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Cider Mill draws crowds in autumn rush

By Lucas Shivers

As a rite of passage into the fall season, agri-tourists from across eastern Kansas flood the Louisburg Cider Mill to watch millions of fresh apples being pressed into 100% pure cider. "When people feel the nip in the air, our phone starts ringing, and they're coming down," Shelly Schierman, owner, said. "We pressed 15 million pounds of apples in 2011. That's more than 100,000 gallons of cider."

For 35 years, Tom and Shelly Schierman, founders and operators of the mill on Highway 68 near Louisburg, create an autumn escape as well as sell their cider and complementary products like fruit preserves, jellies, spreads, pancake mixes, syrups, salsas, BBQ sauces, honey and more. "We are proud to offer our products in the produce sections of many grocery stores," Schierman said. "Managers are often looking for ways to build displays for the harvest season to get customers excited so we're in quite a few stores now."

A 10-acre corn maze and pumpkin patch are favorites of Ciderfest, an annual event hosted at the mill during the last weekend of September and the first weekend of October for more than 20,000 spectators. "Each year, we have live bluegrass and country music, a variety of arts and craft booths, hay wagons, corn maze and more," Schierman said. "We're 30 minutes from Overland Park, so we also get a lot of school tours. My favorite part is when the kids get off that bus, and their eyes pop open, and they're running around." Creating Cider Apple cider, the Schiermans' trademark product, is raw apple juice,



The Louisburg Cider Mill has been a labor of love for thirty-five years for Tom and Shelly Schierman.

Photo by Rachel Shivers

with no preservative, sweetener or additives. The natural fiber and pulp of the apple is intentionally left in the cider, giving the cider a slightly cloudy look.

"The cider mill is basically the same process used thousands of years ago," Schierman said. The Schiermans purchase apples from local commercial growers along the Missouri River. "This year, most farmers in our area had a great apple crop, but there were major orchard losses from up north in New York and Michigan due to a unusually warm spring followed by a late hard frost," Schierman said. "We're scrambling around with prices through the roof. We've never seen anything like this. We're paying 100% more this year. When that's your only ingredient, it's a bit of a concern."

The apples arrive in large wooden crates, and they are first tossed through an apple washer. Next a hammermill grinds the apples into a pulp called pomace, and then a belt press applies thousands of pounds of pressure. The juice is forced out of the pomace and flows into cooling tanks. After two days, the cider is bottled into gallon and half-gallon plastic jugs.

"The pomace byproducts are used by farmers who feed the blends to their livestock," Schierman said. "Also, we compost it for the pumpkin patch and corn maze areas."

In 1977, the entire business started with a hope and a dream from young lovers, Schierman said. "Tom and I

were in our twenties, and we were just married," she said. "My dad, a born entrepreneur, had four daughters, and he was waiting for a son-in-law to create a new business venture." Although they were living in Columbia, Mo., the Schiermans returned to the small Kansas town of Louisburg to start a new journey. "Tom and I were in the radio business in Missouri, and my dad dangled a carrot; 'Move to Kansas, we will start a business.' We threw out ideas and came up with the apple cider idea," she said.

Creating the facilities for the mill, the Schiermans renovated a 120-year-old barn where they assembled a press bought from Topeka that was originally from the east coast. "The barn was a typical dilapidated cow barn built in the 1890s. We moved into a very little farm house next to the barn," Schierman said. "Instead of taking a honeymoon, we dug out the floor to pour concrete to set up the press."

The first year of the operation, the Schiermans experienced many ups and downs as they bottled their first jugs of Louisburg Cider Mill Apple Cider.

"Boy, how the times have changed," Schierman said. "Eventually the county came knocking, and we went to a commissioner meeting where they gave us the proper zoning permits. Neither one of us had any business background, but we worked all spring and summer to get ready for our first season."

In their first year, they sold cider and homemade donuts for ten weeks in fall. "As customers would come in and ask for cider, we would hotfoot it back behind the east wall and fill as many jugs as they wanted out of a bulk tank with a spigot," she said.

Schierman said their first fall was a modest success, and it was enough to continue for another season. "Next we built a Country Store," Schierman said. "Along with some friends, we tore down a bigger, nicer gusset-beam barn from north of Louisburg and rebuilt it into the Country Store to fill with

products to complement our cider."

In the next few years, the Schiermans added on to the store in each direction, and it is now open seven days a week. "As we expanded, our home was surrounded by the store," Schierman said. "It was like living in a cave. So we moved, and the original house is now part of the ten-acre corn maze and pumpkin patch as a haunted cabin." The Schiermans found some big breaks in the early years that set them up for success in their niche market. "A big moment was in 1979 when a story appeared in the Kansas

City Star with a huge headline *Louisburg is for Lovers, Of Apple Cider That Is*, Schierman said. "It was as if a floodgate had broken. We ran out of everything after that. It was the light bulb moment. We looked at each other and thought, 'Maybe we have something here.'" The next years included marketing a line of soda known as Lost Trail Root Beer.

"We started a line of root beer in 1988 to keep our employees through year-round," Schierman said. "We have ten full-time employees and add more seasonal part-time employees." The transitions continued through the decades. "Over the years, we stepped it up bit by bit," Schierman said. "It's always been a process where it seems like something falls out of the sky to bless us. In more recent years, we've kept it at a level that's still fun for us."

As for the future, the Schiermans said they would like to keep the thriving business in the family. "We're definitely working as hard as we near retirement. There are not a lot of people out there doing what we do, but there used to be more. When you make food nowadays, the state and FDA constantly keep up with you."

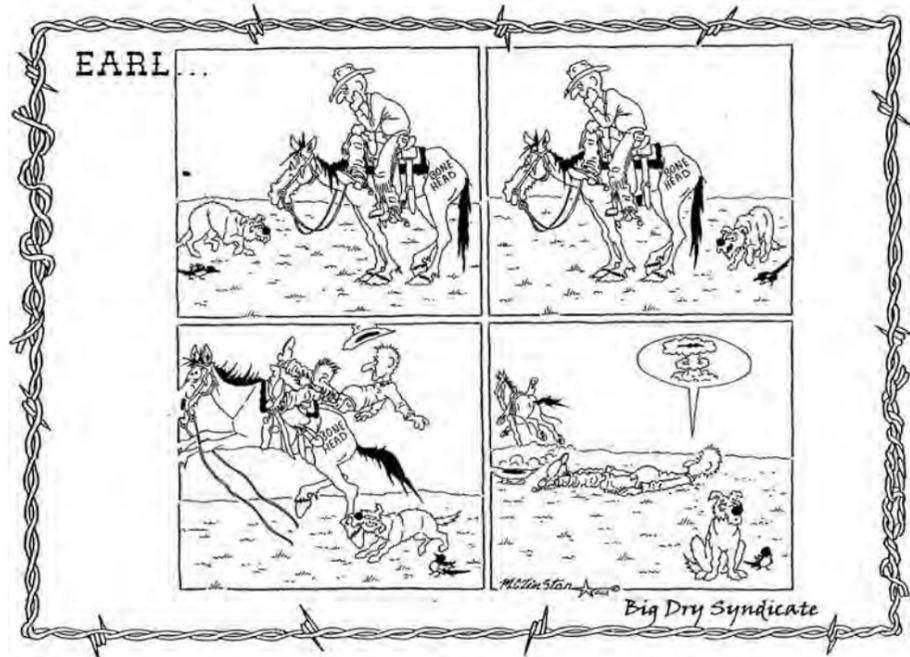
The mill has been part of the Schiermans' love story, including raising their three daughters. "We've had three weddings in three years," Schierman said. "We're thinking a son-in-law may take it over, but they're all successful guys, so we're waiting for an heir."

Sentinels of fall



Round bales, fading sunflowers and the changing colors of trees welcome fall to Kansas.

Photo by Amy Hadachek



The western sky was ominously dark that morning. We were on about the third or fourth day of soybean harvest so we were still anxious. After all, what would happen if it started raining and didn't stop for several weeks? (It's just like a farmer to worry about rain non-stop for weeks in the middle of a drought). Dad and I set our jaws and headed to the field, determined to harvest as many acres as we could before the impending monsoon overtook us.

We had made contingency plans, complete with an evacuation plan for the harvested soybeans and equipment. The weatherman was calling for heavy rains, possibly two days worth. Surely this was the start of the fabled rainy season. Our stress levels were at an all-time high, as we raced to the field, seemingly ahead of the line of storms headed our way.

Dad plunged into the field with the combine and the race was on. I quickly checked my so-called "smart" phone and watched the green squall line with embedded bits of yellow and orange headed our way. I zoomed in and out, tracked the storm. I even looked at it with other radars on other sites; the storm had us squarely in its sites.

All of this information I relayed to Dad. At least I tried to relay it to Dad. My calls to him went unanswered; I was beginning to think he was screening his calls (later I found he had turned the ringer off on his phone). So impending was the storm that I thought about walking out into the field and flagging him down. I decided against this because I didn't want to cost us a single minute. Earlier in the day we had decided that every acre we got out was one more we didn't have to worry about in the upcoming wet season (more wishful thinking).

Finally, we had harvested enough soybeans to make a load. I carefully checked my now half dead "smart" phone. Did you ever wonder how can we develop phones with all the apps and abilities but not develop a battery with them that will last all day? My old phone used to go days on a battery, this "smart" phone only seems to last until 3:00, on a good day. Sorry for the rant, now back to the dilemma. The storm was bearing down on us, seemingly

just 30 to 40 miles away. Did I have time to get the load to town?

I climbed up into the combine cab and Dad and I squinted at the tiny screen and watched the line of storms move toward us. A quick strategy meeting determined that I would take off for town (luckily the truck with the load was also the truck with working windshield wipers) and Dad would continue to harvest as much as he could before the imminent rain sent us to the barn.

I left for town watching the dark black clouds in the mirrors. The beginning of radar withdrawal was setting in. On the drive to town I started to think about what I would do on my rainy afternoon. I had several errands in town to run, paperwork to catch up on, or maybe I would clean the house as a surprise to my spouse. Oh, who was I kidding? I was going to take a nap, and it was going to be a great nap. But first I had to deliver the load of beans to the elevator before they got wet.

I pulled into the elevator and unloaded quickly. I checked the radar one more time and noticed the storm had slowed in its approach. Great, it would buy me more time to get back to the field. The storm had also seemed to weaken a bit, but I dismissed this as wishful thinking. The weatherman had promised rain, and we all know they never go back on a promise.

I reached the field as the first drops hit the windshield, I could hear the couch calling my name that afternoon. After about a minute the drops started to smear the windshield and I turned the wipers on. After five more minutes the wipers had removed enough of the goo and mud for me to see out of a very small area. Then no more rain, the western sky had started to lighten.

I checked the radar one more time, on my now almost dead phone. The clouds had melted away, seemingly right over our field. We got no more than a few drops and the wind had picked up quickly drying off those few drops. Harvest would not be delayed, at least today. The big rainstorm had left me with only a smeared windshield and dashed hopes of a nap, and of course, a dead "smart" phone. Well, I guess it wasn't all bad.

'Help America's Farmers Grow Communities' empower youth during National 4-H Week

4-H members are two to three times more likely to plan to go to college, live healthy lifestyles and make positive contributions in their communities, according to the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development. In light of the recent National 4-H Week, it is important to recognize the significant lessons that can be learned at a young age through an organization that teaches the four values that members work on through fun and engaging programs: head, heart, hands and health. The Monsanto Fund recognizes the vital role 4-H plays in the lives of today's young people and is investing in 4-H clubs across the country through America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM.

Grow Communities gives eligible farmers the chance to win a \$2,500 donation for their favorite local nonprofit organization. Last year, a total of \$380,000 was invested in 152 rural 4-H clubs across 31 states.

Kansas received \$42,500 for 17 4-H chapters:

- Cloud County 4-H Council
- Blue Ribbon 4-H Club
- Walnut Valley 4-H Club
- Stull Busy Beavers 4-H Club
- Finney County Extension
- Cloverleaf 4-H
- Greenwood County 4-H Council
- Jackson County 4-H Council
- Jefferson County 4-H Foundation
- Kearny County 4-H Council
- Plains Livewire 4-H Club
- Morris County 4-H Foundation
- Phillips County 4-H
- Lucky Leven 4-H Club

- Seward County 4-H Foundation
- Sherman County 4-H Council
- Cloverleaf Cowboys 4-H Club

Anna Curry, Greenwood County Extension agent, knows firsthand how impactful the \$2,500 donation can be. "We felt

incredibly privileged to receive this generous award," Curry said. "Even more deeply touching is the fact that the Bilson family chose to give back to the 4-H community, an organization that they feel so passionately about. We utilized the funds in a way that will positively

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

As I sit down to write this, we are in the midst of National 4-H Week. By the time you read it, the week-long celebration honoring this stellar youth organization will be over. Each day my Facebook page has been filled with friends' old record book pages and other mementos recalling their 4-H years. Many attributed their present careers to the work ethic and values taught them in their local clubs.

I only belonged to 4-H for one year as I was growing up. It was the Olsburg Boosters, as I recall, and I remember enjoying the experience. Then my family moved and that was the end of that.

Each of my own kids, upon coming of age, joined 4-H, where they enrolled in way too many projects, made lots of good friends, learned a plethora of valuable lessons and had more fun than ought to be legal. Each month they pledged

their "heads to clearer thinking, hearts to greater loyalty, hands to larger service and health to better living for their club, their community, their country and their world."

I was at a county fair in Colorado this summer with some of my family and my brother asked what the four H's stood for (he was a Boy Scout the year I was in 4-H). I found myself reciting the motto, including the hand motions. Passersby gave me funny looks, but my brother was duly impressed.

As 4-H moms go, I have to admit I was probably a red-ribbon one at best, due mainly to the fact that I frequently forgot to take my camera to events, usually more worried about not leaving a project or child at home than missed photo opportunities. I hauled feed and straw in the trunk of my car, took 4-H goats to school for show and tell and turned my kitchen into Baking Central leading up to each fair. There were many moms that were much better at it all than I, to whom I would gladly award a deep purple rosette ribbon for their admirable efforts. But we had fun and learned a great deal.

With grandbabies coming along at a good clip – another granddaughter due in November, by the way – I'm sure I will have the opportunity to help out from time to time, maybe raise my standing to a blue-ribbon 4-H grandma.

As youth organizations go, it's hard to beat 4-H if you ask me. It helped shaped our kids as individuals and us as a family, and I wouldn't trade our years of involvement for anything.



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enhanced the success of our youth."

For the third consecutive year, Grow Communities is gearing up to distribute \$2,500 donations in 1,271 eligible counties across the country. Now through Nov. 30, 2012, farmers can apply online at www.growcommunities.com or call 1-877-267-3332 to apply by phone. To date, more than \$7 million has been invested in rural America through Grow Communities.

"The primary purpose of sponsoring America's Farmers Grow Communities is to invest in rural America," said Deborah Patterson, Monsanto Fund president. "One way we do that is by supporting the ag leaders of tomorrow. 4-H is a leader in creating well-rounded, successful

rural community members and advocates of agriculture. I am always excited to see our farmers directing funding to 4-H chapters."

New this year, community members can suggest a 4-H club or other nonprofit organization that is in need of funding on the Grow Communities website. Farmers can review "planted ideas" and consider them in their application. To submit a nonprofit project idea that needs funding in your community, visit GrowCommunities.com by Nov. 30.

As a result of the worst drought in 50 years, more than 700 of the 1,271 Grow Communities counties have been declared natural disaster areas by the USDA. Winning farmers from these counties have

the opportunity to direct an additional \$2,500 donation to a second nonprofit of their choosing to assist with community needs that have surfaced due to the drought. The Monsanto Fund will select one winner at random from each of the eligible counties and announce winning farmers and recipient nonprofits in January 2013.

America's Farmers Grow Communities highlights the important contributions farmers make every day to our society and helps them positively impact their communities. This program is part of the Monsanto Fund's overall effort to support rural America. For more information about this program and to view the official rules, visit www.growcommunities.com.

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Kellee Rogers, Topeka, Wins Weekly Contest And Recipe Contest Prize

Winner Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
HALLOWEEN CHEX MIX
 (3) 24-ounce packages white chocolate baking bars, coarsely chopped
 4 cups Corn Chex or Rice Chex cereal
 2 cups bite-size pretzel twists
 1/2 cup raisins
 1 cup candy corn

In large microwavable bowl, microwave chopped baking bars uncovered on high 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds until melted and smooth. Gently stir in cereal, pretzels, and raisins until evenly coated. Stir in candy corn. Spread on waxed paper or foil until cooled and chocolate is set. Break into chunks. Store loosely covered.

Debbie Rogers, Independence, Mo:
OVEN RANCH CHICKEN
 1/2 cup bread crumbs
 4-ounce package butter-milk recipe ranch dressing mix
 1/3 cup sour cream
 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 pound)

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray. In dish mix bread crumbs and dressing mix. Place sour cream in another shallow dish. Dip chicken into sour cream, coating well, roll in bread crumb mixture to coat. Place chicken on cookie sheet. Bake uncovered 30-35 minutes or until done.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
EASY SWEET & SOUR MEATBALLS
 2-pound package frozen meatballs, thawed
 (2) 8-ounce cans pineapple tidbits
 8-ounce bottle barbecue sauce
 1 onion, diced
 1 green pepper, diced

Combine all ingredients in 4-quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on low setting 2 hours or until heated through.

Gin Fox, Holton:
COWBOY CASSEROLE
 1 onion, chopped
 1 1/2 pounds ground chuck,

browned & drained
 6 medium potatoes, sliced
 1 can red beans
 1 can diced tomatoes mixed with 2 tablespoons flour or 1 can tomato soup
 Salt, pepper & garlic to taste

Put chopped onion in the bottom of the crock-pot; layer with browned ground beef, sliced potatoes and beans. Spread tomatoes or soup over all. Sprinkle with seasonings as desired. Cover and cook on LOW for 7 to 9 hours.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
POTATO CORN CHOWDER
 2 cans potato soup
 2 cans cream-style corn
 8 slices bacon, crisply cooked & crumbled
 1/2 -1 cup milk
 Salt & pepper to taste
 Dash garlic salt

Combine soup and corn in a 3-quart slow cooker then add bacon. Add milk until soup is of desired consistency; add salt, pepper and dash of garlic salt. Cover and cook on low setting for 2-3 hours or until hot.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia:
THE COVE'S VERY BERRY MUFFINS
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, unsifted
 2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 egg, lightly beaten
 1/2 cup milk
 4 tablespoons butter, melted
 1 cup fresh or frozen berries of choice

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar in a mixing bowl. In a separate bowl combine egg and milk, then add the melted butter. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients and pour in milk mixture, stirring with fork just until dry ingredients are moistened. Fold in berries. Spoon batter into 12 buttered 3-inch muffin tins, filling each tin 2/3 full. Bake for 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve immediately or allow to cool. Muffins may be frozen. To reheat, wrap in foil and place in a preheated 400-degree oven for 5 minutes.

The following are recipes from favorite websites:

BLACK FOREST CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE
 1 1/2 cups chocolate cookie crumbs
 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
 16 ounces cream cheese, softened

14-ounce can Eagle Brand Creamy Chocolate Sweetened Condensed Milk
 3 eggs
 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 1 teaspoon almond extract
 21-ounce can cherry pie filling, chilled

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Combine crumbs and butter; press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan. In large mixer bowl, beat cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs, cornstarch and almond extract; mix well. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 55 minutes, or until center is set. Cool; chill. Top with cherry pie filling before serving. Refrigerate leftovers.

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE TARTS
 2/3 cup (about 15) crushed gingersnap cookies
 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
 1 cup LIBBYS 100% pure pumpkin
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2 large eggs
 2 tablespoons sour cream (optional)
 2 tablespoons NESTLE TOLL HOUSE Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, (optional)

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Paper-line 12 muffin cups. Combine cookie crumbs and butter in small bowl. Press scant tablespoon onto bottom of each of prepared muffin cups. Bake for 5 minutes.

Beat cream cheese, pumpkin, sugar, pumpkin pie spice and vanilla extract in small mixer bowl until blended. Add eggs; beat well. Pour into muffin cups, filling 3/4 full.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool in pan on wire rack. Remove tarts from pan; refrigerate. Garnish with sour cream. Place morsels in heavy-duty plastic bag. Microwave on HIGH (100%) power for 20 seconds; knead. Microwave at additional 10-second intervals, kneading until smooth. Cut tiny corner from bag; squeeze to drizzle over tarts. Yield: 12 servings.

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Understanding Is Key To Preventing Electrical Fires

(NAPSA) — Electrical failures and malfunctions are a leading cause of house fires year after year — but you can stay safe at home. Many electrical fires can be prevented simply by understanding basic electrical safety principles and following safe practices.

Keep Home Fires From Burning

To help you protect your home and family from electrical fires, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) offers these tips:

- Safety should always be the top priority when working with electricity. ESFI recommends that a qualified, licensed electrician perform all home electrical work in compliance with local and national safety standards.
- Consider having your circuit breakers replaced with arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), which provide enhanced electrical fire protection by detecting dangerous arcing conditions.
- Make sure all electrical panel circuits are properly labeled. Always

replace fuses or circuit breakers with the correct size and amperage.

- Keep the area around the electrical panel clear so you can easily shut off power in an emergency.

- Every month, use the TEST button to check that ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and AFCIs are working properly.

- Look for warning signs of an electrical problem, such as outlets and switches that are warm or make crackling, sizzling or buzzing noises.

- Regularly check cords, outlets, switches, and appliances for signs of damage. Do not use damaged electrical devices.

- Do not use extension cords on a permanent basis and never use them with space heaters or air conditioners.

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Despite your best pre-

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1. Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the house.

2. Test smoke alarms every month.

3. Create a family fire escape plan that includes two ways out of each room.

4. Pick an easy-to-find meeting place outside, a safe distance from your home.

5. Practice your escape plan by having at least two fire drills a year. Start one fire drill at night while your family is sleeping.

Learn More

Visit www.electrical-safety.org for more home electrical safety information.



(NAPSA) — Great cooking and baking ideas can be a click away with access to the 100 recipes from the 45th Pillsbury Bake-Off® Contest. This perfectly portioned dessert from finalist Amy Siegel can delight at home and on the go.

Strawberry Swirl Peanut Butter Brownie Cupcakes

- 24 foil baking cups
- 14-ounce can Eagle Brand® sweetened condensed milk
- 3/4 cup Jif® Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter
- 19.5-ounce box Pillsbury® Chocolate Fudge Brownie Mix
- 3 Land O Lakes eggs
- 1/2 cup Crisco® Pure Canola Oil
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- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Pure Almond Extract
- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened

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Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place foil cup in each regular-size muffin cup. In bowl, stir together condensed milk and peanut butter until blended. In large bowl, beat brownie mix, eggs, oil, buttermilk and almond extract with electric mixer on medium speed 2 minutes or until blended. Spoon 1 tablespoon brownie batter into muffin cup; top with 1 tablespoon of peanut butter filling. Spoon remaining brownie batter over filling. Bake 25-35 minutes or until

toothpick inserted in center comes out almost clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove cupcakes to cooling racks. Cool completely, about 1 hour. In large bowl, beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla with electric mixer on medium speed until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating until smooth. Add jam; stir once or twice to create swirls. Spoon into decorating bag or large resealable plastic bag (cut 1/2-inch opening from 1 corner of plastic bag). Pipe frosting on cupcakes. Garnish with strawberry half. Store covered in refrigerator.

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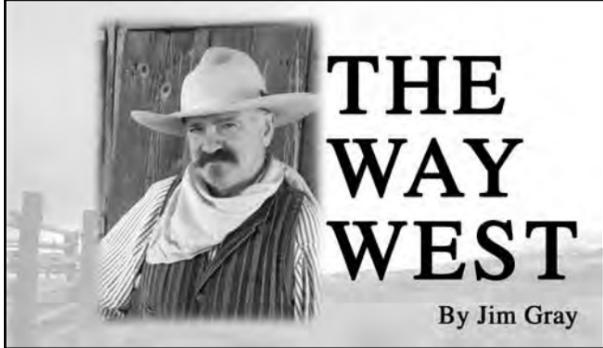
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A Tinselled Treaty

With the close of the Civil War the eyes of the nation turned westward in 1865. The unclaimed lands beyond the Missouri River brought throngs of immigrants to the plains. For many of them Kansas was the new Promised Land. Unfortunately, the land that they coveted was the ancestral home of several Plains Indian tribes. The answer to that awkward circumstance was one of establishing treaties with the tribes. To the American public the treaty was a fair and ethical negotiation that benefited tribal people with fair compensation for their land. The treaty offered a pathway to education and other civilizing factors that could bring the Indians in line with a modern America. That is what they wanted to believe. However, in most instances the treaty system was merely a "tinselled" attempt to grab land. Indians were in the way of American progress. A renewed effort to force

the tribes from the plains began in the spring of 1867. An Indian Peace Commission made up of military and civilian representatives was formed. The effort was a thinly veiled attempt to appease the "humanitarians" in the east who supported a peaceful resolution to the Indian question. General Winfield Hancock was charged with bringing about peace with the Indians, especially the Cheyennes who controlled the greater portion of central and western Kansas. However, General Hancock revealed his true intention and that of government officials in a letter to General William T. Sherman, stating that it would "answer our purposes" if the offer of peace to the Cheyennes were refused. Eastern capitalists were building a railroad across Kansas to Denver, Colorado, and cared little for Indian entitlement to the land. Therefore, when he met with the chiefs, Hancock

took a hard line in his negotiations. The general got his war, but it was not the war that he had imagined. The Indians abandoned their village during the negotiations and disappeared into the vast open prairie. Hancock's large military force was not equipped to fight what amounted to a guerilla war. The Indians struck lonely outposts in desolate locations and quickly disappeared before the military could respond. Raids broke out along the Smoky Hill Trail. George Armstrong Custer pressed into the isolated Indian country of northwest Kansas with his Seventh Cavalry. Black troopers of the Tenth Cavalry clashed with warriors in several battles earning the name Buffalo Soldiers. Fort Wallace became known as the "The Fightingest Fort in the West." as desperate fights were fought within sight of the fort. By mid-1867, the Indian War

was in complete disarray. The military had no recourse but to sue for peace.

Throughout the later part of the summer of 1867, agents and interpreters met with various tribes in scattered villages to talk peace. Groups of Comanche, Cheyenne, and others gathered at the mouth of the Little Arkansas River (present-day Wichita) to select a site for the official council for peace. The sacred waters of the Medicine Lodge River were chosen to bring about an end to war on the plains. The council began October 16, 1867. Nearly four thousand Kiowa, Comanche, and Arapaho were gathered at Medicine Lodge, but very few Cheyenne were accounted for. The Kiowa and Comanche signed a treaty but Black Kettle of the Cheyenne refused to sign until more of the leaders of his tribe were present. The Arapahos would not sign the

treaty until the Cheyennes had signed. The commission waited for the next ten days. On October 26th word was received that five hundred Cheyenne warriors were on their way. At noon, October 27th, Cheyenne warriors swooped down from a nearby ridge toward the council site. They were mounted four abreast, military fashion, with bows strung for war and lances glistening in the sun. Shots rang out from an array of weapons fired into the air as the warriors plunged their horses into Medicine Lodge River. Most of the commissioners ran for cover. General William S. Harney held his ground as the warriors reined their war horses to a stop at his feet. Chiefs and warriors skillfully slipped to the

ground full of pride and began to laugh and shake the hands of the commissioners. There would be peace for a few months but once the Cheyenne realized what they had truly given away war returned to the plains. For the Cheyenne, the Treaty of Medicine Lodge was just another tinselled treaty made with the United States government as it built one nation and destroyed another on The Way West.

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No farm bill leaves uncertainty for farmers

Congress adjourned until after the November elections without action on a new farm bill. That presents farmers with a great deal of uncertainty moving forward. University of Missouri Extension agricultural economist Scott Brown says that after many months of negotiations and listening sessions, Congress failed to advance new farm policy.

"The Senate did end up passing a farm bill from the floor and although the House did pass a bill out of committee it never reached the House floor, which is the next step in the process," Brown said. "So with Congress not back in session until after the election, we're in a situation where we are not going to know very much until the lame-

duck session, and guessing what will happen during that session at this point is pretty tough."

Brown says that the outcome of the election may indicate what option Congress will pursue in regard to the farm bill in the lame-duck session.

"If the Republicans were to take control of both the House and Senate, I certainly think that is a situation where it could be more apt to see a short-term extension and the Republicans restarting the farm bill process going into 2013," Brown said. "If control of the two chambers remains split, then I think we might see them work hard in lame duck to get a farm bill done."

However, finishing a farm bill will still prove to

be extremely difficult. Congress was unable to do so during the past two years, and during the lame duck it will only have four weeks. Brown says the commodity titles that came from the Senate floor and through the House Agriculture Committee are not all that different and he doesn't expect it to be that large of an issue to compromise on. Cuts in nutrition may be where a struggle will ensue, as the Senate wanted fewer cuts than many of the more conservative members of the House are asking for.

So far, much of the discussion about the farm bill in the House of Representatives has centered on funding cuts, deficit reduction and tax policy rather than the actual components of a

comprehensive farm policy bill.

"There is certainly a lot of difference of opinion when you look at the House side in terms of how far cuts need to go, and I think that's why they're so held up at this point in time," Brown said. "They have to come back following the election and talk about some type of either extension or a new farm bill."

If Congress is unable to take some action, farm policy could revert back to 1949 permanent law. Brown says that the end of the year is

critical for either an extension or a farm bill; otherwise, some features of permanent law could start kicking in. He says that implementing permanent law would be a huge undertaking for USDA and he thinks it is still highly unlikely to happen.

"If you think you can take 1949 law and apply it in 2012 without some issues, then you haven't thought very carefully about how agriculture has changed over the last several decades," Brown said.

The cost of a farm bill looking ahead is a concern for Brown. If a short-term

extension is passed and the farm bill is reopened in 2013, it will start with a new budget developed by the Congressional Budget Office.

"When I look at what I expect to see there, it is probably less money in the baseline," Brown said. "We're already talking about needing to make cuts. The cuts could seem much deeper because of a different baseline. So this notion that we could extend current law, roll into 2013 and pick up where we left off may not hold if the new baseline against which we're going to measure things has changed a lot."



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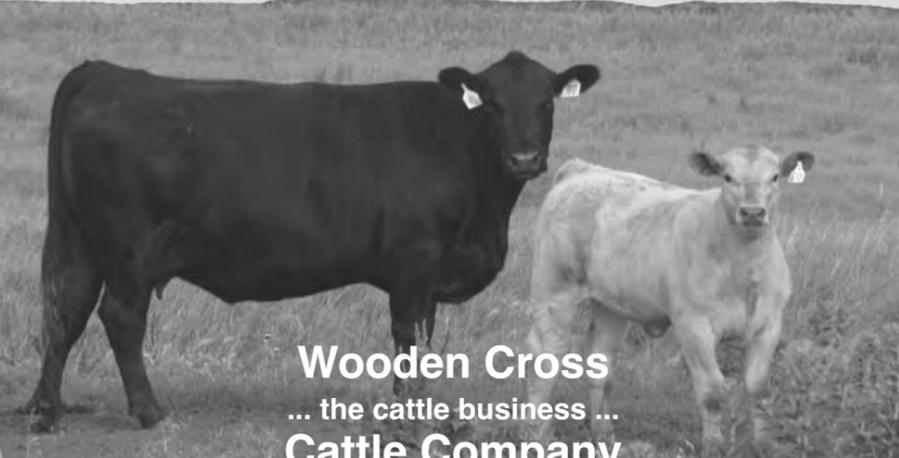


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lia Stannard, director of activities and events for the American Angus Association. She stated that this year's tour had near-record attendance with about 425

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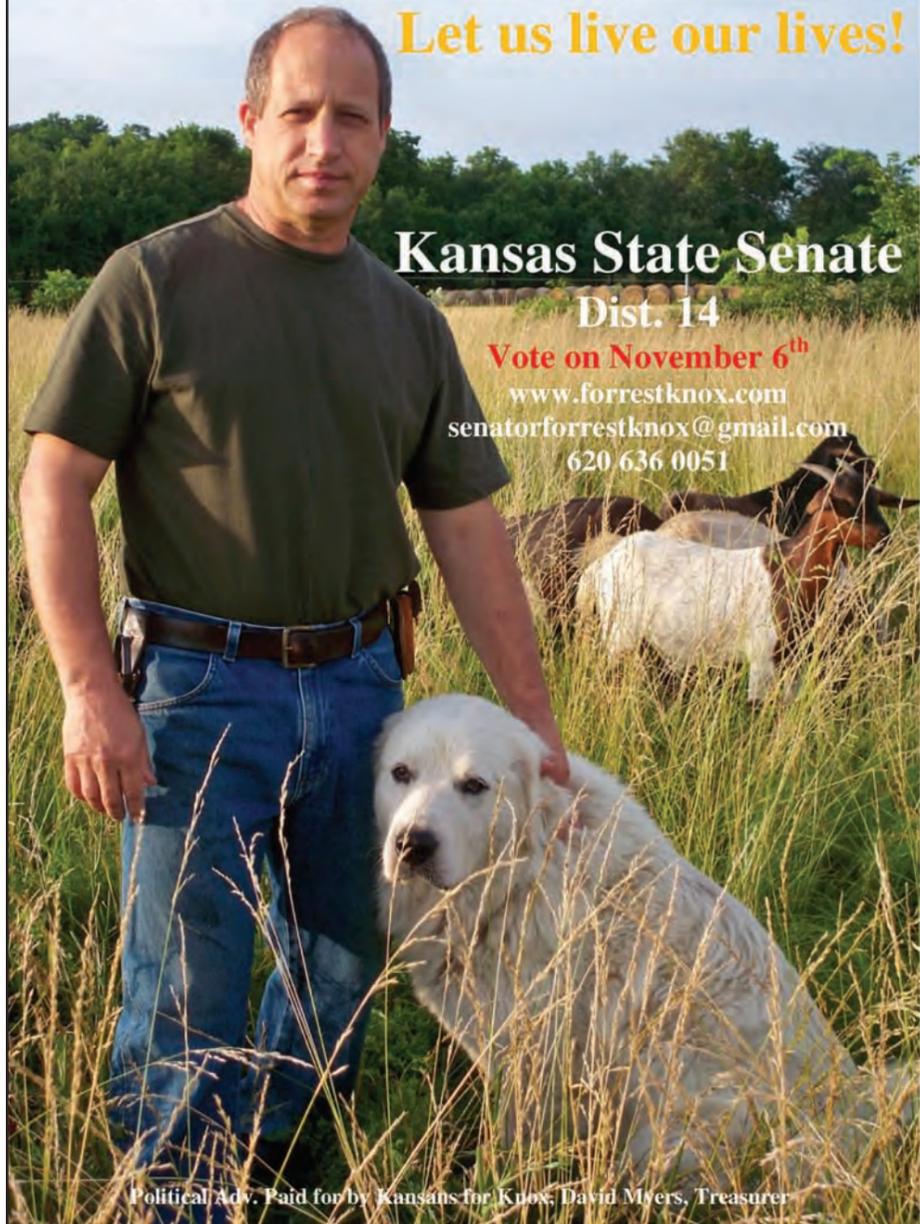
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One more story and then goodnight

The sun had set but the sounds of the city continued unabated as they would without cease, punctuated with sirens and motorcycles and mufferless vehicles. Still, on the porch of my parents' house in Albuquerque it was quiet enough to set the recorder on the table and connect the remote control. My father poured coffee, my brother popped a beer, and we settled into our chairs with an ease that belied the relief we felt at being rejoined when several months ago we were all but certain to be orphaned.

"Tell me how you met," I said.

My mother looked at my father and he looked at her and together they were back in Pyote, Texas, 1947, the war ended and the air force base bustling with activity after receiving orders for decommissioning. The sun beat down on the runways like a blast furnace.

"I stalked your father," my mother said shyly. From her bedroom window she would watch the length of the street for his approach, dash out the back door, leapfrog the short fence, cut through the neighbor's yard and manage to regain her breath in time for him to drive by on his way to work. "Oh, Carl, what a surprise," she'd say.

He seemed uninterested, more attuned to his motor pool duties as the base slowly shut down, hundreds of B-29s aligned across the tarmac with their engines removed, jeeps bleeding away to distant bases, personnel disappearing overnight. My mother was undaunted, relentless. In the end he had no reserves of willpower, no way of saying no.

My father spoke of his school days, of ranching on the hardscrabble Texas plains. As a child and teenager my mother trans-

ferred from family to family as her parents sought work throughout the south and west during the Depression. Her mother, Lois Armstrong Smith, was a Rosie the Riveter during the war, stationed at Lockheed. Our aunt was a Harvey girl.

They spoke long into the night, each memory unlocking another, each an encouragement to delve deeper into their past. Now and then we'd interject a short question, almost afraid to interrupt the flow of their recollections. My father, who had always seemed slightly uncomfortable talking with a recorder on the table, moved into his stories with a grace I'd rarely witnessed. Our questions or suggestions were met with complete acceptance. Maybe it was the darkness, how it cloaked

the recorder in invisibility, but I prefer to think it was the realization that their stories had value and meaning, that after their simultaneous brush with death and the sense of mortality it engendered, time was no longer on their side, and they knew it.

During the day my younger brother and I would sometimes disappear into the Ojito Wilderness to hike the trailless buttes and canyons, looking for likely places to return as sunset textured the the San Ysidro uplift. When my older brother could get away from work he'd drop by and we'd all swap tales, none original but never boring.

One evening shortly after a thunderstorm we met near the foothills for a picnic, a double rainbow lighting the way as if in benediction. Together we watched the sun flame to embers over the West Mesa with its trio of volcanic cones while sacred Mount Taylor demarcating the tribal lands of the Navajo glowed as if internally, and all around us desert birds called as dusk fell.

I followed a canyon towhee a hundred yards down an arroyo, each step on the sandy soil a memory of my childhood. We'd been here a thousand times,

enough to memorize the lay of the land and the sheer escarpments of the Sandia Mountains, but not for a decade or more.

Other than the encroachment of the city so little had changed that my transition to a young boy chasing lizards through the juniper-studded boulders was effortless, and altogether transient. It was only reluctantly that I turned back, and stumbling into our encampment with a throbbing knee was shocked to see how aged we'd become, my brothers graying and grizzled, my parents frail and white-haired, our faces and hands seamed and scarred and disfigured from age, skin cancer and old in-

juries. Time might not have been as gentle as we'd have liked but it was merciful in that we were all together, hearts still beating and wits still lucid, which is more than some are allowed.

And a lesson to be learned. Later that night as we packed away the boxes of hamburger buns and jars of condiments, I retrieved my recorder and set it up on the outside table. Though we were tired, there was no hesitancy or vacillation. My father microwaved a cup of cold coffee, I popped a beer, and we joined in a circle around the table with the sounds of the city fading into the background, and told tales.

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table w/ two chairs; round sofa table cane back rocking chair; Singer sewing machine (new); love seat; children's patio table w/ chairs; wicker love seat w/ end tables and coffee table; **HOUSEHOLD:** Igloo dog house; Longaberger baskets; record albums; Amish fireplace (new); king headboard and footboard; Nordic Track elliptical; boys bicycle; baby swing; car seat; **GUNS:** Winchester shotguns models, 1400- 12Ga; 12-16Ga, Winchester Rifle model 94; Remington Rifle model, 22 SL 4LR; Weaver C4 scope; Beretta Pistol model 950B-Cal 6.35; original shells dating from 1950's

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 — 7:00 PM

Wamego Senior Center, 501 Ash Street
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74 ACRES M/L PRODUCTIVE AG LAND
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POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, KANSAS



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TRACT 2: 37 acres M/L adjacent to Tract 1's east side. Property has Elm Slough Rd. and Lewis Wilson Rd. access along with rural water availability. Tract in 28-9-10 is productive farm ground with remnants of an old homestead.

TRACT 3: 74 acres M/L which includes both Tract 1 and Tract 2.

An opportunity to purchase well located, productive farm land or to develop as per Pottawatomie County zoning regulations permit. Tracts with a terrific amount of potential come along very rarely. Don't miss this golden opportunity!!

TERMS: 10% earnest money the day of the auction with the remainder at closing on or before December 6, 2012. Title insurance and escrow fees to be shared equally. The sale is not contingent on financing and all inspections should be conducted prior to the auction at bidder's expense. Should Tract 1 and Tract 2 sell to separate owners, the cost of a survey to locate corners of properties will be shared equally among each buyer and the seller. Murray Auction and Realty is acting as an agent for the seller. All information obtained from sources deemed to be reliable but not guaranteed. Statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material.

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Risk management — assessing and controlling risk in your farm, ranch or agribusiness starts with an educational foundation

As the external factors impacting today's production and agribusiness operations continue to evolve, it is more important than ever to have a strong risk management strategy in place to combat threats and take advantage of opportunities.

"Risk is an inherent factor in many aspects of production and agribusiness operations, whether you're talking external influences on crop yield; financial planning; or purchasing versus leasing decisions," said Mykel Taylor, assistant professor and director of the Management, Analysis and Strategic Thinking program in the department of agricultural economics at Kansas State University. "Understanding the specific risks that could impact your operation is crucial, but developing a plan to control and com-

bat risks is even more crucial."

Developing an effective risk management strategy starts by not only identifying the risks affecting the business operation but also understanding them, which can be overwhelming since risk spans across so many disciplines. However, comprehensive educational opportunities do exist that are specifically designed for agricultural producers and agribusiness professionals.

The Management, Analysis and Strategic Thinking (MAST) program, led by Taylor and the K-State department of agricultural economics, is an interactive learning program designed to provide participants with the tools they need to sharpen their management skills, decision making abilities and strategic planning tactics for direct application to their farm, ranch or

agribusiness — all built on a convenient hybrid educational model.

"MAST is comprised of two on-campus workshops, one in November and one in February, that serve as book-ends to computer-based learning modules that participants complete at their own pace in the convenience of their own homes," said Taylor. "In addition to a module specifically dedicated to the topic of risk management, the curriculum dives into land ownership and leasing; machinery ownership and leasing; human resource management; tax and policy management; financial analysis; marketing; and more, ensuring participants are prepared to handle risk across the various facets of their operation."

The depth of education offered by MAST in these topics is then tied into strategy development, which helps participants prepare their risk management and business plans.

"MAST will give you the tools you need to develop an effective business plan — a plan that will provide a roadmap for decision making through an objective, economic lens rooted in your intentions and goals for your farm, ranch or agribusiness," Taylor said. "Whether you want to grow in size or scope, participate in a related venture, prepare to turn your operation over to a new generation, or simply maintain your operation in the midst of economic fluctuation and volatile commodity markets — the strategic planning skills

covered in the MAST program will serve you in making the best decisions possible for your future."

The MAST program is facilitated by industry-renowned agricultural economists including Art Barnaby, Allen Featherstone and Glynn Tonsor, in addition to many other top faculty from the K-State department of agricultural economics and departments from other top schools in the country. Participants gain not only educational benefits from the program but also the opportunity to network with these respected academic leaders, as well as with other participants from around the agricultural community.

Registration is currently open for the 2012-2013 MAST program, kicking off on the K-State campus in Manhattan November 13-14, 2012. Participants should register no later than November 2, 2012. For more information and to register, visit www.AgManager.info/MAST2012 or call 785-532-6702 to speak with the program coordinator.

Developing a risk management strategy is not something to put off, and MAST provides the education needed to initiate or update risk management strategies for any farm, ranch or agribusiness, regardless of size, scope or ultimate goal.

LAND AUCTION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — 10:00 AM

American Legion, 708 N. Locust — FRANKFORT KS
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ESTATE AUCTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 — 2:00 PM

Due to death we will the following items at public auction at the Armory Building located at 12th & Bridge Sts. in Clay Center, KS

AUTOMOBILE, FURNITURE & APPLIANCES, ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES, GLASSWARE & MISC.

Additional items selling for Fred and Mayalwilda Griffiths Estates. ALSO glassware from the August 25th Marcotte auction in Morganville which was partially rained out.

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LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 — 10:00 AM

This auction will be held at "The Diner"/ BP station (405 E 8th) on the east edge of Overbrook Ks.

160 ACRES M/L IN OSAGE COUNTY KS.

This property is located approximately 2 miles east 1 mile north and 1/2 back east of Overbrook Ks. The property lies on the south side of 149th road.

LEGAL: NE 1/4 of Section 34 Twp 14S Rng. 17E

This tract is approximately 160 acres with about 45 acres in cropland the balance of the farm is pasture and wildlife habitat. There are several small crop fields which make for great edge cover. The cropland is primarily planted to soybeans this year and they look great. The conservation measures in place looked good upon inspection. The fences are in good shape and mark the boundaries of the property. The pasture is hilly with two small draws draining to the north. There is a large cedar thicket along the northeast corner of the property and a tree lined creek separating the fields on the north. This tract is accessed by a good rock road from the north. This property is a good stock & crop farm and would make a great place to hunt!



TERMS & POSSESSION: 10% down day of the sale balance due on or before the Nov 29th 2012. Seller will pay the 2012 Taxes. 2013 will be the buyers responsibility. Title insurance will be used with costs split equally between buyer and seller. Possession on closing subject to existing tenants rights. This land is to be sold as-is. All inspections & financial arrangement's should be made prior to the day of the sale. Midwest Land and Home is acting as a transaction broker. All information has come from reliable sources, potential bidders are encouraged to verify all information independently. All announcements made the day of the sale will take precedence over any other information.

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2-DAY AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 — 9:30 AM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 — 11:00 AM

1783 Lark Road — ENTERPRISE, KANSAS

Located: 3 miles south on Highway K43 then 1 mile west on 1800 Ave, then south 1/4 mile on Lark Road from Enterprise, Kansas.

ITEMS SELLING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 — 9:30 AM

TOOLS, WOODWORKING TOOLS, GENERATOR & WELDERS, PIPE & IRON, HOUSEHOLD & MISC., LAWN MOWERS, KUBOTA RTV & PICKUP, FARM RELATED ITEMS, FARM EQUIPMENT, TRAILERS

ITEMS SELLING SUNDAY, OCT. 21 — 11:00 AM

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 (See Web Page For Complete List)

FINE JEWELRY
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VINTAGE TOYS/ COLLECTIBLES
 McCormick Deering "Whitehead & Kales Co. Detroit Michigan" cast-iron tractor(RARE); McCormick Deering arcade thresher; Avery cast-iron steam engine; Hubley Kiddie #5 cast iron race car w/driver(RARE); Lupar police car; 1920's A.F. #120 cast-iron wind-up train w/American Flyer cars & metal track w/box; Lionel train Union Pacific #202 w/box; 1916 cast-iron train cars; Wyandotte"Round The Clock Service" truck; large Wyandotte truck & duck; Model Motoring IN HO scale slot race car/truck w/box; Gilbert #6 1/2 erector set; tinker toys; American Logs #815; wooden blocks; old bicycles; models; several other toys; Vanity Fair kid's record player & records; 1913-1965 Kansas Licenses Plate display on plywood(NICE); bullet pencils; fountain pens; old games; radios; many boxes to unpack!!

VINTAGE FURNITURE
 Oak drop-front secretary w/bookcase; oak kitchen cupboard cabinet; maple drop-front secretary w/bookcase; oak chiffoniers; oak rocking chair; oak library table; chrome kitchen dinette; blonde bedroom suite; lamp stand; several wooden trunks; several pieces that need various work!!

FURNITURE & MISC.
 La-Z-Boy Signature II sofa; 2-La-Z-Boy recliners; maple loveseat; Maple full size bedroom suite; single bed; 42 in. LCD flat screen T.V.; kitchen dinette w/swivel chairs; kitchen décor; pyrex/corning ware; Lawn Boy push mower; several power/hand tools; kid's toys; truck tires; numerous items too many to mention!!!

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McCook Farm & Ranch Expo coming in November

With record crop prices the last two years in southwest Nebraska, northwest Kansas, & northeast Colorado, the McCook Farm & Ranch Expo is the place to be. The Expo will return to the Red Willow County Fairgrounds on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 14-15, 2012. The show opens at 9 a.m. both days and closes at 7 p.m. the first day and 4 p.m. the second. Admission and parking are free.

To kick things off, there will be a free producer's breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14th. Join them for some great food and friendly faces. This event is sponsored by Willow Creek Meats, Archer Petroleum, Hometown Family Radio, Pepsi, Nebraska Bull Service, Klein's Motor Electric, Cappel Sales, DuPont Pioneer-Eugene Koch, Chief Motel, Arickaree Ranch Supply, Grosch Irrigation, Farmers Magazine, CPS, Pearson Livestock Equipment Co., & Schaffert Repair.

"It's a great place to come see the newest and latest in farming and ranching practices and technology," said Darren Dale, show manager. "We are expecting 350 vendors from 20 states, Canada & Australia."

Exhibitors include displays for farm and ranch equipment, seed and chemicals, agricultural services, irrigation manu-

facturers, financial providers, commodity organizations, colleges, governmental services, home services, furniture and art galleries and much, much more.

Coming back to the McCook Farm & Ranch Expo will be the working Ranch Horse Sale on Wednesday the 14th, starting at 6:00 p.m. The sale will showcase the best performance horses for sale in the tri-state area that will be sold to the highest bidder. Also, back at the expo by popular demand will be the FFA Auction. Immediately following the horse sale many local FFA chapters made a project that will be auctioned off with all proceeds going back to that chapter. If your local FFA chapter would like to participate, please give us a call.

New this year to the Expo is the "High Quality Beef- From Gate to Plate" program. This event will be featured on Wednesday the 14th in the Kiplinger Arena at 1:30 p.m. Genetically tested heifers for growth and carcass traits will be brought to the Farm and Ranch Expo. The audience will then be asked to participate in the program and help to judge the heifer(s). The presentation will be followed by demonstrations and meat sampling. The program is brought to you by Certified Angus Beef, The Copper-

mill Steakhouse, Willow Creek Meats, & Heartland Cattle Company.

Scott Daily Horse Training will be displayed this year at the expo. Scott has been featured on RFD-TV. He will be showcasing his low stress horse training techniques both days at the expo. Scott has been around horses most of his life. His love for horses and desire to train them began in 4-H while he was growing up in Inola, Oklahoma. Scott started training horses about 15 years ago. After many years of working with challenging colts and horses, Scott has developed and perfected his own techniques. Scott believes in building trust between horse and rider. Scott Daily Horse Training is sponsored by Vap Construction and McCook National Bank.

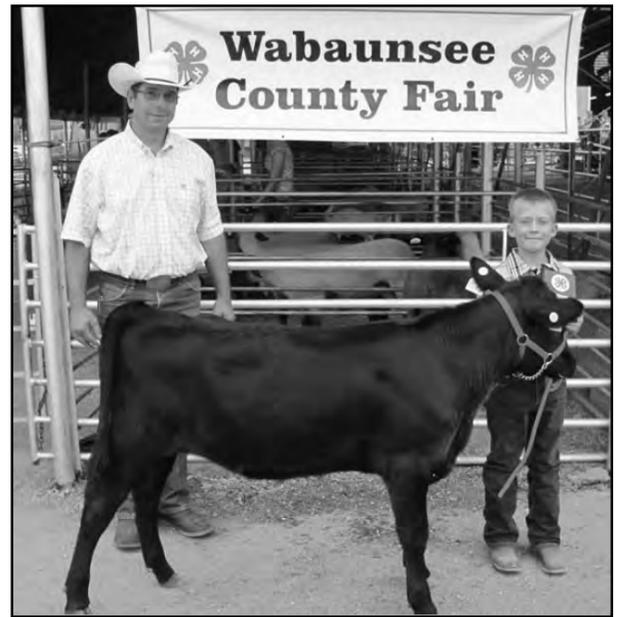
There will be park and drive zero turn mower demonstrations in front of the Kiplinger Arena. They will be brought to you by Kurtzer's Walker Mowers.

They have a great lineup of Rodeo Athletes this year, including Profession-

al Bull Fighter Quirt Hunt, World Champion Steer Wrestler Dean Gorsuch, along with Miss Rodeo Nebraska. They will be at the expo both days signing autographs along with other rodeo queens from the area. There will be several drawings at the expo including tickets to Tri-City Storm Hockey and a beer garden to quench that thirst. Corporate sponsors for the expo include Plains Equipment Group, Hometown Family Radio and the American Hat Company.

McCook is in the center of rich farmland and cattle feedlots in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas. "Our parking lot counts from last year showed vehicles from 37 Nebraska counties, 20 Kansas counties, 13 Colorado counties and 10 other states," says Dale. The Red Willow County fairgrounds are in north central McCook, near West Fifth and O Streets.

For more information, contact Darren or Tana Dale at 866-685-0989 or dales@bwtelcom.net or go online to www.starexpos.net.



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Birger Sandzen pictures: The Cathedral, Birches, Kansas Stream, Trees & River; China Cabinet, table & chairs; 2 cedar chests; bedroom set; church pew; 2 trailer loads of household items & glassware; 2002 Oldsmobile Alero GL 4 door car.

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32 blk (17s-15h)425-525#.....Anthony & Doug Deibler #4

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200 angus sirs NI Logterman genes, deep sided500-550#Dale Stoner #4
350 char-x (175s-175h) NI gentile w/ bone & mass 525-675#.....John & Jamie Beel #3
165 char/rd angus-x (110s-55h) NI Stout Charolais 450-550#.....Carl Bauman #2
650 blk & angus sirs NI 400-525#.....Heli Bar #2
175 angus, few bwf sirs NI Connealy genes 475-550#.....Woolfolk Ranch #4
230 angus, NI EID tagged Marcy genetics 500-600#.....Doug & Shirley Kroeger #4
200 angus, NI hrs not topped 500-600#.....Gene Buechle #4
180 angus, hrs not topped 500-600#.....Leo & Fayrenne Howard #4
200 blk, sirs 550#.....Steve & Carol Moreland Family #4
300 blk Logterman genes hrs not topped 475-600#.....Tinant Ranch #3
300 blk NI sired by TK, Assman bulls 400-500#.....Lorena Cobb & Kelly Boomer #3
210 blk, few bwf & rd (20 hd) NI 400-500#.....Ken & Trent Colburn #4
150 blk & angus (90s-60h) NI 500-700#.....Chuck Olson #4
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You don't have to hang around the cattle business long to realize how many women are running their own farms or ranches. Often they are widows who have taken over the operation with the help of their children and made it work. More recently, these women-farmers are daughters who have come home after schooling and become part of the family team. And there are occasions when women decide on the occupation and buy their own place.

In today's world nobody questions a woman's ability to run the ranch. If your community has an FFA chapter you can see the preponderance of young women in leadership posi-

tions, fully supported by both mom and dad. These girls are taken seriously as future leaders in agriculture. Universities around the nation are filled with women majoring in agricultural fields. They are officers in the Block & Bridle, Alpha Zeta, the Young Farmers and Ranchers, and the Horseman's club. They are on the judging teams, getting post-graduate degrees in animal science, range science, agriculture, environmental resources and agronomy. They compete on level ground with men.

At major veterinary schools that still emphasize food animal medicine, the women outnumber the men four to one. I spoke at

the Pfizer Ohio State Food Animal Vet Student Symposium last spring. It was attended by vet students from California Western to Cornell, from Michigan State to Louisiana State across the country, all of them interested in livestock and 80% of them women.

In the last census in Canada and the USA, it showed the number of farms and ranches owned and operated by women continues to rise. Operations in this category amount to 14%. One in seven outfits is managed by a woman.

As we all know, many farms and ranches are operated by the team of husband and wife, yet their outfit is listed as a partnership with the man's name first. To the banker, loan officer, census taker and USDA, it is considered to be managed by the man. But... how many times have you heard some rancher or farmer introduce his wife as, "...this is my wife, she does

the books." I do it myself! I can't tell you what my electric bill is, or if the plates on my trucks are up to date, how much money we have in the bank, who insures the shop, how I'm deducting the four-wheeler, who we still owe money to, if our kids are coming home for Thanksgiving or when I last had a dental appointment. But she can, so I don't worry.

I have more important things to do: fix the brakes on the one-ton, change the

hot-wire around the house lot, grade the gravel driveway, shoe the horses, find the missing heifer, fix the water line to the middle drinkers, get the waterer ready for winter, repair the alley gate in the corral, catch Cattlemen to Cattlemen on RFD-TV (I consider it continuing education) and find a 5/16 nut for the float arm. I'm on the job doin' Man's Work.

I remember being so busy one time that I asked my wife if we could afford

a hired man. She said, "What are you talkin' about? I've already got a good one!"



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AUCTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 — 9:30 AM

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

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Western Manmouth 5 gal water cooler (lid damaged); fainting couch; 42" round oak table w/claw feet; set 4 oak chairs; oak princess dresser; oak rocker; 40's folding high chair; walnut corner stand; oak library table; oak 2 door bookcase w/leaded glass missing 1 door; camel back trunk; round top trunk; treadle sewing machine w/box top; 20's walnut table; cut down round oak table w/claw feet; oak kitchen cabinet; porcelain top oak library table; bamboo shelf; oak commode; oak organ stool; cedar chest; floor lamp; folding table w/horse scene; oak doll flip top high chair; 30's oak table; red porcelain table; 48" round oak table top; oak shadow box; bird cage; cast iron child's stove; ladies high top shoes; assortment costume jewelry; sterling bracelet & ring; quilt; bedspread; cutter quilts; fancy work; assortment pictures; hat boxes; ladies

hats; assortment silver plate; buttons; parrot book end; Sniders Catsup advertising picture; oak wall telephone; wall comb case; several Lee Mercantile pieces; 1931 Home Grocery Salina calendar; Brooks Tescott chain picture; Tescott Cheese thermometer; 1923 Brooks Tescott plate; custard Tescott high school cup; amber iris cake plate & glass; horse on nest; Royal Copley; Roseville Snowberry hanging basket, 18L2, 8112, 87; McCoy tea pot; Hull 602, 11, 2, 1; Weller double vase; Shanks duck vase; Fiesta bowl; assortment American Fostoria; red thumbprint glass; green canister jars; hand painted plates; flow blue plates; blue bottles; hobnail vase; farm collectors plates; pig salt & pepper; Christmas lights; Conn trumpet; large collection horses; doll trunk; dolls; Match Box toys; assortment toys; mantel clock; assortment children's books; pickle jar; pen-

cils; wash board; Dukes Hazard lunch box; cast iron dog paper weight; collectors tins; 1/64 JD tractor collection; JD doll; stain glass window; Dick Gordon cigar box; scissors; jewelry tree Rayo lamp; marbles; Campfire tin; cheese boxes; unusual tin ice cream freezer; canister jars; Pepsi clock, mirror & cap; kitchen utensils; granite pans; yard sticks; puzzles; wash tub; rug beater; oil sample kit; radios; horse hames; lantern; wall magazine rack; 5 gal ice cream freezer; Kool match holder; sled; cast iron pot; wood barrel; wire baskets; wire store stand; large amount of other collectables.

HOUSEHOLD & TOOLS

Walnut china hutch; walnut desk; divan; rockers; 50's couch & chair; 50's lamp; Sears 12" band saw; Rockwell miter saw; Rockwell 9" table saw; carpenter hand tools; bench grinder; bar clamps; assortment of other items.

Note: This is a large auction, we will start at 9:30. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

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AUCTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 — 10:30 AM

Auction will be held at the farm located at 2967 Bell Road 4 ¼ miles East of the Miltonvale Cemetery (Cemetery is South of Miltonvale on Starr street)

REAL ESTATE Sells at 12:00 Noon

Tract I: NE ¼ 24-8-1 Cloud Co. Kansas
160 acres located on Camp road and Meridian road, with 91.90 CRP acres, 2.60 acres brome, the balance is pasture. The North and East roads are all weather. Fence is good.

Tract II: SE ¼ 24-8-1 Cloud Co. Kansas
160 acres located on Bell road, this farm is located next to Tract I. There are 77.50 acres of CRP, 7.70 acres brome, the balance pasture and farmstead. The fence is good. The home is approximately an 1800 sq. ft. ranch style home in good condition, with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, dining room, 2 front rooms with large fireplace, utility porch, full basement with bath room. The house is on well water in the Dakota aquifer. The home is on propane with central heat & air. There is a new 1500 gal. septic system. There is a 40' x 60' metal building with a 40' x 80' open machine shed. There is a barn with new aluminum siding & roof. There are corral's with a loading chute. The fence is good. All inspections must be made before October 26, 2012. There are all weather roads on the South

and East sides. To look at the home contact the Buckland's at 785-413-0103.

Tract III: This will be a combination of Tract I & II with a \$5,000.00 bid increase.

Possession: Possession on home and land will be on December 1, 2012. Purchaser will receive the 2013 CRP payment. CRP contract expires in 2013. The total CRP acres are 169.2 acres. 2012 taxes will be paid by seller, 2013 taxes paid by purchaser. 2011 taxes on both tracts were \$3,388.56.

Terms: Down payment will be 10% of purchase price, the balance will be due upon closing on or before December 1, 2012. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Scott Condray will be the escrow agent.

Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material.

TRACTORS, DIRT EQUIPMENT, TRUCK & MACHINERY
John Deere 4430 diesel tractor, cab, 3 pt., dual hyd, quad range, 18.4-38 tires, 8414 hrs; AC 7080 diesel tractor, 20.8R38 rear tires, floatation front tires, 3 pt, weighted with Westendorf W64 loader self level bucket & grapple; AC 7080 tractor for parts, bad crank; AC HD5 track loader 6' bucket, w/ripper, good mechanical condition; P & H (Terix) track excavator; 40' reach, 18" & 24" buckets, new rails, new shaft on front idler, good mechanical condition; IHC H tractor w/mounted buzz saw; Allis WC tractor stuck; 1968 Ford F600 truck, 6 cy, 4 sp, 2 sp, 18' Parkhust steel box w/hoist, new brakes; Blair 6' x 16' tandem axle open top stock trailer; Rhino SR120 3 pt. shredder; 3 pt. 8' heavy duty blade w/hyd tilt; Cook 16' heavy duty offset disc; 3 pt. 12' chisel; John Deere FB 16-8 drill on hyd; 3 section JD 3 pt. spring tooth; 4 wheel trailer chassis; 6"-16' auger w/electric motor.

ATV, BOAT, GUN & TOOLS
Arctic Cat 400 4 wheel drive 4 wheeler; Winpower pto generator on 2 wheel trailer; Bee Craft 16' boat 80 hp Mercury engine w/trailer; Browning 5 shot lightweight 12 ga. Western Field 600A 12 ga. (guns sell at 12:00); Century 80 wire welder; Lincoln 225 amp welder; acc torch w/bottles; 2 300 gal overhead fuel barrels; long wide pickup topper; 100 corner & line hedge posts; 50 T posts; barb wire; PTO wire winder; ES 3 pt. mist blower; Poulan chain saw; JD CS40 chain saw; post vise; end wrenches 1 ¾" to 3"; angle grinder; chains; boomers; 2 hp front tiller; 12 gal 4 wheeler sprayer; large pile fire wood; cement blocks; small amount of other tools.

Note: We will start at 10:30 a.m., there are very few small items. We will be on machinery before 11:00 a.m. The guns will sell at 12:00 noon, just before the farm. To view the farm, contact the Bucklands at 785-413-0103. LUNCH BY PIECE MAKERS
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 October 17 — Classic car, shotguns, rifles, handguns at El Dorado for Virgil Hogoboom. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.
 October 17 — Online only auction (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.
 October 17 — Office furniture, shop items, dust hog systems, dust collection units, wood & metal buildings, paint booths, shop items at Edwardsville. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.
 October 18 — Wabaunsee County acreage in 5 tracts at Eskridge. Auctioneers: Weigand Auction & Realty.
 October 18 — Antiques, household goods & misc. at Clay Center for Ramona James Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman & Bloom Auction Service.
 October 19 — Marshall County farmland at Beatrice for George & Betty Feldhausen. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate & Auction.

October 19 & 20 — Southwest & Indian Art at Shawnee. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.
 October 20 — Winnebago, vehicles, mower, trailers, tools, hardware & more at Junction City for Stanley Pearson Trust Estate/Pearson Construction. Auctioneers; Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
 October 20 — Car trailer, machinery, guns, crocks, spurs, collectibles, bits, stirrups, saddle collectibles, antiques & collectible toys & misc., collectible tools, tools & mower at Marysville for Max & Ginny Stowell. Auctioneers: Don Prell Realty & Auction.
 October 20 — Truck topper, collectibles, furniture, household, guns at Louisville. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 October 20 — Furniture, antiques, household goods, motorcycle, guns & misc. at Clay Center for Lloyd Swenson & others. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauser-

man, Bloom Auction Service.
 October 20 — Machinery, guns, ammo, furniture, appliances, household, glassware, tools, shop, antiques & collectibles & misc. at Hoisington for Willis & Elizabeth Stoskopf. Auctioneers: Schremmer Auction.
 October 20 — Die cast advertising tractors, trucks, airplanes; oil & gas, tire companies, Snap On tools & precision farm toys, advertising signs & tire ash trays at Lyons for Jake & Marge Adams. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction Service.
 October 20 — Household, appliances, furniture, antiques, collectibles, shop & woodworking tools at Florence for Bob & Ann Brenzikofer. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.
 October 20 — Tractor, combine, farm machinery at Halstead for Milferd & Jane Dirks. Auctioneers:

Van Schmidt Auction.
 October 20 — Boats, jet skis, RVs, boat trailers at Wichita for Watercraft Auctions. Auctioneers: Rex Newcom.
 October 20 — Guns, antiques, collectibles, household & misc. at Ottawa for Rex Hughes Estate. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.
 October 20 — Farm, advertising, lamps, bottles, dishes, blacksmith, carpenter tools, horse items, hunting & fishing, tobacco & liquor items, railroad items, child, story, military items, furniture at Holton for Auswell & Vinita Stauffer Trust. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.
 October 20 — Ranch house, automobile, antiques, collectibles, household & more at Olathe for Chester Duck Estate. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb Realty.
 October 20 — Antique tractors, trucks, trailers, tools & real estate at Solomon for Joe & Audrey Kronesberger. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.
 October 20 — Car, furniture,

collectibles, household at Manhattan for Theresa Leathers Estate. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.
 October 20 — Real estate, pickup, boat, mower, trailer, guns, tools, antique items & misc., antique furniture & household at Centralia for John A. Beck. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.
 October 20 — Real estate, furniture, appliances, gun, surrey & collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Joe E. & Alicia L. Dresden. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
 October 20 — Farm sale W. of Concordia for Dennis and Rita McClellan. Auc-

tioners: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
 October 20 — Hardwood furniture, jewelry, glassware at Herington for large living trust. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service, Bob Kickhafer.
 October 20 & 21 — 20th: welders, mechanics tools, woodworking & shop tools, ATV w/cab, pickup, farm related items, iron; 21st: vintage tractors, 1947 Willys Jeep, stationary engines, Chevrolet porcelain sign; antiques & collectibles S. of Enterprise for Mrs. Lyle (Nadine) Poister. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.
 October 21 — Real estate & personal property at Ottawa for Martha Swords



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 — 1:00 PM
 10688 SW Walnut Valley Rd. — AUGUSTA, KS
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VEHICLES: 1 ton 1993 GMC crew cab, 4x4; 1 ton 1984 GMC flatbed 4x4 350 V8, auto; '99 Buick Century, 4 door, leather, V6, 144,000 miles.
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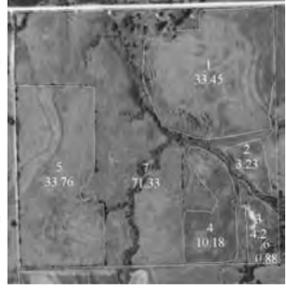
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LAND AUCTION

Native grass hay meadow, CRP & hunting
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 — 10:00 AM

American Legion, 708 N. Locust — FRANKFORT KS
LOCATION OF PROPERTY FROM FRANKFORT: 6 miles South on Hwy 99 to Bobcat Ln. 3 miles West on Bobcat Ln. to 19th Rd. 1.5 miles South on 19th Rd. to Cheyenne Ln. then 1/2 mile West.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: South West 1/4 25-5-8 Marshall County KS. 160 acres M/L

FSA has cropland acres of 84.8. There are 80.6 CRP acres at \$59.35/ac. for total yearly payment of \$4784.00. Contract runs from 10/01/10 to 9/30/2020. Two annual payments will have been made by sale day. FSA CRP crop reduction acres are 74.8. Appraiser's office has 156.4 acres taxable. Sericea Lespedeza is present. All native grass with wooded draws offers pasture, potential farm ground and great hunting. Grass has been used as hay meadow. Located on an all weather county road.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Land is open for 2013. Sellers retain 2012 CRP payment. Buyer gets all 2013 CRP payment. 10% down day of auction, balance on closing. Closing on or before December 15, 2012. At the Sellers option, either abstract of title certified to date, or title insurance will be used, certified abstract will be paid by Seller, Title Insurance will be split 50/50. Sellers will pay all of 2012 taxes. Buyers will assume CRP contract.

NOTE: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co. is acting as an agent for the Sellers and not as an agent for the buyer. Property is selling in its present existing condition. Make all inspections and inquiries before auction. Sale is not contingent upon buyer financing. Information obtained from sources deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Statements made day of sale take precedence. Not responsible for accidents.

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October 21 — Pickup, tractors, farm equip., household, toys, glassware, collectibles at Topeka for Brian & Kelly Hildebrandt. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

October 21 — Coins, fine jewelry, vintage toys, collectibles, vintage furniture, furniture & misc. at Lawrence for Roy & Mary Easum Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

October 21 — Collectibles, toys & furniture, glass & pottery at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 21 — Car, tools, tractor, fishing supplies, collectibles, household at Milford for Karola Osborne & the late James Osborne. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

October 21 — Vehicles, trailers, tractors, equipment & tools at Augusta for Larry & Joyce Reger. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

October 22 — Acreage with tillable ground at Lebo for Becker Family Trust. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett Real Estate, Wayne Wischropp.

October 22 — Smith County real estate at Smith Center for Dayne Relihan & Cathy Relihan. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 23 — Antiques, collectibles, household at Concordia for Dale & Ina Garrison. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 24 — Geary County land at Junction City for Gwendolynn Marbelle Wolff & Triple D Enterprises, LLC. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

October 24 — Tractors, combines, skid steers, wheel loaders, bucket truck, mixer/feeder trucks, trucks, trailers, & farm equipment of all kinds online (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

October 25 — Antiques & collectibles (for Carol & Harold Chartier) and antiques, collectibles & household (for Betty L. Stenberg Kuiken Estate) at Concordia. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 25 — Pottawatomie County farmland (between Wamego & Manhattan) at Manhattan for Claude L. Woodard Estate. Auctioneers: Landmark Real Estate, Harold Mugler.

October 25 — Storage units by the unit at Clay Center for Mini Warehouse Storage. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

October 26 — Cloud County real estate, tractors, dirt equip., truck, machinery, ATV, boat, gun, tools near Miltonvale for Joe & Dorothy Buckland. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 26 — Farm equipment at Augusta for property of Jim Reeves, Brad Starks & neighbors. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

October 26 — Marshall County native grass hay meadow, CRP & hunting land at Frankfort for Bob Wagner & Harold Wagner. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.

October 26 — Rush County land at LaCrosse for Dorothea M. Schwindt Estate. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

October 26 — Cloud County real estate, tractors, dirt equip., truck, machinery, ATV, boat, guns, tools near Miltonvale for Joe & Dorothy Buckland. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 26 — Osage County land at Overbrook for Oveson Osage Land Co. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik, Chris Paxton.

October 27 — Tractors, combine, trucks, pickup, trailers, farm & shop equip., mowers, ATV, antiques near Lakin for Max Jay Estate. Auctioneers: Berning Auction.

October 27 — Cropland, pasture, home, machine shop & other buildings S. of Lost Springs for Wes & Pauline Fenske. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

October 27 — Rifles, hand guns, shotguns, trap, coins, ammo, reloading & misc. at Fairview for Ambrose Erzen Estate. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.

October 27 — Pasture w/pond, metal building, Porsche Boxter, vehicles, guns, appliances, collectibles, machinery, tools, canoe, household & more at Belvue for Glen C. Shaffner Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

October 27 — Guns at Shawnee. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service.

October 27 — Car & household at Herington for Clarence (CC) & Dora Wendt Estate. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.

October 27 — Lalique & Waterford crystal, Fenton, B&G Christmas plates, cut glass, modern Indian pottery, antiques & collectibles, antique & modern furniture, quality household at Abilene for George & Betty Holm Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

October 27 — Real estate, antiques, household at Salina for Estella Bacon Kutina Estate. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 28 — Vehicle, guns, antique & modern furniture, collectibles & misc. at Seneca for Dr. Jerome Hermes Trust. Auctioneers: Wilhelm Auction Service.

October 28 — Car, household, collectibles & more at Manhattan for Estate of Merle Wilson & daughter Donna D. Wilson. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

October 28 — Antiques, collectibles, household & tools at Salina for Delbert & Twila Werries Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 28 — Antiques & household items at Salina for the Estella Bacon Kutina Estate. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 29 — 4 tracts of Jewell County real estate at Jewell for Norval & Arvel McElroy. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 29 — Combine, tractors, trucks, pickups, sprayers & more at Iuka for Bill & Landa Moore. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate, LLC.

October 30 — Real estate in 3 tracts, hunting, fishing land, farmland, hay meadows, home at Melvern. Auctioneers: United Country National Realty & Auction.

October 30 — Dickinson County cropland, pastureland, hunting/recreational land with creek at Herington for George & Alice Kohls Family. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

October 30 — Great Plains

Hereford sale at Russell.

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

November 1 — Morris & Marion county land at Durham for Dudley Donahue & Donahue Corporation. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

November 1 — Clark County land in 3 tracts at Ashland for 4/S Ranch. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.

November 1 — Dickinson County farmland at Chapman for John & Barbara Lantz. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate.

November 2 — Marshall County farmland at Beatrice for Joanne Lightfoot. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate.

November 2 — Marion County land at Tampa. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

November 2 — Marshall County real estate at Frankfort for Estate of Richard F. Reicherter & Douglas & Carolyn Reicherter. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.

November 3 — Mowers, tools, furniture & misc. at Jamestown for Mel & Liz Steinlee. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

November 3 — Real estate at Matfield Green for Estate of Delbert Armstrong. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

November 3 — Wabaunsee County real estate & miscellaneous items at Eskridge. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate, Raine Auction.

November 3 — Coins at Washington for the Anna May Herda Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

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

November 3 — Personal property at Waterville for Dorothy Cole. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

November 3 — Irvine Ranch Annual Simmental & SimAngus production sale at Manhattan.

November 4 — Vintage automobiles, automotive parts, tools, antiques, collectibles & more at Stillwell for Don Dougan Estate. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb Realty.

November 7 — Pottawatomie County farmland/development potential at Wamego for Edwin Yeager Trust & Trinity Baptist Church. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

November 8 — Lender-owned three duplex units at Herington. Auctioneers: United Country Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC.

November 8 — Flint Hills Ranch (3 tracts) at El Dorado for Richard M. Williams Revocable Living Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

November 9 — Marshall County land at Frankfort for Allen & Loretta Jones Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.

November 9 — Stevens & Grant Counties acreage in 8 tracts at Hugoton for Moss Farm, LLC. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.

November 10 — Farm equipment, livestock & shop equip. & misc. at Thayer for J.R. (Rick) Smith. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall and Mark Garretson.

November 10 — Riley County real estate (home) at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Gary Henson & Wayne Hunter.

November 10 — Farm machinery & miscellaneous S. of Belvue for Melvin Seele. Auctioneers: Seele Auction.

November 10 — Pastureland & timberland at Westmoreland for Keith & Mary Umscheid and Thomas & Linda McCoy. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 10 — Farm machinery & misc. NW of White City for Norwood & Naola Vahsholtz. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman & Bloom Auction Service.

November 10 — SimAngus, Simmental & Angus Bulls North of Wheaton for Moser Ranch 21st Bull Sale.

November 13 — Greenwood County land at Madison for L & D Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

November 13 — Kansas Auctioneer's Assn. Live-

stock Auctioneers Competition at Plainville.

November 14 — 8 tracts in Kingman County at Cheney for Flying Diamond Ranch. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

November 14 — Ottawa County farmland & pasture at Salina for the David & Marguerite Parker Land. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

November 14 — Washington County acreage at Clyde for Heirs of Karl Ostlund. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

November 14 — McCook Farm & Ranch Expo Working Ranch Horse sale at McCook, Neb.

November 15 — Greenwood County land at Eureka for the Richard C. Robison Family Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

November 15 — Wabaunsee County Flint Hills Grass at Wamego for William G. Wertzberger. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.

November 15 — Geary County farm land held at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

November 16 — Marshall County land at Frankfort for Craig Miller. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.

November 16 — Late fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

November 17 — Greenwood County land at Eureka for Mary Houston Trust, owner (Cheryl Tyson, trustee). Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

November 17 — Farmland at Washington for the Walter & Mary Mueller Trusts. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

November 19 — Cloud County land at Clyde for Cailteux Brothers. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

November 24 — Signments at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

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

March 9, 2013 — Machinery consignments at Concordia for Concordia Optmist Club.

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the Community Center on the South side of the square in JEWELL, KANSAS

TRACT I

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: E 1/2 SW 1/4 14-5-7 Jewell Co.

General Description: 80 acres 1 mile South, 1 mile West, 1 mile South, 1/2 mile West of Randall on D road. 79.6 acres cropland, Wheat base 60.5 acres, 36 bu yield, Milo base 19.1 acres, 58 bu yield, total base acres of 79.6. Classified as not HEL. Possession will be after 2013 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent on wheat ground. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, purchaser will pay 2013 taxes. 2011 taxes were \$788.00

TRACT II

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NE 1/4 11-5-7 Jewell Co.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 156 acres 1/2 mile West of Randall on F road. 75.26 acres cropland, 11.8 acres brome, 66.20 acres pasture, 2.82 with older house and building. Conservation system is being actively applied. Possession on pasture, brome and buildings will be on March 1, 2013. Possession of crop land will be after 2013 harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent on wheat ground. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, purchaser will pay 2013 taxes. 2011 taxes were \$973.28.

TRACT III

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NW 1/4 12-5-7 Jewell Co.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 156 acres just West of Randall on F road across from Tract III. 111.81 acres cropland, 40.52 acres grass, 4.29 acres trees. Conservation system is being actively applied. Possession on grass will be March 1, 2013.

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Possession on crop land will be after 2013 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent on wheat ground. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, purchaser will pay 2013 taxes. 2011 taxes were \$948.90.

Base acres on Tract II & III are wheat 98.6 acres, 36 bu yield, Oats 5.2 acres, 44 bu yield, Corn 4.7 acres, 51 bu yield, Milo 34.2 acres, 58 bu yield, for a total base of 142.7 acres.

TRACT IV

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NW 1/4 18-5-6

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 157 acres 1 mile South of Randall on 250 road. 84.3 cropland acres, Wheat base 47.1 acres, 36 bu yield, Milo 28 acres, 58 bu yield, total base of 75.1 acres. The balance is pasture. Classified as not HEL. Possession on pasture will be March 1, 2013. Possession of crop land will be after 2013 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent on wheat ground. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, purchaser will pay 2013 taxes. 2011 taxes were \$965.08.

TERMS: 10% down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before December 5, 2012. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Weltmer Phillips will be the escrow agent, escrow & closing fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, Purchaser will pay 2013 taxes. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent.

AUCTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 — 5:00 PM

Auction will be held at the National Guard Armory at the South edge of CONCORDIA, KANSAS

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
Walnut high back bed; walnut twin bed; oak pier mirror; oak Hoosier top; oak dressing table; wood cob box; Dutch shelf; window seat; 16 1/2" Cambridge under tray; 66 pcs Candlewick (devil egg plate, candle holders, 9 juice glasses, luncheon plates, 3 pc heart shaped tidbit set, 8 sherberts, champagne, 8 oz water pitcher, mint tray, compote); set Lebell china; Jadite pieces; vinegar cruets; set 8 pink cabbage rose

depression; 4 Desert Rose cups & saucers; Knowles ware pitcher w/lid & bowls; Westinghouse refrigerator dishes; silver candle holder; china candle holder; 3 mesh purses; jewelry box; 4 stack blue & white sponge bowls; 2 gal Red Wing crock; crock batter bowl; blue & brown crock bowls; metal popcorn set; banana compote; cake pedestals; set Lebell china; pressed glass pieces; green salt & pepper; china match safe; tea pots; 1934

Expo soapstone ashtray; 30 pipes; 7 wooden fish decoys; wall sconce; Cream of Wheat & fruit pictures; double bracket lamp; hot water bottle; leather magazine rack; sewing baskets; Lionel 027 train, 2 other trains; drying rack; cast iron pots; Wagner cast iron skillet; several cookie cutters; dice game; dolls; sewing basket; kraut cutter; Huck Finn book; 1912 book other books; yard ornament; towel warmer; assortment of other items.

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Brass full bed; 42" round oak table; set 4 oak chairs; oak carved arm chair; painted Hoosier helper; porcelain top kitchen table; pine wall cabinet; iron leg stool; organ stool; oak church oil cabinet; 3 drawer walnut spool cabinet; 20's end table; Haywood Wakefield drop leaf table & 4 chairs, matching buffet; blonde oak desk; 6' x 10' floral rug; painted Duncan Phyfe table; Red Ryder BB gun; assortment pictures inc.: (Parish, Elizabeth Layton, Francesca Palecek, others);

Art Deco lady lamp; assortment pressed glass; perfume bottles; Roseville 665 & 179; hat pin holder; 8 hat pins; photo album on stand; Betty Hoocher helper; waste basket, books); lady jardiniere; sled; potato chip tin; silver plate tea set; silver plate flatware; candle holders; other silver serving pieces; shadow box; sewing basket; assortment linens; quilts; England blankets; camel saddle; doll buggy; jar buttons; figurines; banjo; mandolin; Snoopie; mesh purses; feathers; assortment costume jewelry; House-

hold inc.: Magic Chief 18 cu refrigerator; glass top table & 4 chairs; glass & chrome china cabinet; chrome padded chairs; metal drop leaf table w/ 4 chairs; black bunk bed w/double bottom & single top; Singer Genie sewing machine; pine chest; waterfall walnut chest; 6 wood folding chairs; brass hanging lamp; table lamps; wrought iron patio table; 110 window air conditioner; natural gas furnace; plastic storage cabinets; pots & pans; baskets; decorative pieces; tennis rackets; large assortment of other items.

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Ag Heritage Park joins the American Barn Quilt Trail

Ag Heritage Park has been added to The American Barn Quilt Trail, with a pair of barn quilt blocks displayed on the main museum building in Alta Vista. The blocks, "Home Treasure" pattern, were painted by quilt artist Susan Kestl of Milford, who not only loves painting quilt block art, but loves quilting as well. Susan chose the pattern and the red, white and blue color theme especially for Ag Heritage Park to be truly Americana, depicting true rural heritage. Ag Heritage Park is all about preserving rural Kansas heritage. The pair of barn quilt blocks were donated to honor ag heritage by Chase Kestl, Grantville, Friend of Ag Heritage Park.

Barn quilt blocks, the largest public art project in the nation was introduced to Wabaunsee County, Kansas, September 22, 2012, during Alta Vista's Old Settler's Day

celebration at Ag Heritage Park, 103 South Main. Wabaunsee County joins Chase and Franklin counties as the only three Kansas counties to feature barn quilt blocks on Suzi Parron's, American Barn Quilt Trail at www.barnquiltinfo.com.

The American Barn Quilt Trail includes more than 3,000 barn quilts, covering 27 states, inviting visitors to travel the countryside to enjoy barn quilt art.

Ag Heritage Park becomes the forerunner, introducing a trail that showcases rural areas of the Flint Hills of Kansas, highlighting farms, ranches, crops and livestock while educating the public of the importance of agriculture economically and historically to the area. You can find more information about barn quilt blocks and Ag Heritage Park at AgHeritagePark.com.

Kestl also painted and

installed a barn quilt block on her family farm near Palmer, in Washington County this past March. This block also is scheduled to be added to the American Barn Quilt Trail, and become part of the proposed Kansas Flint Hills Barn Quilt Trail.

The "Home Treasure" barn quilt blocks may be viewed during daylight hours. Ag Heritage Park is open to the public mostly by appointment, by calling 785-482-3865, 620-767-2715 or 620-767-2714. You may follow the Park's activities at AgHeritagePark.com and Facebook.



Quilt artist Susan Kestl and Ag Heritage Park board member Connie Larson discuss the barn quilt blocks at the recent Old Settler's Day held in Alta Vista. *Courtesy photo*

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