



Current policies punish productivity, Huckabee tells Kansas Agri Business Expo

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

With characteristic good humor and an emphasis on common sense, former Arkansas governor and 2008 presidential primary candidate Mike Huckabee addressed an overflow crowd at the Kansas Agri Business Expo in Wichita on November 15. Jointly sponsored by the Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association, the event also featured educational sessions and speakers addressing such topics as Regulatory Challenges to Feeding the World and Weatherproofing Your Business. There was also a large indoor trade show with 146 exhibitors representing many facets of agribusiness.

Introduced by Stan Stark as "Hopefully a man that will make another run for president..." Huckabee took to the podium promising not to be overtly partisan or overtly religious. "But I just want you to understand that you invited a former Baptist minister and a politician to come speak to you, yet I'm not going to get into the details of religion or politics. Go figure how that's going to happen," he joked.

Acknowledging that the presidential election did not turn out as he had hoped, Huckabee described his shock at the re-election of President Obama. "How can you continue to give leadership to an administration that has believed that you make America prosperous by spending money you don't have and borrowing money you can't afford to pay back?" he asked. "There is not a person in here today who can practice that in his or her own life and survive economically. There's not one of you running a busi-



ness in here today who can succeed in your business by spending a lot of money that you simply do not have and borrowing money that you have no way of paying back. Why we think that a government can do that and end up prospering and getting us back on track is beyond me."

Huckabee believes that current policies punish productivity and subsidize reckless irresponsibility. "And I want to be fair," he clarified. "We're not just talking here about the welfare system because frankly there are some people who get food stamps and other forms of assistance who truly need them. And it is not something that they want to live on for the rest of their lives, it's the only way they can survive until

the economy improves and they can get hired and get a job. I reject outright the notion that people are in poverty because they want to be in poverty. When people say that, it tells me they have never been in poverty."

He went on to describe his own upbringing, just one generation away from a dirt floor and no electricity in the house. "I grew up in a house where a father never finished high school. The fact is, no male upstream from me had ever so much as finished high school, much less gone to college. I come from a long line of people who knew only hard work and barely getting by."

"The idea that people are in poverty because they want to be is not the experience of most of the people I've known, including my

own experience," he continued. "But I also know that you do not improve the quality of people's lives by keeping them enslaved to government programs. The real way to end poverty in this country is to give people the opportunity to get a job through which they can work hard and advance and move up the economic ladder. When we fail to have that kind of economy where people can improve themselves, then yes, more people will be dependent on government programs. But not because they want to be and they enjoy dependency, but because they enjoy survival."

Huckabee stated that he believes the message of assisting those in poverty got lost in the election and blames Republicans for

what he called a callous indifference that they sometimes communicated with. He compared our tax system with raising children. "If there is a behavior you want more of, what do you do? You reward the behavior," he said. "If there is a behavior you want less of, what do you do? You consequence the behavior."

Listing the behavior he believes we should want more of, work topped the list. "We should want people to work, work is a good thing. Work is what generates economic output, work's what creates prosperity and wealth, work is what creates products and services that people want,

for which they are willing to expend their money. Money changes hands, the economy grows – work is a good thing."

Saving and investing were other behaviors Huckabee believes should be rewarded rather than punished. "Investing is good," he said. "Because if you have an idea but you don't have the money to capitalize it, and I have the money but not the idea, if we work together, my money, your idea, that's real work towards creating something that might help both of us have prosperity. That's the genius of capitalism."



Huckabee won Kansas in the 2008 caucus. "If the rest of the country were as smart as Kansas, we wouldn't be in the mess we're in now," he quipped.

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Farm bill could hinge on budget talks

(AP) – A farm bill that stalled in Congress before the election could see quick action by the end of the year if congressional leaders decide they need its spending cuts – including a small reduction in the \$80-billion-a-year food stamps program – to make a deal for averting the "fiscal cliff."

The farm bill passed by the Senate in June would save \$23 billion over 10 years, while a version passed by the House Agriculture Committee in July would save \$35 billion. The savings come from cuts to farm subsidies and by tightening eligibility requirements for those who receive food stamps, now known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

That pot of money could be useful to lawmakers who will be scrambling in the year's final weeks to address the combination of tax increases and automatic spending cuts due in January – dubbed the fiscal cliff because the combination could plunge the economy into another recession.

The Senate has already passed its version of the farm bill. So any decision to make it part of a budget agreement will require the acquiescence of Republican House leaders who stopped action on the bill before the election, saying there weren't enough votes. But they also avoided a nasty and what would have been a highly visible pre-election floor fight over food stamps.

Democrats said the program, which feeds about one in seven Americans, shouldn't be touched while conservatives complained the bill's 2 percent cut in the program – \$1.6 billion a year – was too small.

Doug Heye, a spokesman for House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, said no decisions have been made on how to move the farm bill or whether it will be part of the fiscal negotiations. The 2008 farm bill expired Sept. 30, so Congress at a minimum will have to extend parts of it into next year.

Senate Agriculture Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., signaled her eagerness to pair the two bills with a statement saying the farm bill's passage would be "a significant first step in meeting the critical deficit reduction challenges our country must face head-on this year."

Retiring Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said he has already started working on a compromise farm bill in an effort to move it alongside deficit reduction. Conrad, who chairs the Senate Budget Committee and sits on

the Agriculture Committee, said he spent part of Congress' election recess consulting with Senate and House aides who worked on the legislation.

The House and Senate farm bills differ in how they address subsidies for farmers. But the biggest difference between the two versions is the amount cut from food stamps: The Democratic-led Senate's bill would cut \$4 billion from the almost \$800 billion program over 10 years; the GOP-led House's version would cut \$16 billion.

Conrad said he has attempted to "take some sort of reasonable difference" between the House and Senate bills but would not provide details. He argues that next year's budget will be even worse and farm-state legislators will be forced to make even deeper cuts.

"Time is not on our side," he said. Next year's budget situation on farm programs will be "a big mess and it's infinitely better for everyone to get these decisions made now."

Farm groups are aggressively pushing a combination of the farm bill and the fiscal package, seeing the deficit reduction as the last, best vehicle to get the bill done this year.

"I think it's going to be very hard to get a farm bill done unless a decision is made very quickly to be part of a package," said Bob Stallman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Stallman said he thinks the bill can move very quickly once lawmakers find a compromise on the food stamp issue.

"When political leadership decides they want something done they will craft a path to make it happen," he said. "But that hasn't happened yet."

Food stamps make up roughly 80 percent of the bill's half-trillion dollar cost over five years. Sustained unemployment, rising food prices and expanded eligibility under President Obama's 2009 economic stimulus have doubled the program's cost since 2008, and food stamps now help feed 47 million people.

The proposed House cuts would target practices by many states that critics claim swell the rolls of beneficiaries. They include waiving asset and income eligibility limits for people who get other welfare benefits or signing people up for minimal heating aid so that they can qualify automatically for

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Drought Conditions Intensify

By John Schlageck,
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If the dry conditions we experienced in Ellis County on the opening weekend of pheasant season are any indication of what's to come, we're in for a lot of trouble.

We walked several miles on Nov. 10 and 11 and drove across much of the county and into northern Ness County.

The winter wheat crop looked remarkably well. Fields sported a deep, rich

green color. Stands were uniform and wheat heights varied from just peeking out of the rows to four or five inches tall.

The milo crop was a horse of a different color. While the fields were generally flush with stalks, the heads were buried and featured tiny heads ranging from three to five inches in length. The berries were nearly non-existent and about the size of a pin head if it were round instead of flat – about the size of a 9 shot in a quail load.

When harvested these micro heads floated through the combine and the machine couldn't do a good job of separating the berry from the rest of the

chaff and dried milo leaves. Some of the heads went in the front end of the combine and left the back without any of the berries being separated out and augured

up into the grain bin.

This wasn't just my observation, but that of Lance Russell, who was in the swing of milo harvest and also hosted our hunting



The Christmas season is upon us. Yes, the real Christmas season not the after Labor Day, commercial Christmas season that many of our large retail stores have turned it into. Personally, I refuse to talk about Christmas or consider anything Christmas until after Thanksgiving. That goes for Christmas shopping also, so no, I do not have any Christmas shopping done yet.

I love the Christmas season and almost everything about it. I especially find meaning and love what Christmas really stands for. I am not ashamed to say that Christ's birth is at the forefront and center of everything Christmas means to me. Without a celebration of Christ's birth and an advent season with a deeper meaning, Christmas would become X-mas. Then it would become just a commercial holiday about material things and that would make it pretty hollow.

I really think my farm upbringing led me to this deeper appreciation of the meaning of Christmas. The Christmas season was a truly special time in our house growing up. It began shortly after Thanksgiving with the cutting of a real, live cedar tree (okay, so it involved the cutting of several cedar trees to find the right one). I can still remember the smell of evergreen all around our house and that and freshly baked sugar cookies are the smells of Christmas.

Decorating the tree was a family affair. We each had our own ornaments that we put on the tree. My main ornament was an elf. I still revel in just sitting in the glow of the Christmas tree lights later in the evening and early in the morning during the Christmas season. Often this quiet time, when I am the only one awake, is when I do my best reflecting on the very things that give Christmas its meaning.

We also had certain Christmas TV shows we watched every year. Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer and the Peanuts Christmas cartoons were annual visitors at our house. I still look forward to watching each of these shows every year. My favorite is Linus telling the Christmas story and it gives me goosebumps to this day. I am not a big fan of sappy movies with one big exception, "It's a Wonderful Life", is something we should all see every year.

Then came Christmas Eve, it was the best day of the year. Much of my childhood we milked cows. Christmas to the kids of a dairy farmer is a little different than the Christmas of other kids. Everything centered around milking those cows. I re-

member getting ready for Christmas Eve services and being told I needed to be ready and out of Dad's way when he got in. We sat, anxiously awaiting church and what was to come afterward, while Dad got ready.

Then we would pile into the car and leave for Christmas Eve candlelight services. For some reason my Mom always forgot something and had to go back into the house and she took forever. Christmas Eve service is, without a doubt my favorite part of Christmas. Nothing is more meaningful to me than to sing Christmas carols and end the service with a candlelight singing of "Silent Night."

We would then pile back into the car and head home. The funny thing about being a dairy farmer's kid is that Santa comes while you are gone to Christmas Eve service. You see, he knows that we could not get up early enough to open presents with Dad in the morning and that he couldn't sneak past Mom after Dad left to milk and he always knew when Christmas Eve services were. That meant we got to open presents on Christmas Eve.

Up until now you will notice that none of my memories have to do with presents. Growing up the son of farmers taught me to appreciate any and all gifts I was given. We learned to value the idea that our parents loved us enough to give us gifts. If it was a good farm year, maybe the gifts were a little bigger, but they were always something we cherished and appreciated. We never worried about whether someone else got more or better gifts, we were excited about what we were given.

I fear some of that is lost in this day of a more commercialized Christmas. It seems each year the expectations are bigger and the tugs at our time are greater. We do not seem to have the time to appreciate the build-up to Christmas or to really value each gift and the thought behind that gift. More importantly, we don't seem to have time to stop and think about what Christmas is all about.

My wish for you this Christmas season is to have a Christmas more like the one I had as a child. Take time to enjoy each sight, sound, taste and smell of Christmas. Make sure to have some quiet time to reflect on the real meaning of the season. Most of all take the time to spend as a family and just appreciate each other and use that time to pass an enjoyment of the simpler things on to your kids.

Now pardon me as I plug in the tree and sit down in my easy chair.

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Last week I had the opportunity to watch the first half of the Ken Burns documentary, "The Dust Bowl." It depicted months of storms and blowing dirt that tortured the land's inhabitants, destroyed their crops and killed their livestock. It told of the dust pneumonia that took the lives of young and old alike. Survivors of the event told their stories, which often still brought tears to their eyes; like the elderly gentlemen who watched the body of their baby sister being carried out of the bedroom on a

board after she succumbed to the dust pneumonia. They were still devastated at her loss, all these decades later.

Another woman spoke of the day the sun broke through, the air was fresh, and the family decided to take a celebratory picnic 20 miles away. That day the worst of the black blizzards blew in and the family took refuge in their car while the world went dark as night around them, the wind raged and the dust blew. When they finally were able to make their way home, her father had

to dig the dust out from around the house so they could even open the door.

By the time it was over, 25% of the people affected in the southern Great Plains fled the area in search of better times. Prior to the Dust Bowl, nearly 50% of the population lived in rural areas. Today that number is more like 17%.

The Dust Bowl opened our eyes to the need to conserve our land and resources, the Soil Conservation Service was formed in 1935 and rehabilitation of the land began on the local level.

This year we are seeing another prolonged drought and its effects on the livelihoods of our food producers and the hungry world that depends on them. While there are plenty of challenges, thankfully watching our topsoil carried away on the wind and rolling clouds of deadly blowing dust aren't among them.

If you have the chance to see the documentary, I highly recommend it. And I hope I am able to see the second half myself sometime soon. The part I did see made me thankful for the conservation practices we have now, and the farmers that are willing to put them into practice as good stewards of the land.

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By Ace Reid



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party on his Ellis County land.

"What I'm cuttin' now is producing less than ten bushels per acre," Russell told me. "Not a good year."

Instead of filling the combine bin, each and every round like he usually does during a decent harvest, it was taking Russell nearly six trips up and back in his field to fill the bin.

Yes, this state's worst drought in decades wasn't making life easy for Russell and his farming neighbors in western Kansas. This drought, well into its third year, has intensified in Kansas.

Last week's U.S. Drought Monitor update confirmed Kansas is in an "extreme" or "exceptional" drought — the two worst classifications. Much of our state rose roughly 6 percentage points to 83.8 percent. This compares with Oklahoma where nearly 76 percent of the state to our south is mired in extreme or exceptional drought.

Sixty percent of our country in the lower 48 states is experiencing some degree of drought as of last week's U.S. Drought Monitor update.

While every hunting trip is a wonderful experience, the number of birds was at

least 50 percent less than an average year. On Saturday, Nov. 10 the wind blew at a steady clip of 45 miles per hour out of the south, sometimes gusting close to 55 miles per hour.

By noon the temperature was pushing 80 degrees and I believe I heard on the weather that evening Hays had set or tied the old record of 81 degrees for the high temperature. Not ideal weather conditions for pheasant hunting or a growing wheat crop nearly half way through a dry November.

The forecast promised a chance of rain and about 4 p.m. it sprinkled for maybe one minute and then these few drops of water from on high zoomed to the north. No measurable precipitation in western Kansas, although some areas of eastern Kansas reported an inch of rain or better.

Sunday morning our hunting party rose before the roosters and surrounded a giant plum thicket where we fired some of our first shots at the wily roosters. We were lucky enough to bag three birds.

The temperature had dropped 55 degrees from the day before and the wind had shifted around to the northwest where it had

slowed to about 35 miles per hour. The wind chill was cold and several of the hunters were bitterly complaining about the cold.

Still, we hunted well into midafternoon with little more success. Our party was only seven strong and we didn't have enough blockers and the birds began flying out of the fields as soon as we stepped in.

Speaking of steps, did I tell you that with each step a plume of dust erupted from the powder-dry soil?

By the end of each day, our faces carried a thin layer of dust. While I showered both days and cleaned my ears with a wash cloth and Q-tips, it still took me three days to clean my ears.

My brother-in-law, Norbert, hunted in Sheridan County; he said their experience in northwestern Kansas was even less productive than ours around Hays. He estimated the bird count totaled approximately 15 to 25 percent of what it is in an average year.

Norb has hunted in Sheridan County for more than 40 years. He should have a pretty good idea of pheasant numbers.

In spite of the less-than-ideal hunting conditions, our group of hunters en-

joyed our time in the fields and draws of northwestern Kansas. We appreciated the hospitality and the fine folks who allow us to hunt their land each season. We understand that hunting on private property is a real privilege and something not everyone has an opportunity to do.

That said, we also witnessed firsthand the drought conditions facing our nation's crop and livestock producers. We know without the blessing of rain from above, 2013 could bring continued drought, lack of abundant crops and tightening economic conditions for farmers and ranchers.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

Beef producers day scheduled for November 30

Beef producers of Atchison and surrounding counties are invited to attend the November 30 educational program in Effingham. This program will focus on helping cow herd managers to best understand how to keep the animals healthy during these extremely challenging months. K-State Extension beef veterinarian, Larry Hollis will cover an array of topics to best keep cows productive. Another topic will be looking at issues of today's animal agriculture. Erik Atkinson, K-State Communications Specialist, will share ideas on how farmers best stay informed on current issues.

This day is being sponsored by the Atchison County Livestock Board and the banks of Atchison County. We'll gather at 10:45 on this last Friday of November in the Blue Building of Effingham. Lunch will be provided and we do ask those planning to attend to contact their Atchison County ag banker, Chris Bodenhausen at 913-370-3766, Jeff Hoffman at 913-370-0747 or the Extension office at 913-833-5450 by November 28.

All livestock producers understand how difficult it has been this year with the dry weather that gave short feed and water supplies that will continue for months to come. Do plan to attend on the 30th for the fellowship and educational information.

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2012 Grass & Grain Holiday Recipe Contest

Ireta Schwant, Blaine, Wins This Week's Holiday Contest

Winner Ireta Schwant, Blaine: "With the holidays approaching this is an excellent recipe to use as usually the kitchen range is full of other good things."

CROCK-POT DRESSING

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped carrots
- 12-13 cups dry bread crumbs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 3 1/2 - 4 1/2 cups broth
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup parsley
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 1/2 teaspoon sage
- 2 beaten eggs

Melt the butter and saute the onion, celery, carrots and parsley. Pour over bread crumbs in a very large bowl. Add seasonings and toss together. Pour in enough broth to moisten; add the eggs and mix well. Pack lightly into crock-pot. Cover and set on high for 45 minutes; then reduce heat to low to cook for 4-8 hours.

D.J. Weaver, Paola: "My dad and I don't like chocolate so we make this when there are a lot of people around. You can put nuts on top of half if you want instead of mixing in the frosting (I am 14 years old and like to help Granny in the kitchen)."

PEANUT BUTTER SHEET CAKE

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cooking oil
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup water

- 1 1/2 sticks oleo
 - 1/2 cup buttermilk
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 2 eggs
- Frosting:**
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
 - 1/3 cup milk
 - 1 stick oleo
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 pound powdered sugar
 - 1 cup nuts (optional)
 - Nuts, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl mix flour, sugar, soda and salt. In a saucepan combine oil, oleo, peanut butter and water. Bring to a boil. Pour hot mix-

ture over dry ingredients. Beat well. Add buttermilk, vanilla and eggs and mix well. Pour into lightly greased 12-by-18-inch sheet cake pan. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

To prepare frosting, combine peanut butter, milk and oleo in saucepan. Bring to a boil and add powdered sugar, vanilla and optional nuts. Beat well and frost top of very warm cake.

Wilma McGeary, Salina: CORN CASSEROLE

- 15-ounce can undrained corn
- 15-ounce can cream-style corn
- 1 stick margarine, cut up in pieces

1 Jiffy corn bread mix (dry)
Mix all together and bake uncovered in greased casserole dish in a 350-degree oven for 45 minutes or until browned on top.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: STEAK CASSEROLE

- 1 1/2 pounds round steak
- Salt & pepper
- 4 medium sliced potatoes
- 2 medium sliced carrots
- Seasoning of your choice
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup

Cut steak into pieces. Brown on both sides. Place in baking dish and add salt and pepper. Add potatoes, carrots, and the seasoning of your choice. Cover with cream of mushroom soup and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Cover for 45 minutes;

check and then you may want to uncover.

Margaret Trojan, Beaver Crossing, Neb.:

EASY MICROWAVE PEANUT BUTTER CRISPIES

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup white syrup
- 1 cup peanut butter (creamy or chunky or some of each)
- 5 cups Corn Flakes or Wheaties

Mix sugar and syrup together. Microwave 3 minutes on high. Add peanut butter and stir then add cereal. Drop by large spoonfuls onto waxed paper. Makes 3 dozen.

Joyce Maginness, Fostoria: "These smell so good when baking!"

EASY APPLE DUMPLINGS

- 4 large apples, (Granny Smith or your favorite), peeled, cored & quartered
- 2 cans of crescent rolls (16 ounces total)
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 sticks butter

DO NOT PREHEAT OVEN. Grease or spray a 9-by-13-inch pan or casserole dish. Wrap each apple wedge in a crescent roll so it is completely or mostly encased in the dough. Arrange evenly in prepared pan or dish. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine orange juice, sugar, cinnamon and butter. Cook stirring, until sugar is dissolved. Pour over

dumplings. Set oven to 350 degrees and bake 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm with the sauce. Serves 16.

NOTE: For those not counting calories, a scoop of ice cream on top of each serving is great.

Gale Rathbun, Webber: SWEET & SALTY TRAIL MIX (SNACK)

- 2 cups mini pretzels
- 4 cups crispy corn & rice cereal
- 2 cups mixed nuts
- 1 1/2 cups raisins, craisins &/or dried cherries
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup corn syrup (light or dark)
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

In a large bowl, mix pretzels, cereal, nuts and dried fruit; set aside. In heavy saucepan heat sugar, syrup and butter stirring constantly. Bring to a boil. Continue boiling for 5 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat. Stir in soda, salt and vanilla. Pour over pretzel mixture. Stir to coat evenly. Pour all into lightly greased baking pan. Bake in 250-degree oven for 45 minutes stirring every 15 minutes. Cool on parchment paper or non-stick surface. Break into pieces. Store in air-tight container. Is freezable.

Jan Brax, Assaria: "Tonight I was reading our Grass & Grain and saw the food carrier prize and loved it, so ran to the kitchen and found our very, very favorite recipe! These peanut clusters are unbelievably good and they are so easy and fast to make. Perfect for the holidays."

EASY E Z PEANUT CLUSTERS (48 pieces)

- 12-ounce package butter-scotch chips
- 12-ounce package chocolate chips
- 3 cups Spanish peanuts (don't buy the raw ones; the salted ones with the skins one are the very best)

Melt chips until smooth (if you put them in the microwave, it doesn't take long and they burn fast so watch them really close). When all the chips are melted stir in peanuts and drop by teaspoon onto waxed paper. Sometimes I refrigerate them until set and sometimes I just let them sit out overnight to harden. They will keep really good if you put them in a tight tin, Tupperware or Rubbermaid container. You don't have to refrigerate them.

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2012 Grass & Grain Holiday Recipe Contest

Shirley Deiser, Kanopolis:

BACON WRAPPED WATER CHESTNUTS
8-ounce can water chestnuts, drained
16-ounce package hickory smoked bacon
6 tablespoons chili sauce or ketchup
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon dijon mustard
1 tablespoon bourbon, optional

Wrap each water chestnut with 1/2 slice bacon and secure with toothpick. Arrange bacon wrapped water chestnuts in a single layer in a shallow pan. Broil until crispy, about 5 minutes on each side. Drain well. Blend chili sauce, brown sugar, mustard and bourbon. Pour over bacon wrapped water chestnuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Makes 30 appetizers.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
CHOCOLATE EGGNOG
2 quarts eggnog
16-ounce can chocolate syrup
1 cup whipping cream
2 tablespoons powdered sugar

Combine eggnog and syrup in a punch bowl, stirring well. Beat whipping cream with mixer on high until foamy. Add powdered sugar, continue beating until stiff peaks form. Dollop whipped cream over eggnog. Serve immediately.

Annette Reilly, Abilene:
"This is an adapted apple bread recipe. Also a tasty coffee break snack."

RAW APPLE BREAD
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 eggs
1 cup unsweetened applesauce
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups chopped, peeled tart apples

Topping:
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons chopped walnuts
1/3 cup cold butter
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Combine flour, sugar, salt, baking soda, cinnamon in a large bowl. In another bowl whisk eggs, applesauce and vanilla. Stir into dry ingredients until just moistened. Fold in apples. Fold into a pre-sprayed 12-cup microwave bundt style pan. For topping combine flour, sugar and walnuts. Cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter. Microbake in 1000 watt or higher microwave for 16 minutes at 30%. Turn half around and bake on high (100% power) an additional 6 minutes. Remove from microwave, cool 10 minutes in pan then turn out onto cooling rack or heat safe plate.

Note: Best next day, but tasty fresh out of the pan.

Fred Engler, El Dorado:
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CRANBERRY MERINGUE PIE

Crust:
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons canola oil
2 tablespoons butter, softened

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9-inch pie pan with cooking spray. Mix flour, sugar and salt in medi-

um mixing bowl. Stir in oil and butter with fork until well blended and crumbly. Using back of spoon, firmly press this dough into sides and bottom of pan. Bake crust until it just begins to brown, about 20 minutes (leave the oven on to brown meringue top of pie when assembled).

Filling:
12-ounce bag cranberries
1 cup orange juice
3/4 cup sugar
1 egg
3 eggs, separated

Combine cranberries and orange juice in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil and cook, stirring occasionally until cranberries start to break down, 5 to 6 minutes. Pour through a fine-mesh sieve into a medium bowl, pressing on solids to extract all of the juice. Whisk 3/4 cup sugar into juice until combined. Whisk in whole egg and egg yolks. Return mixture to pan to heat and cover and cook over medium heat stirring constantly and vigorously until it thickens and just starts to bubble as you are stirring, 4 to 5 minutes. Pour the warm filling into the warm crust. Set

aside while you prepare meringue.

Topping:
3 egg whites
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
Pinch of salt
1/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Beat the 3 egg whites in a large bowl with mixer on medium speed until frothy. Add cream of tartar and pinch of salt. Beat at high speed until soft peaks form. Beat in 1/3 cup sugar adding very slowly, beating constantly until stiff shiny peaks form. Beat in vanilla. Spoon meringue over filling then gently spread to edges of crust. Make peaks in meringue with back of spoon. Bake until top is lightly browned, about 15 minutes. Cool pie on wire rack to room temperature, at least 3 hours.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
PINEAPPLE CHEESE BALL
8-oz. package cream cheese
2 cups chopped pecans, divided
8-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained
1/4 cup green pepper, chopped

2 tablespoons onion, chopped
Beat cream cheese until smooth. Blend in 1 cup pecans and remaining ingredients. Shape into 2 balls; roll each ball in remaining pecans. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Melissa Byrd, Independence, Mo.:
GINGERBREAD WHOOPIE PIES
2 ounces cream cheese
1/4 cup butter
2 tablespoons eggnog, chilled
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon cloves
1/8 teaspoon rum extract
5 cups powdered sugar
(60) 1-inch gingersnap cookies

In bowl of mixer beat cream cheese and butter until smooth. Add eggnog, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and rum extract, stirring to combine. Reduce speed to low. Add powdered

sugar 1 cup at a time beating until blended and smooth. Spoon icing into a piping bag fitted with star tip. Pipe icing onto the flat sides of 30 cookies. Top each with another cookie flat side down.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia:
CRANBERRY-APPLE RELISH
4 cups cranberries, chopped
1 pound apples, peeled, chopped, cored
2 1/2 cups brown sugar
1 cup water
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Combine cranberries, apples, brown sugar and water in a large saucepan. Simmer over medium heat for 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in cinnamon and walnuts; cook 5 minutes. Ladle hot relish into hot jars, leaving 1/4-inch head space. Adjust 2-piece caps. Process 15 minutes in a boiling water canner. Yield: about 5 half pints.

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"It's recklessly irresponsible for someone to tell you that you didn't build that, because you know doggone well that you did built it, with your sweat, your risk, and with all the chances that you took that if they turned out wrong, nobody would be there to bail you out," he stated.

Rather than rewarding work, saving and investing, Huckabee believes that our tax code is a harsh punishment for such behavior, as harder work leads to higher tax brackets, and interest on savings and gains on investments are taxed. "The harder you work and the better you do, the more successful you are, the more we're going to punish you," he said.

The looming hike in estate taxes, commonly referred to as the death tax, is particularly irksome to Huckabee. If Congress cannot come to an agreement to avoid the "fiscal cliff," by the end of the year any inheritance over \$1 million

will be taxed at 55%, a rate that is the among the highest in the world economy. It is currently at 35% with a \$5 million exclusion.

"Even though that family has been paying property taxes for that land every year they owned it, the government has been getting a piece of the profits of everything farmed on it because every time something was grown and sold there was a gain and there was an income tax assessed on it; so it's not like they've been living off a tax shelter their whole lives," he stressed. "This is not just an unfair tax, it's an immoral tax and we should say to our government 'Hands off that which you didn't work, which you didn't buy, which you didn't till, which you didn't take care of and for which you have no right to take more than half of just because you're government and you think you can.'"

Looking ahead to the next four years, Huckabee said that he's an optimist about America, but not an

optimist about the government. He recalled tumultuous times in the nation's history, such as the assassinations of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., riots on college campuses and others when people said, "We're not going to make it through this," but we did.

"We're now maybe thinking the same thing," he said. "At some point we get on our knees and realize our real answers and solutions, our help, are not going to come from government, it's going to come from Heaven. And it's not going to come because we trusted government, but because we trusted God. And we went back to living the way He told us to live. I believe if we do that, we might be okay. If we don't do that, we might not make it. But that doesn't start in Washington. It starts in Wichita, and Kansas City, and Hays."

"Some people think we can't fix America," he reflected. "But we're still America and we can do anything we really want to."

Farm bill could hinge on budget talks

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food stamps, too. The Senate bill also tightens eligibility in some areas but doesn't save as much money.

The House and Senate bills also differ on how subsidies are structured for various crops. Commodity groups for specific crops and lawmakers who represent their constituencies have battled over how

those subsidies should work in an environment where there is less money to go around.

This year's farm bill situation is unusual. The last four farm bills passed in 2008, 2002, 1996 and 1990 – were all passed prior to elections with rural politics driving the equation. This year politics had the opposite effect as food stamps got in the way.

Roger Johnson, president of the National Farmers Union, said the results of the Nov. 6 election should be good news for those who want to see a farm bill passed, since the balance of power stayed the same.

"The outcome removed any sort of political rationale for a delay," Johnson said. "The political argument I think is gone. Not to say it will be easy."



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Wheat crop is in tough shape

Heading into Thanksgiving week, the 2012 wheat crop was rated at just 30% good to excellent - the second poorest wheat crop in mid-November that Kansas Agricultural Statistics has ever recorded.

Wheat farmers should be scouting fields to see whether pest, weed or nutrient problems exist, suggests Jim Shroyer, wheat specialist at Kansas State University. Throughout Kansas, the crop is in various stages of growth and conditions. At K-State's Agronomy Farm north of Manhattan, the agronomist sees a couple of issues that could impact the crop.

"The first thing I saw is poor growth of secondary roots, or crown roots," he says. "This lack of crown root development is due to dry topsoils. A wheat plant should ideally have a well-developed crown root sys-

tem by now to help prepare it to survive the winter."

Shroyer notes that at the Agronomy Farm, the crown root is starting to grow. In a normal year, the crown root system is, or should be, much more extensive than the primary root system. Crown roots take up most of the water and nutrients from the soil, so they are very important for the plant to survive the winter. Also, crown roots anchor the plant to the ground.

"By this point in the season, there should be a much more extensive crown root system than what I found," Shroyer says. "All we need is some moisture in the soil and these roots would quickly begin developing."

Primary roots coming from the seed take up water and nutrients throughout the whole growing season, but there aren't very many of these roots, and they will

not support a plant with one or two tillers for very long.

Farmers throughout Kansas agree that the crop is challenged so far.

Scott City farmer Rich Randall says the dryland wheat in Scott County is mostly in fair shape, but just needs precipitation. "About 20% of the dryland wheat is in poor condition. Some of it has been re-planted at least once and is short of moisture," he says.

This fall is unique in that it has stayed warm for so long. "The wheat isn't going into dormancy like it should by this time of the year," he said. Actively growing wheat, he adds, requires soil moisture, which is in short supply this fall.

Justin Knopf, who farms near Salina, says primary

and crown roots are slow to develop. "The crop has not grown actively, mostly due to lack of moisture. Temperatures have been conducive to root development, but we just haven't had any rain," he says. In the last 12 months, Knopf's area of Saline County has received about 12 inches less rain than the average of 29 inches.

Knopf says wheat is a grass and therefore "tillers," to branch out and grow extra plants. This fall, however, very little tillering has taken place. "Overall, the plant doesn't seem to be healthy or vigorous," he explains. "We're not in a big hurry to apply fertilizer on the crop. We just wait and hope for some winter moisture."

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Kansas Farm Bureau 94th annual meeting to take place in Manhattan December 3-5

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Most activities will be held at the new Hilton Garden Inn and Manhattan Convention Center, and will feature cutting-edge workshops, discussion of important public policy issues and a one-day meeting tailored to county leaders.

On Mon., Dec. 3, county leaders will come together and learn how to bridge a connection with consumers. Presenters from the U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance will lead the volunteers through connecting with their customers using social media and finding common ground.

On Tue., Dec. 4, annual meeting workshops begin at 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Workshop topics include crop insurance and risk management, Kansas animal agriculture, succession planning and animal disease traceability. At the evening banquet, in addition to keynote addresses, the Peterson brothers of Kansas will accept an award for excellence in agricultural education and promotion for their viral video *I'm farming and I grow it*, which has received more than 7½ million views on YouTube.

On Wednesday, more than 400 voting delegates will debate and adopt policy statements for 2013. Farmer and rancher leaders will discuss a range of topics including water, animal care and school finance.

An agenda is available online at www.kfb.org/news/kfbeventcalendar/kfb-summit-annual-meeting.html.

Highlights of the Kansas Farm Bureau 94th annual meeting include:

Monday, December 3, Summit Leadership Conference for county leaders

8:15 — Registration opens and silent auction begins accepting items

9:00-9:50 — General Workshops

10:30-11:30 — Keynote, U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance

Tuesday, December 4, annual meeting

7:30 a.m. — Registration, tradeshow and silent auction begin

8:00 — Workshops

9:00 — Workshops

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6:30 — Annual Meeting Banquet and Awards

Wednesday, December 5, Voting Delegate Session

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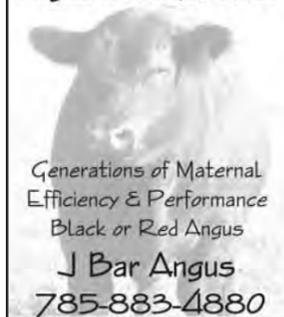
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Charlie Dixon, Paola, selected Lot 18, another very stout, high performing son of New Day 454, for \$9,500.

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Madison, chose Lot 11, sired by SAV Final Answer, for \$8000.

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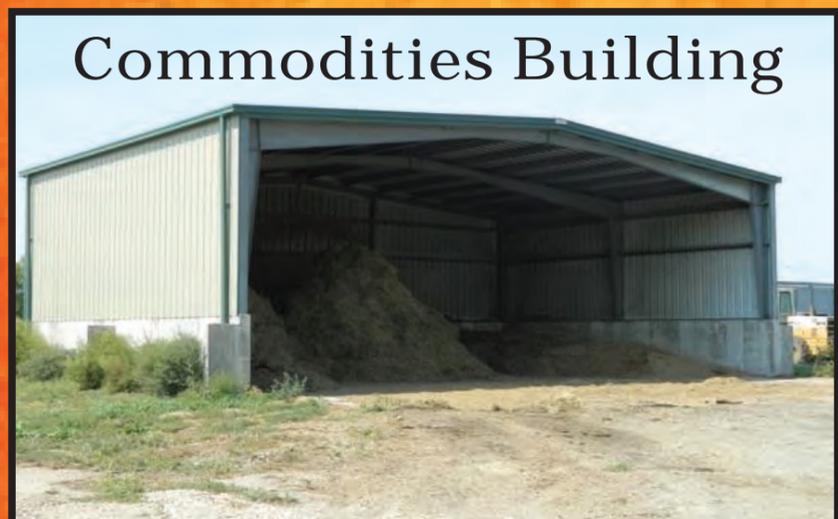
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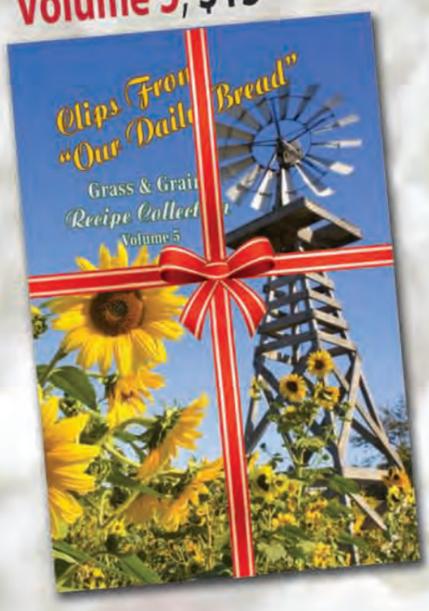


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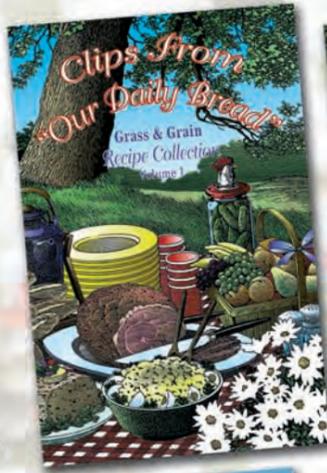
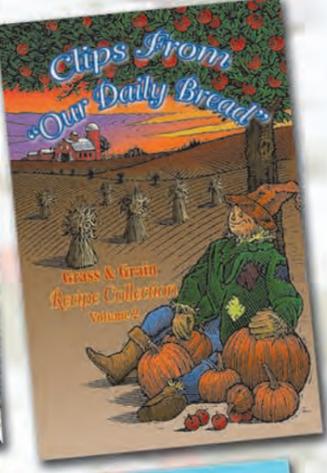
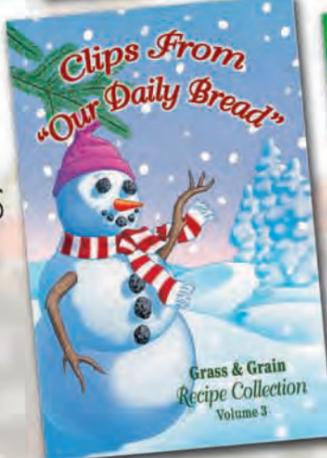
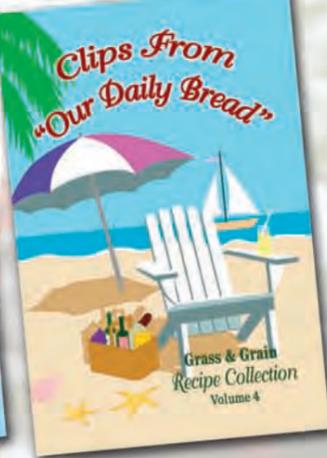
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1826 was a significant year for the Cheyenne people who lived in the northern Great Plains. Great numbers of buffalo and horses were discovered south of the Platte River by members of the tribe. The discovery brought a historic division of the tribe. There were several families, designated by historians as clans, making up the whole of the tribe.

The Hairy Men, an important Cheyenne clan, led some of Cheyenne south of the Platte into the Smoky Hill country. The migration created the Southern Cheyenne. Those that remained north of the Platte were identified as Northern Cheyenne. However, the split between north and south did not sever Cheyenne tribal connections all together.

The Cheyenne people lived under a "governmental" system of forty-four council chiefs who bound the people together as one. Some of the Southern Cheyenne chiefs were Black Kettle, Lean Bear, One Eye,

and White Antelope. White Antelope was a member of the Hairy Men clan. The Cheyenne also had special warrior societies that had nothing to do with family origin.

White Antelope joined the Dog Men, a society known for courage in battle. However, their head chief, Porcupine Bear, brought shame upon the society when he murdered a family member in 1837. The disgrace of murder caused the entire society of Dog Men to be shunned. The Dog Men moved to a border land of northern Kansas and Colorado and southern Nebraska and Wyoming, creating a third division of Cheyenne people. Living between the Southern and Northern Cheyenne they eventually allowed a certain amount of social interaction with their relatives.

White Antelope became one of the leading chiefs in the Dog Men society. In 1840, he was instrumental in bringing about a peace treaty with the Kiowa, Comanche, and Plains Apache

which helped to smooth relations with the Southern Cheyenne. He signed a peace treaty with the federal government at Fort Laramie in 1851 and joined a peace delegation of tribal leaders to Washington, D. C. where he met President Millard Fillmore and was given a special "Peace Medal" in recognition of the treaty.

As the Dog Men grew more militant they were referred to as Dog Soldiers. White Antelope changed his affiliation to the Crooked Lance Society. White Antelope was in a Cheyenne village attacked by U. S. Dragoons in 1857. In the aftermath he and several chiefs traveled to Bent's Fort to protest that they had been wrongly targeted by the soldiers. The Dog Soldiers were responsible. White antelope explained, "We are separate and distinct bands..."

The Cheyenne knew every foot of prairie from the Rocky Mountains to the eastern reaches of the Smoky Hill River. On the Kansas frontier White Antelope and Black Kettle were well known. The tiny trading settlement of Salina welcomed them in peace to barter pelts and buffalo robes for flour and tobacco.

Gold brought a tidal wave of prospectors and town building to the foot of the Rockies in 1859 and 1860. The new visitors didn't just pass through. They wanted to stay and they wanted the Cheyenne and other plains tribes to go away. A new treaty was de-

vised in 1861. The whole thing was a "humbug" meant to force the Indians onto poverty stricken soil while new white settlements made men rich. White Antelope still signed, hoping that peace would bring good fortune for his people.

Good fortune was not in the cards for the Cheyenne. While their sacred hunting

lands were being torn from their grip in the spring of 1864, they were taken to the brink of war over the theft of a few head of cattle and horses. White Antelope traveled with several chiefs to Denver to explain that the animals were being returned to the rancher when soldiers attacked.

The Cheyenne leaders were rebuked and told that

if they wanted peace they should move their villages to Fort Lyon. They immediately did so, but at Fort Lyon they were told they would be safe in their traditional winter camp on Sand Creek. Several days later the 1st and 3rd Colorado Cavalry attacked the village. White Antelope ran forward as bullets ripped into men, women, and

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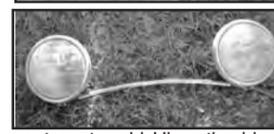
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TRACT I

LEGAL: NW 1/4 34-2-5 Republic Co. Kansas

GENERAL: 157.5 acres located on 40th & Marble road from Highways 36 & 266 north 3 miles & 1 west. There are approximately 11 acres irrigated, 16 dry land acres, 14 acres brome, 110 acres pasture, 6.5 acres of farmstead with 2 bedroom home that has dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, full basement and a double car garage. The home needs work. The seller will do no inspections or repairs on home. All inspections made by purchaser must be done by December 5, 2012. There are 2 approximately 40' x 60' metal buildings, and a

sheep barn. USDA 156 record has 81.5 cropland acres. Base acres are wheat 4.1 with 35 bu yield; corn 13.6 with 97 bu yield, 110 bu CC yield; grain sorghum 4.1 with 60 bu yield, 57 bu CC yield; soybean 8.1 with 22 bu yield, 26 bu CC yield; for a total of 29.9 base acres. Conservation system is being actively applied. 2011 taxes were \$1713.45 general and \$3,714.26 special for a total of \$5,427.71.

Possession of the buildings, pasture and brome will be upon closing. Possession of land planted to wheat will be after 2013 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$80.00 per acre on acres planted to 2013 wheat.

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TRACT II

LEGAL: SW 1/4 25-2-6 Jewell Co. Kansas

GENERAL: 158.9 acres located NE corner T & 300 roads. The farm is in brome grass with a large pond. USDA 156 record has 48.8 crop land acres with base acres of 7.3 soybean with 20 bu yield. Classified as not HEL. 2011 taxes were \$249.06.

Possession will be upon closing.

TRACT III

LEGAL: E 1/2 SE 1/4 9-2-5 Republic Co. Kansas

GENERAL: 78.4 acres located NW corner Jade & 40 roads. There are approximately 40 acres of farm land with the balance grass & trees. There is a metal building with concrete floor approximately 50' x 80'. USDA 156 record has 49.3 cropland acres with base acres wheat 21.7 with 35 bu yield; soybean base 11.4 acres with 22 bu yield, 26 bu CC yield, for a total base of 33.1 acres. 2011 taxes were \$593.93.

Possession of the building and grass will be upon closing, possession of the land planted to wheat will be after 2013 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$80.00 per acre on acres planted to 2013 wheat.

TRACT IV

LEGAL: SW 1/4 15-2-5 Republic Co. Kansas

GENERAL: 156.4 acres located King & 40th roads. There are 45 irrigated acres, 38 acres brome, 10 acres alfalfa and 61 acres pasture. USDA 156 record has 93.7 cropland acres with base acres of corn 23.5 with 97 bu yield, 110 CC yield; soybean acres 7.8 with 22 bu yield, 26 bu CC yield for a total base acres of 31.3 acres. 2011 taxes were \$714.93 general, \$3,103.73 special for a total of \$3,818.66.

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LEGAL: Lots 11, 12, 13 in 6-1-5 Republic Co. Kansas

GENERAL: 131.7 acres located 10 & Birch roads (6 miles West & 4 miles North of Republic, Ks). There are 75.2 cropland acres with wheat base acres of 14.5 with 34 bu yield, corn 53.7 acres with 109 bu yield, soybeans 1.5 acres with 20 bu yield for a total of 69.7 base acres. Classified as not HEL. There are approximately 56.5 acres of trees. 2011 taxes were \$757.01.

Possession will be after 2013 wheat harvest on acres planted to wheat. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$85.00 per acre on acres planted to 2013 wheat.

TRACT VI

LEGAL: Lots 12 & 13 in SE 1/4 1-1-6 Jewell Co. Kansas

GENERAL: 125.6 acres located West across the road from Tract V. There are 86.6 cropland acres with wheat base of 21.9 acres with 34 bu yield, corn 53.0 acres with 86 bu yield, soybean 2.7 acres with 20 bu yield for a total base of 77.6 acres. Classified as not HEL. The balance are trees. 2011 taxes were \$ 1,435.88.

Possession will be after 2013 wheat harvest on acres planted to wheat. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$85.00 per acre on acres planted to 2013 wheat.

TERMS: Terms on all tracts are 10% of purchase price as down payment, the balance will be due upon closing on or before Jan. 31, 2013. The down payment will be escrowed by William Navis Law Office. Escrow & closing fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Seller will pay 2012 taxes, Purchaser will pay all of 2013 taxes.

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children. "Stop! Stop!" He refused to raise a hand in anger and seeing that his efforts were futile, he folded his hands in a gesture of peace and began to sing, "Nothing lives long, except the earth and mountains."

A bullet ended his song of death, but more than that, peace died with him. In the days to come blood would flow like water as

Americans pushed forward to fulfill destiny on The Way West.

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



Shilo Schaake of Westmoreland won grand champion registered ewe at the Kansas State Fair. Brad Ellebrock from Atkinson, Ill. was the sheep judge. Shilo is the son of Scott and Kandi Schaake.

Girard USD 248 receives \$25,000 grant to upgrade technology

As technology evolves, so does education. Many schools use technology in the classroom to provide students with a new way to learn traditional subjects. Thanks to the support of local farmers and America's Farmers Grow Rural EducationSM, Girard Unified School District (USD) 248 received a \$25,000 grant to implement the use of handheld technology. The new technology will promote a broader understanding of science, math and agriculture for students.

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, gives farmers the opportunity to nominate a public school district in their community to compete for a grant of either \$10,000 or \$25,000 to enhance education in the areas of math and/or science. More than 1,000 nominated school districts submitted applications. The Monsanto Fund will invest \$2.3 million into rural education through this program.

"All of our students will benefit from this," said Tom Stegman, principal of R.V. Haderlein Elementary School. "Our teachers have already benefitted from this. They have already started to learn how to utilize technology with Ag in the Classroom."

After being nominated by local farmers, school districts completed an on-line application, and finalists were chosen by math and science teachers from ineligible school districts. The America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Advisory Council, a group of 26 prominent farmers from across the country, then reviewed the finalists' applications and selected the winners.

"We want to thank the farmers who nominated our district, and let them know how important they are to us," Stegman said. "We couldn't do this without them."

Girard USD 248 was presented with the \$25,000 grant during a presentation at the Girard High School Football

Field on Oct. 12.

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education started with a successful pilot in Illinois and Minnesota in 2011, in which farmers were given the opportunity to nominate a public school district in 165 eligible counties in those two states. The Monsanto Fund awarded more than \$266,000 to local schools in 16 CRDs. Now, the program has expanded to 1,245 eligible counties in 39 states. America's Farmers Grow Rural Education helps farmers positively impact their com-

munities and supports local rural school districts. This program is part of the Monsanto Fund's overall effort to support rural education and communities. Another program that is part of this effort is America's Farmers Grow Communities, which gives winning farmers the opportunity to direct a \$2,500 donation to their favorite community nonprofit organization in their county. Farmers can participate in this program through Nov. 30, 2012 by visiting www.growcommunities.com.

AUCTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 — 7:00 PM
Location: On-site at 217 S Riley — RILEY, KANSAS

LEGAL: Allen Flynn Addition, Lot 5 Block 3

This is a charming 1-1/2 story home built in 1953 with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and a 2 car garage. It has a pantry, hardwood floors, ceiling fan and an outdoor patio. It is heated by a propane forced air furnace and has central air conditioning, asphalt roof is less than 10 years old. All this sets on a nice sized corner lot of 7186 sq ft. 2011 Taxes were 1514.86



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AUCTION

Thursday, December 13, 2012 @ 7 PM
Highland Community Center
501 West Avenue, Highland, Kansas

To be offered separate and combined:

TRACT 1:
Legal Description: The SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of 36-2-19 Doniphan Co Kansas Located 3 miles SE of Highland, KS on 36 HWY and Elgin Rd.

- Over 1/4 mile of 36 HWY frontage with electricity
- 31.27 total acres +/- of upland terraced land.
- 29 acres +/- in current production
- 4 acres +/- of current waterway with buildings
- Taxes: \$651.92 on 32.4 taxable acres

TRACT 2:
Legal Description: The NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the N 5 ac of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, 1-3-19 Doniphan Co, Kansas, Located 3 miles SE of Highland, Kansas on 220th and Elgin Rd. Adjacent to Tract 1

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LAND AUCTION

122± Acres
McPherson County, Kansas

Monday, December 3, at 2:00 PM
at the 4-H Building, McPherson, Kansas

Farm is located 5.5 miles north of McPherson on east side of 135. Part of the NE4 35 in New Gottland Township. All cropland farm with good soil types. Sells subject to lease on growing wheat. 10% down with closing by December 27, 2012.

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LAND AUCTION

333 Acres Linn County Land
160 Acres Osage County Land
Monday • December 3 • 7:00 PM
Location: Garnett Town Hall Center
125 W. 5th, Garnett, KS 66032

Tract 1 - NW 1/4 35-17-14 160 Acres m/l Osage, Co. KS.
 123 Acres of which is tillable.
 Location 8 miles S. of Osage City, KS.

Tract 2 - Tract in SW/4 and the W 1/2 SE 1/4 11-22-21 Linn Co. KS. 143 acres m/l.
 123 Acres of which is tillable currently planted to wheat. 1/3 - 2/3 shared basis. Terraces and waterways reworked. Location 3 miles N. of Blue Mound KS. Then 3 1/4 mile west.

Tract 3 - NW 1/4 12-22-21 Linn Co KS. 110 Acres m/l.
 All tillable currently planted to wheat shared Basis 1/3 - 2/3. Location 4 miles N. of Blue Mound KS. Then 2 1/2 mile west.

Tract 4 - N 1/2 of SW 1/4 35-23-22 Linn Co. KS. 80 acres m/l, 70 Acres of which is tillable.
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Homeground & Other Geographies

by Tom Parker

Through the eyes of strangers

"Why is it," a man asked his wife in a recent cartoon in the New Yorker magazine, "that during elections we're the Heartland, and the rest of the time we're Flyover Country?"

I could venture an answer but won't other than to point out that "flyover country" is insultingly dismissive, a term used to describe most of the Midwest as nothing more than a blank spot on the map—until presidential elections, that is, when voters in the flyover states tend to pick the winners. It's all a matter of perspective, I suppose, and how much someone needs your services at the time.

Election polls don't tell the story, though. For that you need to interview the outsiders who return year after year to immerse them-

selves in a place we call home. In Kansas that means hunters, and one of the best examples might be Larry Knox. Knox, along with various friends, relatives, sons, grandsons and granddaughters, has been hunting Kansas for almost 30 years. He started as an upland gamebird and switched to bowhunting for bucks at the suggestion of his sons and never looked back. Northeast Kansas was so different in so many ways from his native Alabama that he fell in love with it at first sight. But it wasn't just the terrain that captured him, it was the people.

I found him at a residence in Washington, a place he'd rented since his first excursion into Kansas. With him was a new partner, Steve Summerhill, who went under the nickname of

"Hobby." As we talked about the allure of flyover country, others trickled in, all garbed head to toe in green camouflage.

"We got deer, you got deer, but they don't react the same," Hobby said. "Here you can be driving down the road and see a deer and get within 20 yards of it. Our deer are so skittish they're a half mile away by the time you spot them."

"Our deer are a lot wilder," Knox said. "The terrain makes it more difficult to hunt. You've got pastures and cropland and we have timber."

"I think the meat is better," Hobby said.

"It's sweeter and more tender."

"All that grain they eat every day."

Five years ago Knox's son, Tim, dropped the biggest buck of any they'd taken, a fourteen-pointer with a score of 187. It's what they came for, even if they hesitated to admit it.

"It's not just the hunting," Knox said. "Being with the others is what it's all about. The fellowship, the friends, just getting away from home for a while."

"Back home we might not see each other but once a month," Hobby said. "When we're together we socialize and enjoy each other's com-

pany. There's no worries about jobs or bills or anything else."

"If we can get a big deer that's okay, too."

When the property owner stuck her head in the door to inquire about their needs, Knox pointed one stubby finger at her.

"This is why we return every year, and why we bring our families in the spring," he said. "The people here are special. We've made so many friends here they're like family. We miss them when we're not here. We call them in the off season just to talk to them."

"It isn't this way at home," Hobby said. "This is the real Americana, the way it used to be."

Hobby — apparently never at a loss for words — launched into an elegy

about how America had gone to the dogs, and of how the image of rural people as characters in a Norman Rockwell painting had no more basis in reality, except, that is, for Kansas. Here people took care of the land as God intended, land on loan from the Creator, where a man's word was trusted, where people would drop everything to help their neighbors, where the old-fashioned work ethic still meant something, where people went to church on Sundays and welcomed strangers as friends. "This is what America used to be like," he said. "This is what America should be like."

The others in the room solemnly nodded. A reverential silence fell. I almost expected heads to be bowed

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Live internet bidding available. Call for details.

Manner of Sale: Tracts to sell individually. **Tract I:** 160 acres more or less near level cultivation, Rush County, KS. **Tract II:** 160 acres more or less with a mix of cultivation and grassland with a 2-bedroom home, machine shed, and supporting out buildings (rural water), Rush County, KS. **Tract III:** 60 acres more or less grassland (rural water), Rush County, KS. **Tract IV:** 240 acres more or less very productive cultivation, Rush County, KS. **Tract V:** 640 acres more or less with 516 acres cultivation balance grassland (rural water), Ellis County, KS. **Tract VI:** 1,200 acres more or less with 1,069 acres grassland, balance cultivation. Oil production, rural water, earth dams, and livestock handling facilities, Ellis County, KS. **Land Location:** the land starts with tract one being two miles north of McCracken, KS and continuing seven miles north to just inside Ellis County north of the Ellis and Rush Counties line. **Note:** An opportunity to purchase very productive cultivation and grassland, featuring rural water with a network of underground water pipelines. Several of the tracts are contiguous allowing the opportunity for the smaller tract buyers as well as the larger tract buyers, and all tracts have good access.

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GRAIN TRUCK: 1976 Ford 9000 Twin-Screw-20' Steel Box-13-Speed; Cumming Diesel-Overhauled Miles:559,XXX; 1974 Ford 9000 Twin-Screw-20' Steel Box-10-Speed; Detroit Diesel Miles:307,939; Freightliner Cab-Over Grain Truck.

PLANTING EQUIPMENT: JD 7300 8RN-JD 300 Mon; JD 7200-8RN Liquid Max-Emerge-JD 250 Mon.

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too when Knox quipped, "They're not bad cooks, either."

I asked them about the perception of Kansas as fly-over country, a geographic anomaly best traversed at the highest speed possible.

"They don't know what they're talking about," Hobby snorted.

"Some get it, some don't," Knox said. "We know what we're talking about. This is home away from home. The people bring us back."

Some get it, some don't. It was the best explanation I'd heard, the linguistic equivalent of bagging a trophy buck.



Emily Harris of Abilene showed the grand champion commercial ewe at the Kansas State Fair this year. The breeder of the ewe is Harris Show Lambs and sired out of Ultra Ego blood lines.

Sedgwick County Extension to hold Ag Profitability Conference

The Sedgwick County Extension Ag Profitability Conference will be held December 11, 2012. The conference will start at 8:30 a.m. with registration at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center located at 7001 W. 21st St. North in Wichita (corner of 21st & Ridge north). They will have six speakers (including keynote speaker Barry Flinchbaugh, KSU). Some of the topics will be: Economics of Different Tillage Systems, Cattle and Beef Market Outlook, Kansas Hay Market, Grain Market Situation & Outlook. Cost will be \$15.00 per person. See more information at www.sedgwick.ksu.edu or pay by credit card by going online at <http://agprofitabilityconference.eventbrite.com> or call Jackie at 316-660-0143.



Shilo Schaake of Westmoreland showed the supreme champion heifer at the Kansas State Fair. Clint Russ of Stillwater, Okla. was the cattle judge. Shilo is the son of Scott and Kandi Schaake of Westmoreland.

ST. JAMES CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 — 10:00 AM

LOCATION: St. James Hall — WETMORE, KS

TRACTORS, DOZER: 2010 JD 6430 MFWD w/cab, air, 2100hrs., Power Quad, Reverser, 18.4x38/340/85R28 90%, 3-pt., Pto, triple Hyd., Front fenders, Front Wght. Brkt., SN#LO6430-647040; 1971 JD 4320 W/JD cab, 8 speed syncr., 18.4X38, 3-pt., dual hyd., pto, SN#14124R; 1969 JD 4020 w/Hiniker cab, power shift trans., 18.4X34, 3-pt., dual Hyd., pto, SN#220034R; 1966 JD 1020, Turf tires, WF, 3-pt., pto; 1968 Case 830 Comfort King, 5803 hrs., 16.9X34, 3-pt., pto, Dual Hyds., SN#8290768; IH 2606 Industrial w/Loader Bucket, Pallet Forks, 3-pt., pto; Komatsu Dozer, D21A6, SN# 62687, 7' blade, angle & Tilt, Roll Gard Canopy; Clamp on Duals-18.4X34.

TRUCKS, SUV, AUTO: 2002 Chevy Trailblazer, 4X4, auto., Air, 6 cyl., 108K miles; 2000 Ford Taurus SEL, V6, auto, air, 4-door, new tires, 130K; 1997 Ford F350 Dually XLT, 7.3L Diesel, 4X4, 12' Flatbed.

TRAILERS: 1995 Cornhusker 800 42' Grain Trailer, Ag Hoppers, 11:00X24.5, Near new rubber, Reconditioned; 1986 Timpette 42' Grain Trailer, 11:00X24.5, New Tires; 2005 Road Hog 32' Goose-neck Flatbed Beavertail w/ramps, Tandem dual axles, 14 ply tires; Stock Trailer, 6X12, Bumper Hitch, homemade; Jantz Semi-Trailer for S.P. Sprayers, 5th wheel, tandem duals, w/3250 gal. nurse tank, 6.5 hp transfer pump, chemical inductor; Liquid nurse trailer w/1000 gal. snyder leg tank w/ 2' transfer pump; Freisen 220 Seed Tender, Gooseneck trailer, Honda engine, Auger, Dual Compartment; Killbros Gravity Seed Trailer w/Killbros 12 gear, dual compartments, 14' auger.

EQUIPMENT: Hesston 1160 Hydro-swing swather, 14'; CIH 8370 Swather, 14' Hydroswing; IH 5100 Drill w/Fert., 18X7, DD openers, Press wheels; 2- Wilmar Dry Fertilizer spreaders, 4.5 Ton; IH 4600 Fieldcultivator, 32' w/hyd, fold; IH 4300 Fieldcultivator, 32' w/hyd, fold; Westfield Grain Auger, 10'X71', Transport, Fold-away hopper; Artsway Silomix 810 Feed Wagon, 5'X12', Remixer, Weightronics Model 700E scale; JD 7000 Planter, 6-30", plate, w/dry fertilizer, monitor, no-till coulters; IHC 800 Planter, 6-30", Air, monitor, corn&bean drums; Rhino Rotary Mower, SR 120, 3-pt.; Bushhog Rotary Mower, 160 pull-type; Hol-Mac Rotary Mower, pull type 7'; Rotary Mower 10', pull-type; Dual Manure Spreader, Tandem axle w/airplane tires, 6'X14'; JD Manure Spreader, Model H; Dual Loader 3100 quick tach, 7' bucket, dual hyd. JD mounts; Dual Loader 125, 6' Hyd. Bucket, Ind. Controls, IH Mounts; Wichita Tree Shear, Skid loader mounts; Rhino Rear Blade, 7', 3pt.; Big Ox Rear Blade, 8', 3pt.; Vasser Dirt Slip, 3pt., (new); JD 900 V-ripper, 7 shank 3pt., 20" spacing, w/gauge wheels; Ford Rake, pull-type; New Idea Rake; 2500 Gal. Snyder Poly Vertical Storage Tank; Banjo Transfer Pump; Carry-All for ATV, etc.; JD #5 Mower, 7' bar; 25' Hay Conveyor; ECK-Flow Seeder, 10'; Steel Pickup Flatbed, 6'6"X6'8"; Set Steel Tracks for Skid Loader, 12X16.5; 2 - 18.4X38 Rims, 10 bolt.

LAWN, GARDEN, ATV: Raptor ATV, 4X2, Flatbed w/sides, 3-speed, 50+ hrs.; Swisher Pull-type Lawn Mower, 44" cut, 8.5hp B&S engine; Lawn Mower Trailer; Lawn Sprayer w/3' boom; Lawn Aerator/spreader; Homelite HTL-15 Weed Eater; Homelite ST-385BC Weed Eater; Weedeater Featherlite; Cub Cadet Wood Chipper; 2- Stihl Chainsaw 021; Craftsman Eager-1 20" Lawn Mower; MAXM Roto-Tiller; Agrifab Utility Cart 10 cu.ft.; Toter Utility Cart, tilt bed, 13.5 cu.ft.; Terminator Dirt Bike.

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT: 2 Cone Bottom Storage Leg Tanks for seed/feed, 250 bushel; Mirafont Livestock waterer- one-hole; 20- Continuous fence panels, 20'; Pipe Posts, 2-3/8", 8' & 9' lengths; Pipe Posts, 2-7/8", 8' & 9' lengths; Pipe Posts, 3-1/2" OD, 8' & 9' lengths; 10 Limestone Rock posts; Assortment of square tubing; Assortment of steel gates, several sizes; Cattle Head Catch Gate, like new.

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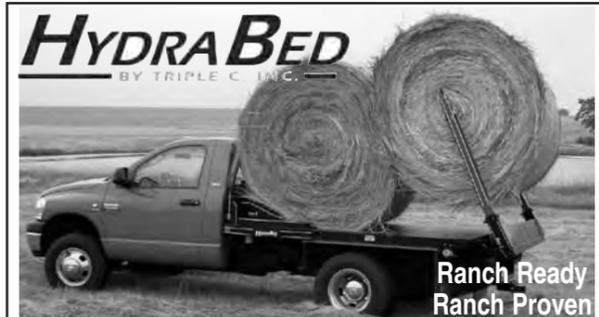
MISCELLANEOUS: Central City 5 Ton Electronic Scales, w/4 weightbars; Electronic Pallet Scale, 4'X4'; Shop Floor Hyd. Hoist; Lanair Waste oil burner, 250 gal. reservoir, heats 5000 sq.ft.; Longwood Furnance wood stove/fuel oil; Snowflame Pellet Stove; Ashley Wood Stove; HD Shop Wood Stove; Lennox Elite Series Furnance, 75K BTU, 3 years old; 500 Gallon Propane tank; Lennox Hot Water Heater, 30 gal., 1 year old; Coats 3030 Tire Machine; 60 Gallon Upright Air Compressor, 220 volt single phase; Fiberglass Tractor Cab w/windows; Yale Chain Hoist, Heavy Duty; Coats Tire Changer; 300 gal. fuel barrel w/stand; 5 - 100lb. Propane Bottles; Set of Tractor Chains- 12"X30"; Metal Bandsaw; 110 lb. anvil; Rolling Shop Cabinet; Shop Table on rollers 22"X54"X40"; 30 gal. & 50gal. Barrels; 2 - 265/85R16 Tires on 8 bolt wheels; 47' Tower, 3 leg; acetylene/oxygen bottle w/cart; Oak, Walnut Lumber, dimensional; Hobart Meat Slicer, 1/4hp., 115 volt single phase; Hobart Pedestal Grinder, Model#T215GA, 3/4hp., 230V, 1 Phase; 2 Hobart Meat Grinders, Model# 4542 & 4146, 5hp, 220V, 3 Phase; Assortment of Hedgeposts; Screen Door w/sliding window, 31-1/2"X79-1/2", new; Sears Kerosene Space Heater; Kerosene Space Heater; Kerosene Space Heater; Pro-Temp 70K BTU Shop Heater (new); 36" Wood base cabinet w/molded sink; Wood Med. Cabinet w/mirror.

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Researchers sequence swine genome, discover associations that may advance animal and human health

An international scientific collaboration that includes two Kansas State University researchers is bringing home the bacon when it comes to potential animal and human health advancements, thanks to successfully mapping the genome of the domestic pig.

The sequenced genome gives researchers a genetic blueprint of the pig. It includes a complete list of DNA and genes that give pigs their traits like height and color. Once all of the genetic information is understood, scientists anticipate improvements to the animal's health as well as human health, as pigs and humans share similar physiologies.

"With the sequenced

genome we have a better blueprint than we had before about the pig's genetics and how those genetic mechanisms work together to create, such as the unique merits in disease resistance," said Yongming Sang, research assistant professor of anatomy and physiology at Kansas State University.

For three years, Sang worked on the genome sequencing project with Frank Blecha, associate dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine and university distinguished professor of anatomy and physiology.

A report of the international study appears as the cover story for the Nov. 15 issue of the journal Nature.

The sequencing effort was led by the Swine Genome Sequencing Consortium. Researchers with the consortium invited Sang and Blecha to work on the project because of their expertise and published studies on the antimicrobial peptides and interferons that pigs use to genetically defend themselves against disease.

Sang and Blecha focused on these two families of immune genes, looking for gene duplications and gene-family expansions throughout the pig's 21,640 protein-coding genes, in an effort to help scientists with future pig-related research.

Sang also completed much of the genome anno-

tation for Kansas State University's contributions. Genome annotation involves identifying, categorizing and recording the potential functions of thousands of individual genes and gene cluster locations in the pig genome.

Analysis revealed that the olfactory and cathelicidin gene families in pigs are more evolutionarily evolved than those in humans and many other animals. Pigs have a better sense of smell, which makes them experts at finding truffles, for example. Pigs also have twice as many interferon genes as humans, possibly indicating some unique immune mechanisms against viral infection, Sang said.

Researchers also discovered several health similarities between humans and pigs. Pigs share some of the same protein abnormalities as humans with obesity, diabetes, dyslexia, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease.

Similarly, researchers found that pigs have fewer endogenous retroviruses than many other animals, making pigs an important ally for more complex medical procedures like organ transplants.

"The pig genome is very important, maybe even more important than we once thought," Sang said. "It is very good for biomedical research advancements and it also looks to be a good resource for com-

parative studies of many other diseases."

At Kansas State University the sequenced pig genome stands to benefit agricultural, food animal and veterinary medicine research.

"For many years the pig has been one of the best models for human physiology and has been used extensively because of that," Blecha said. "While this is a blueprint for the health of the pig, it is also a blueprint for the expression of genes and how to modify them for perhaps better animal models and improved health across all species. This moves agricultural and biomedical science forward for the good of everyone."

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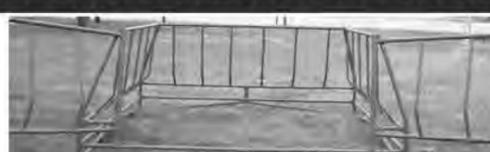


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TRACT #I

Legal Description: SW/4 11-11-10, All Pasture Land (Consisting Of 158.67 Taxable Acres) Watered By Well Equipped With Submersible Pump And Electricity, Good Perimeter Fence And Fences Within, Gravel Roads On W & N Sides Provide Good Access.
Taxes: For 2011 Were \$165.69
Minerals: Sellers Share Is Selling With Land

TRACT #II

Legal Description: N/2 NW/4 14-11-10, cropland pasture and haymeadow (consisting of 80.5 taxable acres) pasture watered by spring fed pond, good fence around pasture, gravel road on west side provides good access.
F.S.A. Information: 80.2 acres farmland, 48.1 acres DCP cropland, 7 acres wheat base, 34 bu. yield, 7.9 acres GS base, 52 bu. yield, (note there are 28.57 acres of tillable cropland, 11.76 acres of expired CRP and 7.79 acres of hay meadow grass that make up the DCP cropland acres). The balance of the tract is pasture, grassland & wildlife habitat with spring fed pond.

Taxes: For 2011 were \$410.60
Minerals: Sellers share is selling with land.
Note: Sellers are reserving the right to fish along with access to this tract of land for 15 years if they so desire. This pertains to Tract #II only.

TRACT #III

Legal Description: NE/4 except tract in SE/4 NE/4 beg. SE cor. of NE/4 thence West 169.10' N 200' E 169.10' S 200' to POB & less road R/W 10-11-10, cropland, pasture, haymeadow & improvements (consisting of 161 taxable acres. Water is provided by a well. Good fence around pasture. Improvements consist of a 48' x 50' Butler slant wall machine shed with cement floor, 2 WF barns, steel granaries and various other sheds & outbuildings and shelterbelt. Roads on E & N sides provide good access.
F.S.A. Information: 161.09 Acres Farmland, 106.54 Acres DCP Cropland, 73.1 Acres Wheat Base, 34 bu. yield, 27.7 GS Base, 52 bu. yield, 42.82 Acres Pasture with the balance being grass, wintering cattle lot, farmstead and road R/W. There are 51.9 acres in growing wheat at the present time.

TRACT #IV

Legal Description: SW/4 NW/4 11-11-10, Shelter Belt, Cropland, WW & CRP (Consisting of 38.81 Taxable Acres) Roads on S & W Sides Provide Good Access.
F.S.A. Information: 39.24 Acres of Farmland, 37.47 Acres of Effective Cropland, .73 Acres of CRP with the balance being shelterbelt and road R/W. There are 35.1 acres in growing wheat at the present time.
Possession: Will be given on December 31, 2012, subject to tenant's rights.
Possession of Tract #I: December 31, 2012.
Possession of Tract #II: December 31, 2012.
Note: Sellers are reserving the right to fish along with access to this tract of land for 15 years.
Possession on Tract #III: Subject to tenant's rights, the 51.9 acres in growing wheat will be after the 2013 wheat crop is harvested with 100% of the crop going to the tenant. Buyer will receive cash rent from the tenant at closing for the acres in wheat. The open land, pasture WW, haymeadow and improvements will be on December 31, 2012. Purchaser will pay tenant for discing fallow ground on this tract at closing.
Possession of Tract #IV: Subject to tenant's rights. The 35.1 Acres in growing wheat will be after the 2013 wheat crop is harvested with 100% of the crop going to the tenant. Buyer will receive cash rent from tenant at closing for the acres in wheat. POSSESSION of the WW, land in CRP will be December 31, 2012. There are .73 acre of CRP (in trees) on this tract. The CRP contract will expire on September 30th, 2013. The last CRP payment will be prorated between buyer and seller as of date of closing. The annual contract payment is \$44.00 for CRP.
Terms: 10% down day of sale. Balance due with certified funds when title insurance commitment showing marketable title is furnished. Purchaser will have 7 days to examine title insurance commitment. Expense of title insurance and escrow closing fees to be split between buyer and seller. Escrow and closing agent will be Land Home Title, 113 S. 5th, Lincoln, Kansas. Closing to be on or before December 27th, 2012 at Land Home Title in Lincoln, Kansas. Purchaser will be required to sign purchaser's contract day of sale. All acreage were computed to the best of our knowledge. No guarantee of acreage given by the F.S.A., appraiser office, sellers or Victor Bros. Auction & Realty Inc. Sales will be subject to seller's approval day of sale.
Taxes: For 2012 will be paid by sellers. 2013 taxes will be the responsibility of buyer.
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GRASS & GRAIN Auction Sales Scheduled

November 27 — Ellsworth County land at Ellsworth for Kathy Jo Huseman Living Trust. Auctioneers: Coldwell Banker Antrim-Piper Wenger Realtors, Chris Rost; Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 27 — Marion County land at Marion for Arlene Evans, Charlotte Casey & Kay Brown. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

November 28 — Ag equipment online (www.purplewave.com). Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.

November 28 — Russell County land at Russell. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

November 28 — Tractors, combines, balers, forklifts, skid steers, trailers, trucks, headers, livestock equip., all kinds of equip. online (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

November 28 — Ottawa County farmland at Salina for the Florence Loux Trust land. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

November 29 — Sumner County real estate at Conway Springs for Charlotte Maxine & Oral J. Hedrick Estate. Auctioneers: Ken Patterson Auctions.

November 29 — Washington County land at Washington for Joynita Strunk Trust. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

November 29 — Ottawa County land w/pasture & improvements at Salina. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

November 29 — Tractor, pickup, truck, machinery, collectibles & other near Courtland for Dor-

othy M. Fisher Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 29 — Dickinson County land at Herington for Hugo Kickhaefer. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

November 30 — Ottawa County land (sealed bid auction) for James & Vonda Karr. Auctioneers: United Country Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC.

November 30 — Farm & construction items at Baldwin City. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.

December 1 — Trailer items, primitives & collectibles, tractor, pickup & more at Burdick for Elmer Otte Estate. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.

December 1 — Land at Burdick for Leona Otte. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.

December 1 — Prime hunting land w/lodge at Fall River. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

December 1 — Coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-n-Sure Auctions.

December 1 — Sedgwick County real estate at Park City. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc.

December 1 — Trailer items, primitives, collectibles, tractor, pickup, & more at Burdick for Elmo Otte Estate. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.

December 1 — Antiques, collectibles, antique clocks, collectibles, household, tools & furniture at Saffordville for Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Turner. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

December 1 — Pottawatomie County land, household, shop equipment, lawn & garden, engines, farm equip., vehicles & misc. at Westmoreland for Dale & Jackie Yonning. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 1 — Western Jackson County grassland at Havensville for Terence C. & Peggy S. Hankerson. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

December 1 — Tractors, dozer, skid steer, tires, trucks, trailers & more at Chillicothe, Missouri for David Walker. Auctioneers: Sewell Auction Service.

December 2 — Household, coins, equip., tools & misc. at Leavenworth. Auctioneers: Miller Auction, LLC.

December 2 — Consignments at Wetmore for St. James Benefit Auction.

December 2 — Indian artifacts at Salina for North Central Kansas Collection. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 2 — 6 storage units at Manhattan for Maberry RFD, Inc. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

December 2 — Coins at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 3 — McPherson County real estate at McPherson. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

December 5 — Linn County Land & Osage County Land at Garnett. Auctioneers: C.D. Schulte Agency, Ron Ratliff.

December 5 — Tractors, combines, floaters, sprayers, fert. & chemi-

cal equip., balers, skid steers, trucks, farm equip. online (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

December 6 — Webster County, Nebraska pasture & tillable cropland (in Inavale, Neb. area) at Red Cloud, Nebraska for Richard A. & Emily J. Strickland Trusts. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

December 6 — Real estate (home) at Riley for Douglas & Blair Tenhouse. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 6 — Combines, tractors, feed truck, cornheads, grain heads, grain truck, planting equip., tillage & industrial online (cornleairon.com). Auctioneers: Cornlea Iron Auctions.

December 6 — Smith County hunting properties at Gaylord. Auctioneers: Frieling Realty & Auction.

December 7 — Jackson County real estate at Delia for Parr Family. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

December 7 — Lincoln County pasture land, cropland & wildlife habitat real estate at Sylvan Grove for Heirs of the late Lawrence & Lela Mettlen. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.

December 7 — Tractors, combine, heads, trucks, trailers, equipment, grain bins & augers, misc. near Fairbury, Nebraska for Donn & Marilyn Endorf. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

December 8 — Furniture, Christmas items, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Kelly & others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

December 8 — 2 auctions, 1 day, grassland in 2

tracts, shop tools, firearms at Ellsworth. Auctioneers: United Country Theurer Auctions/Realty, LLC.

December 8 — Sprayers, tractors, construction, trucks, combines, cornheads & platforms, grain carts, hay equip., lawn & garden, implements & attach. & more at Richmond, Missouri for Richmond Farm & Lawn. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions.

December 8 — Tools, garden equipment, furniture, household, misc. RR, primitive tools & collectibles at Herington for Velma Humbarger Estate. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.

December 9 — Books, collectibles, glassware, furniture & misc. at Lawrence for Ann Hyde (& items from Alexandra Sandy Mason). Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

December 9 — Antiques, Coca Cola new & vintage items at Newton. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

December 10 — Combine, tractors, trucks, hay equip., farm equip. at Larned for Melvin Murphy Jr. & Janet Murphy. Auctioneers: Carr Auction & Real Estate, Inc.

December 11 — Butler County land at El Dorado. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

December 13 — Doniphan County real estate at Highland for Emma June LeBow & Thomas D. Lucas. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

December 13 — Dickinson County farmland at Abilene for Lois McCulley Trust. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate.

December 14 — Office

building at Wichita. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc.

December 15 — Real estate & personal property at Alma. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

December 15 — Free Span Industrial building at Belle Plaine. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc.

December 17 — Ellis & Rush Counties real estate at Hays for Sherriff Sale. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

December 18 — McPherson County cropland at McPherson. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

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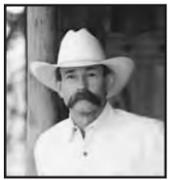
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Barry And Otis

Readers send me stories and ideas for the column. Sometimes they are so good they deserve retellin' in their own words. This is Barry's tale about a "real cowboy" named Otis.

Otis wore his long-sleeved shirt and long-handled underwear winter and summer. It worked like a thermos, he claimed; cold in the summer and warm in the winter. His old Blanchard spurs left tracks in the dirt when he walked because the heels were so wore down on his boots.

Otis showed up at Barry's place one morning to help him gather a cow and calf that had been missed. Otis is a real ol' timer, a typical Arizona no-nonsense cowboy. "Is that a new horse?" asked Barry.

"You bet." Said Otis, "Best horse on the ranch, goes back on a direct line to Man O' War, Yellow Jacket and Hancock. Why, Cody Ohl's cousin-in-law almost bought him for Cody to ride at the Finals!" Barry was impressed.

They set out on a high trot, however, about the third stride Barry said he witnessed one of the most interesting bronc rides he'd ever seen! Otis went up and down for about four jumps and then the horse took off for the walnut grove doing 160 m.p.h.! WHAM! BAM! SLAM! Barry said he'd never seen anyone on horse

peel so much bark off of so many trees!

Otis was hangin' in there despite the fat lip, torn clothes and blood dripping from assorted contusions, abrasions and lacerations. He looked like he'd spent fifteen minutes in a clothes dryer with a bear and fifty horseshoes! His horse was just getting warmed up as he squealed and bucked so high Barry could see the frogs in his feet! They came down in a heap, driving Otis's head down in the dirt, adding more "crash marks" to his old Stetson, leaving it looking like something a hippopotamus regurgitated!

After reviving, recovering, re-standing and re-mounting, both cowboys resumed their search and found the missing pair. Otis immediately threw and caught the calf, and half-hitched the rope to the saddle horn. Then using the tried and true vaquero tech-

nique (although most tie the rein to the rope), he tied his left split rein around his leg as he dismounted to flank the calf. The calf did not cooperate, having never seen a human up this close, he bawled and kicked. The mama cow was incensed and charged Otis! This "best horse on the ranch" saw a wreck coming and wheeled for home! He was accompanied by the calf, still tied to the horn, and Otis still tied to the rein!

Barry remarked he'd never seen such a strong split rein as Otis, the horse and the calf careened through the junipers and banged over the rocks! Barry finally caught up with this cowboy version of the potato sack race, and got'em stopped. Whereupon, the cow laid a track up his back as he was cutting the rope and the rein. True to his cowboy nature, when he regained consciousness, Otis dressed Barry down for cutting his favorite rope and ruining his brand new split rein.

EPILOGUE: Barry said the last time he saw the "best horse on the ranch" was at the National High School Rodeo Finals in Rock Springs, Wyoming. They'd named him Otis.

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