm family and America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM.

Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. Matt and Becky Mullins were the winning farmers in Reno County. They recognized the need for thera-

peutic riding and directed the donation to Reins of Hope.

"I was very excited to win because I never win anything," Matt said. "This is great for our community."

The organization will use the \$2,500 to help keep the experience affordable for all riders.

"We are proud to say that we have never turned away

a rider due to an inability to pay," said Jane Harder, executive director of Reins of Hope. "These funds will continue to make the Reins of Hope experience possible for every student who enters our facility."

In a ceremony held on May 6 at Harder Farms, the Mullins got the chance to present Reins of Hope with the \$2,500 donation.

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