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Oatie Beef offers low cholesterol red meat alternative

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

With today's continuous quest for healthy food options, a commercial for oatmeal sparked an idea for Dallas Picolet of Dwight. He wondered, if oats could lower cholesterol in humans, was it possible they could do the same in cattle? His son-in-law had recently been diagnosed as allergic to beef and other red meat, so he decided to test his theory. "I was hoping I could change the make-up of the beef where he could eat it and not have the reactions," Picolet explained. In 2007 he fattened out a couple of animals on oats and had the meat tested at Kansas State University. "It came back lower in cholesterol, so it did change the fatty acids, the Omega 6 and Omega 3's," he said. "But it didn't seem to affect him. He still broke out." So he shelved the idea for the time being. Then in 2013 his daughter Lacey came back and started working with him on the farm, followed shortly by son-in-law Jason, his other daughter Angela's husband. "We needed more work to do, so I decided to fatten some cattle out on oats and have it retested to see if we could market it that way as a healthy, low-cholesterol meat," Picolet said.

He worked with Dr. Liz Boyle at KSU, where the fatty acid profiles were done. Since KSU does not have the ability to test for cholesterol, Boyle sent those samples to Midwest Labs in Omaha, Neb. A 4:1 ratio of Omega 6 to Omega 3 fatty acids is considered healthy, and when tested, Picolet's beef came in at 3.17:1. The cholesterol came in at 52.6 mg. per 100 g using a 85/15 percentage. That compares to 68 mg in regular ground beef, 55 mg in bison, 68 mg in ground pork, 86 mg. in ground



Dallas Picolet and his daughter Lacey are working to market their Oatie Beef, which tests lower in cholesterol and offers a healthy Omega 6 to Omega 3 ratio.

chicken, 78 mg in ground turkey and 62 mg in grass-fed ground beef.

Now with their trademarked Oatie Beef, the Picolet family is working to market their product. They've conducted blind taste tests and the beef has been very well received. "Since it's lower in cholesterol and tastes great, we have a lot of people that really like it," Picolet said. They sell it at the Farmer's Market in Manhattan as well as other markets, food and craft shows.

The People's Grocery in Manhattan became the first

store to carry Oatie Beef. "They really liked it and have been consistent buyers," said Lacey, who is responsible for marketing the product. "From there it's been 'call anybody and everybody that would be interested.' We've gone to hospitals and retirement communities, restaurants and grocery stores." Once an interest in the product is established the Picolets will take samples and meet with the potential buyer. "We've never been told that they don't like it," Lacey said. "Everybody has loved it. It just comes down to price

point, whether or not it's competitive for them."

"It takes longer to fatten the cattle on oats," Picolet concedes. "And the oats are more expensive to fatten them with. But if it's healthier, we think it's worth it."

Several grocery and health food stores have started carrying the beef, as well as restaurants in Kansas City, Council Grove and Junction City.

Oatie Beef is processed at Krehbiel's Specialty Meats in McPherson, and they take animals to them every couple of weeks. They keep four freezers of

meat at their home place and rent locker space in McPherson. "Sometimes we have to go down there and make a quick trip to get to Kansas City on time," Picolet detailed. "It's not very cost-effective sometimes."

Lacey is always on the look out for new shows and markets to attend. "We harvest animals every two weeks, so I need to find outlets. Since we harvest all year around, we would love to sell more halves and whole and have the ability to do that for people. We can also do quarters and

other large quantities so they can save some money in the long run."

"Ideally, we want the world to know that if you have a heart problem or high cholesterol and need to change your diet, we have a red meat that is lower in cholesterol than chicken or turkey," Picolet said.

When it comes to cooking the steaks, grilling is the absolute best, according to Lacey, and her dad is a master. "Don't season them," she cautioned. "Maybe a little salt and pepper if you must. And they are fantastic."

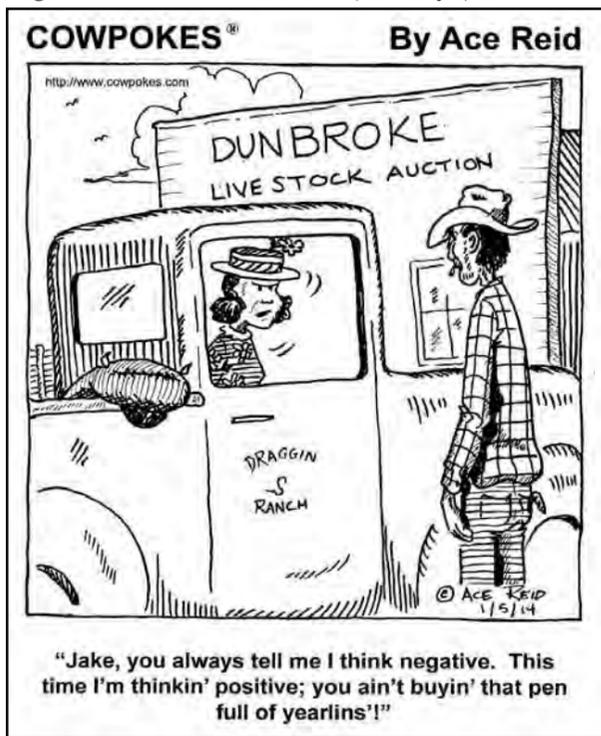
11-acre history lesson



In an effort to keep alive the memory of how farming was done decades ago, Axtell's Kieran Holthaus has hosted an old-fashioned corn picking and shelling for the last two years. Above, Roland Peschel drives his 1964 JD45 combine with a two-row corn head through an 11-acre corn field that was 14' tall in some spots. It averaged 150 bushels per acre.



The November 9 event drew 20-30 people to watch the old iron do its job. Jamie McElroy, Axtell, provided the Minneapolis Moline Model D sheller above. Holthaus ran a Allis Chalmers D-17 with a two-row mounted corn picker and a tractor and auger wagon was run by Victor Holthaus. They report that next year the field will be planted to soybeans, so they will harvest it with old pull-type combines.



Moderation and balance

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

It's the New Year and like so many, I have vowed to shed those extra pounds. Losing weight is no easy task. Expectations often exceed the will to lose this weight gradually during an extended period of time.

Today, there are as many diets out there as there are people who attempt to stick to them. What it really boils down to is watching what we eat, caloric intake, and exercise. If we have the disci-

pline to do that, each of us can meet our goals.

Still, when it comes to exercise and diet, myths are as plentiful as the calories in a piece of pecan pie — one of my favorites by the way. To clear up some of these misconceptions, I visited with a nutrition specialist during the holidays to set the record straight or at least point me in the right direction.

One common myth and core ingredient in several popular diets involves eating extra protein to build strong muscles and rev up your metabolism. Today, most Americans, whether they are weekend warriors (athletes) or not, take in plenty of protein from a normal diet.

Protein powders and amino acid supplements are unnecessary. That is unless you want to bulk up and look like the former governor of California whose most famous movie line was, "I'll be back."

The only healthy and safe way to increase the size and strength of muscles is to work out. Too much protein, if not burned as energy, turns to body fat.

Another myth would have us believe that sugary foods provide quick energy. While a candy bar, energy bar or soft drink before exercising may trigger an insulin response, that causes a rapid peak and then fall of blood sugar.

The most efficient source of energy comes from complex carbohydrates. That includes whole-grain breads and cereals, pasta, fresh fruits and vegetables.

So what about the popu-

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Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Four blue saucer sleds — the perfect finish to my Christmas shopping for the grandkids. I'd never really noticed it before, but the hill outside our sliding glass doors would be just perfect for sledding down and we were sure to have a white Christmas. Snow was falling as I loaded the sleds in the car.

"Bring warm clothes for everyone," I told my family as we made Christmas day plans.

After we'd eaten Christmas dinner and opened all the rest of the gifts, I brought out the sleds. We all bundled up and headed outside, except for my parents, who were happy to watch out the window, and my husband, who was nursing a bad cold.

"Don't you sled down that hill," he admonished me as I headed out the door. "We don't have time for you to throw your back out and limp around for a month."

Really, I had no intention of sledding down the hill. Sledding is for young folks, right?

The little ones went down the hill several times and loved it. Then the big kids couldn't control themselves any longer and started taking turns along with the little ones. As my younger son lay down on the saucer, his wife flopped down on his back and they tore down the

hill, laughing all the way. I was content to take pictures and enjoy watching their fun.

Then my granddaughter piped up, "Grandma, I want to ride down the hill on your back like they did." That was all it took (I'm pretty sure she could talk me into robbing a bank if she wanted to). Nervously, and praying my husband wasn't watching out the window, I laid down on the sled and she climbed on my back. Her dad gave us a push and down the hill we flew. I reached the bottom with nary a back injury and proclaimed it the most fun I'd had in a long time.

One by one the grandkids got cold and went in the house, except for the younger of the two little boys, Emmitt. Sledding seems to be his new favorite pastime and he stayed until the very end.

A couple of days later, my younger son stopped by with his little boy. No one else was home, but they decided to give the hill another run. He placed the little guy on the sled and pushed it with the same gusto he had on Christmas Day. What he didn't realize is that with the thawing and refreezing that had occurred, the relatively tame sledding hill had been transformed into an Olympic-like luge track.



I admit it, I am a social media junkie. Facebook and Twitter take up way too much of my time. In brief moments of clarity, I fear as a society we are substituting this for real conversations and interactions. It is not all bad; I have reconnected with many old friends, made new friends and caught up with family. I find many entertaining items, some that make me laugh and others that make me think. However, too often I find really bad information shared by good people with the best of intentions.

I have read posts touting abstinence from dairy products because they produce mucus in our systems and cancer cells feed off of the mucus. Wow, that is appealing. The same post also claimed that a meat-based diet is acid and cancer cells thrive in an acidic environment. It also leaves you with the equally appealing visual when it states that meat is hard to digest and this undigested meat rots in your colon.

The person who wrote this lovely little piece of creative writing claims to have information from Johns Hopkins. I can only assume this is a gentleman named John Hopkins who must have a vivid (if not gross) imagination. It cannot possibly be tied in any way to any validated, peer-reviewed research by a credible university or hospital. Oh, and this person also advocates avoiding tap water because of the heavy metals and distilled water because it is acidic.

This is not an isolated piece of misinformation; Facebook and Twitter are very good at spreading bad ideas. I have seen posts linking food consumption to all kinds of maladies and diseases with absolutely no credible facts to back up their claims. Unfortunately, that does not stop the authors from making their wild accusations and even more unfortunately, it does not stop well-meaning people from believing them.

Don't get me wrong; I am no nutritionist, but I do think I have a good grasp on nutrition. In fact, at times maybe I have too good of a grasp of nutrition. I certainly fall in the category of 'do as I say and not as I do' when it comes to eating. I am as guilty of not eating a healthy diet

as anyone, but I understand where I go wrong. I do understand the fundamentals of proper nutrition and it is not all that complicated.

The grains, vegetables, fruits and meat we grow are healthy in their most basic forms. This is regardless of whether they are local, organic, natural, antibiotic-free, conventional or GMO, almost all food ingredients in their purest forms are healthy. We are the ones who make our food unhealthy. We process it, put additives in it, sugar it, salt it, fry it and adulterate our food to death (literally).

Probably the best rule of thumb when it comes to food is that the more processed the food item, the healthier it is. I know, we are all busy and cooking takes time so it is easier to grab fast food, snacks from a vending machine or something down the aisle of the nearest mini-mart. Believe me, I am the worst example of reaching for fast foods, but I realize I am wrong and I blame myself and not the ingredients.

While we are on the subject of eating, it is also important to point out that too much of anything is not good. We live in a world of super-sized portions and little balance. Again, this is a problem that is very familiar to me. I tend to find something I like and eat too much of it. I patronize places with large portions. Balance and moderation are good themes to live by.

Too often I see "experts" blame the food with wild claims that cannot be proven by any credible, unbiased research. Often these "experts" have other agendas. We all want to blame something and too often it is too easy to blame food, farmers and others than really examining our own lifestyles, diets and taking responsibility for our own actions.

Just remember as you browse through the minefield of social media that hidden among the bloopers, cute kid footage and other entertainment is some really bad information. Before you spread bad and false information, please take the time to research the source and cast a critical eye on wild claims. Remember, there really is nothing more uncommon than common sense, especially in the realm of social media nutritional advice.



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William went screaming down that hill like he'd been shot from a cannon. At the bottom, he charted new territory, the sheer velocity sending him farther than any of us had gone before. At that moment, he decided sledding really is not for him, at least not right now anyway. His dad couldn't even get him to agree to being pulled around on the sled. Hopefully he isn't scarred for life.

Four blue saucer sleds – so simple, yet so full of potential; the potential for having fun and making memories and just being a family.

Most definitely, the best Christmas purchase I've made in a long time.

Insight

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lar diets that suggest staying away from carbs altogether?

Not such a good idea. The real key to a healthy diet is moderation and balance. It also includes a diverse, complete grouping of foods.

As for the so-called energy drinks, and I won't mention even one of those flooding the convenience and supermarket shelves, most of these are caffeine, or some other stimulant. And we all know that speed kills, maims or throws your body out of whack.

Vitamins and minerals do not contain energy. However, some vitamins help the body use energy.

Unless there is a deficiency, supplements will not help performance. Taking unneeded supplement

may do more harm than good. Too much vitamin A or D can lead to side effects such as liver damage over time.

Another myth suggests thirst is a good signal it's time to take fluid.

Wrong. Vigorous exercise can blunt the body's thirst mechanism. Drinking plenty of liquids, especially water, is important during exercise to prevent dehydration. For every pound of weight we lose through sweating, we need to drink two cups of water, whether we are thirsty or not.

The last myth, but one we cannot forget, suggests that milk causes "cottonmouth." Nervousness and fluid loss, not milk, make the mouth feel dry before a game, match or other competition.

Drinking milk, water or other fluids before exer-

cising is essential. The body needs to maintain its fluid levels during a workout. Cold drinks, with the exception of those containing alcohol, are the ideal beverage during physical activity because they help cool our bodies.

Good luck and try to remember, losing weight is not a sprint it's a marathon – a long-term commitment.

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Kellee Rogers, Lawrence, Wins First Weekly Contest Of 2014

Winner Kellee Rogers, Lawrence:
SKILLET PARMESAN POTATOES

- 4 slices of bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 1/2 pounds red potatoes, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Cook and stir bacon in a non-stick skillet on medium heat until crisp. Remove bacon from skillet with slotted spoon, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings in skillet. Drain bacon on paper towels. Add peppers and onions to skillet; cook and stir 6 minutes. Remove skillet from heat. Transfer onion mixture to bowl. Add water to skillet. Arrange 2 cups potatoes on bottom of skillet, top with layers of half each of the onion mixture and bacon. Repeat all layers. Top with remaining potatoes, cover. Cook on medium-low heat 30 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Carefully invert onto plate and top with Parmesan.

Hannah Martin, Salina:
"There are never any leftovers in our house of this flavorful side dish."

TWICE BAKED POTATOES

- 6 medium Yukon Gold potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 6 slices bacon, fried & crumbled
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter

- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- Paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Vegetable oil
- Chives
- 1/4 cup milk

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Scrub potatoes and rub with vegetable oil and pierce. Bake 1 hour. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise and scoop out insides. Place potatoes in a large

bowl and reserve the skins. Mix potatoes with butter, bacon, onion powder, salt, milk and 1 cup cheese. Place this filling back in the skins and place them on a greased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with cheese and paprika and bake 10 to 15 minutes. If desired, garnish with chives before serving.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia:

TURKEY MEATLOAF

- 1 pound raw ground turkey
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- Salt to taste
- 1 1/2 tablespoons ketchup
- Pepper to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon vegetable seasoning
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2/3 cup quick oats
- 12 crackers, crushed

Mix all ingredients well. Make into a loaf. Put extra ketchup on top and bake about an hour at 350 degrees or until done.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

CRANBERRY CRUNCH

- 1 cup oats (either old-fashioned or quick)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 14-ounce can whole berry cranberry sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8- or 9-inch square baking dish. Set aside. In bowl combine oats, flour and brown sugar and stir until well blended. Cut butter in with a fork until mixture is well blended and crumbly. Pat half of oat mixture into dish to form a crust. Spread sauce over crust and top with remaining oat mixture. Bake until topping is lightly browned, 30-45 minutes. Serve with ice cream or whipped topping.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia: "Makes about 4 quarts. Delicious!"

HEARTY HAMBURGER SOUP

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper or celery
- 1 cup diced potatoes
- 2 cups tomato juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/3 cup flour
- 4 cups milk

Melt butter in saucepan; brown meat then add onion. Cook until transparent. Stir in remaining ingredients except flour and milk. Cover and cook over low heat until vegetables are tender, about 20 to 25

minutes. Combine flour with 1 cup milk. Stir into soup mixture. Boil. Add rest of milk, stirring often. Do not boil.

NOTE: I added a beef bouillon.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

- 3 CHEESE CHICKEN & PIMIENTO PASTA
- 3 cups bowtie pasta
- 1 pound chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 teaspoons olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- (3) 4-ounce jars diced or sliced pimientos, drained & rinsed
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup shredded provolone cheese
- 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese (keep 1 cup separate)

Cook pasta according to package. Drain and set aside. Saute chicken in olive oil until cooked. Set aside. In a Dutch oven saute garlic in butter for 1 minute. Stir in flour and milk until blended. Bring to a boil, stir until thick-

ened. Reduce heat. Stir in the pimientos, mozzarella, provolone, 1 cup Parmesan cheese and chicken. Add pasta. Pour into 2-quart casserole dish. Top with remaining Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

Kellee Rogers, Lawrence:

POTATO CHICKEN CASSEROLE

- 28-ounce package frozen cubed potatoes with onions & peppers
 - 1 can cream mushroom soup
 - 3 cups deli roasted chicken
 - 16-ounce container sour cream
 - 2 cups sharp Cheddar cheese
 - 2 cups crushed white Cheddar cheese crackers
- Cook potatoes in microwave 6-7 minutes or until tender. Let stand 5 minutes. Stir together all other ingredients. Stir in potatoes. Spoon into a lightly greased 9-by-13-inch casserole. Top with crushed white Cheddar cheese crackers. Bake 45-50 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

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Beware: Wintertime Is The Best Season For Comfort Food

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Colder weather, shorter days — it's no wonder most turn to heartier foods for a little comfort during the winter months. Comfort foods, like soups, pastas and stews, are often hotter and heavier which naturally warm people on the inside. But they're also often loaded with simple carbohydrates, excess sodium and fatty ingredients that can make you feel over-full and sluggish.

It's important to know that most adults need less than 2,000 calories, 65 grams of total fat, and 20 grams of saturated fat each day. Unfortunately, most comfort foods exceed these recommendations, but with a few substitutions, you can still enjoy your favorite comfort foods without sacrificing your health. Check out the healthier alternatives:

Macaroni & Cheese: This all-time top comfort food is loaded with fat. One brand of macaroni and cheese has 529 calories, 25.7 grams of total fat, and 10.6 grams of saturated fat per 1½ cup serving. These numbers climb even higher as high-fat meats or sausage is added.

Modify your recipe by using low-fat cheese and low-fat milk. Add vegetables to make it more nutritious and great tasting. Or, try whole-wheat elbow macaroni tossed with a cup of tomato sauce and 2 tablespoons of Parmesan cheese (2 cups = 420 calories and 5 grams fat) instead of eating regular macaroni and cheese (2 cups = 880 calories and 40 grams fat).

Chili & Stews: Be cautious when eating out, because a bowl of chili at one popular restaurant chain contains 500 calories, 35 grams of total fat,

and 15 grams of saturated fat. A bread bowl chili has 760 calories, 23 grams of total fat, and 7 grams of saturated fat. On the other hand, one fast food restaurant's famous chili contains only 220 calories, 6 grams of total fat, and 2.3 grams of saturated fat per cup (without cheese or crackers).

Chili and stews can be very hearty and high in protein. Use small portions of lean meat, lots of vegetables and beans, and then sprinkle a small amount of low-fat cheese on top. Limit high-fat ingredients like ground beef, sausage and cheese. Stews and soups become more delicious when refrigerated overnight to allow flavors to blend.

Cream- and Cheese-based Casseroles: Creamed, scalloped, and au gratin dishes like hash brown potato casserole begin with healthy ingredients, such as potatoes, broccoli and green beans. However, the calories can quadruple when you add cream, butter, and canned soups and top them with cheese, bacon, onions, breadcrumbs, or buttered crackers. That makes one serving of traditional hash brown casserole contain 568 calories, 40 grams of total fat, and 21 grams of saturated fat!

For a healthier cream- or cheese-based casserole, substitute low-calorie ingredients such as fat-free sour cream, low-fat cheese and reduced-fat soups. Better yet, try oven-roasted vegetables, such as new potatoes. They make a tasty, healthy side dish with only 100 calories and 4.5 grams of fat per 6 ounces.

Cream-based Soups, Bisques & Chowders: Soups and chowders loaded with cream are high in calories, fat and sodium, especially if

you add salty crackers or a cheese topping. A one-cup serving of a popular brand of lobster bisque has 380 calories, 27 grams of total fat, 16 grams of saturated fat, and 1,240 milligrams of sodium. New England clam chowder can contain up to 940 calories, 65 grams of total fat, and 34 grams of saturated fat per one-cup serving.

It is better to choose tomato-based or broth-based soups, like vegetable or minestrone. Enjoy soup as an appetizer or with a salad or a whole-wheat roll. Choose low-sodium canned soup, because regular soup usually contains a lot of salt and preservatives.

Creamy Pot Pies with Pastry on the Top & Bottom: Chicken pot pie with pastry on the bottom and top has about 780 calories, 47 grams of total fat, and 17 grams of saturated fat. Substitute a roasted chicken breast and a whole-wheat roll.

Fried Side Dishes: Sadly, the French fry, which is loaded with fat, calories and salt, is the most popular vegetable in the U.S. A six-ounce order of French fries at a fast food restaurant adds about

570 calories, 30 grams of total fat, and 6 grams of saturated fat to a meal. Chili cheese fries have 670 calories, 46 grams of total fat, and 15 grams of saturated fat, while onion rings have 750 calories, 39 grams of total fat, and 6 grams of saturated fat. A half-portion of a "blooming onion" appetizer at another restaurant packs on 1,355 calories, 101 grams of total fat, and 18 grams of saturated fat! Choose a side salad with your entrée, and order a vegetable dish that is not fried.

Mashed Potatoes: The added milk and butter boost the caloric content to about 200 calories per half-cup serving. You can keep the rich creamy taste with a lot less fat by adding buttermilk instead of whole milk or cream.

Sweet Potatoes or Yams: For added flavor, some restaurants boil nutritious, low-calorie fall vegetables (e.g. sweet potatoes and butternut squash) in heavy cream instead of water, adding more calories and fat! Enjoy a plain baked sweet potato or yam, and eat the skin. Sweet potatoes are a

good source of beta-carotene, potassium, vitamin C and fiber.

Sweet Potato Fries: Instead of a large order of French fries, eat baked sweet potato fries (220 calories and 0 grams fat). To make sweet potato fries, slice a large sweet potato into small sticks and spread the sticks on a baking sheet. Lightly coat with cooking spray, sprinkle with kosher salt and other seasonings, and bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

Turkey: Skinless white turkey meat has the least amount of fat per serving among all the meats. A three-ounce serving of skinless baked turkey has only 130 calories and is an excellent source of protein. Read the ingredients statement to make sure the turkey has not been injected with a sodium-based solution that increases the salt content.

Beware of Turducken, the new "combo" bird made of turkey, duck and chicken wrapped together. It contains 749 calories and 34.5 grams of

fat per serving!

Apples: Limit high-calorie apple treats. A large candy apple coated in caramel has around 540 calories. A slice of apple pie has about 400 calories and 20 grams of fat, and a scoop of ice cream on top boosts the total calories to 530. If you drink a warm cup of sweet apple cider, consider it a dessert rather than a beverage, because 16 ounces contains 200 calories.

Apples, which are somewhere in the 60-100 calorie range, are a good source of dietary fiber (not peeled), vitamin C and boron, an important trace mineral. Bake unpeeled apples, or make Waldorf salad with the whole apple. Choose unsweetened apple sauce, which contains fiber without added sugar. Use it to replace some of the fat in baked goods. Apple juice concentrate can be substituted for sugar in some baked products.

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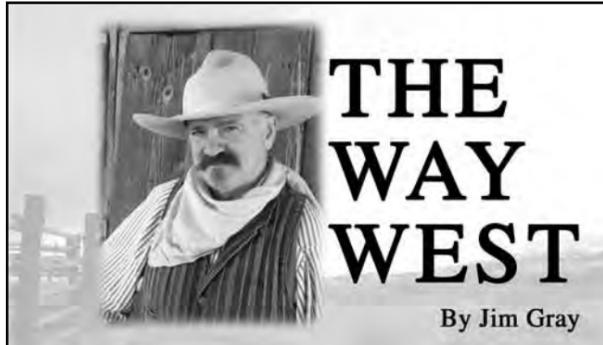
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Wichita held to a different plan.

Early marshals of Wichita were good men who held the respect of both citizens and cowboys without resorting to gunplay. Most of the

time differences could be worked out. When Irish-born Mike Meagher took the job in 1871 the town asked him to implement a "No Gun" law. Signs were posted to "Leave your revolvers at Police Headquarters and receive a check." The editor of the Wichita Eagle once commented on Meagher's amazing ability to keep the peace. "(When the town) was infested with bands of known desperadoes and murderers, and upon occasions when deadly weapons were cocked and leveled within a foot of his face, he always succeeded by his imperturbable coolness to not only come off without a scratch, but to hold and confine his assailants

without resort to deadly means..."

Surprisingly Meagher always had very little trouble with the rowdy cowboys. Meagher resigned in 1874. Meagher's replacement only lasted a year. Both city leaders and Texas cattlemen encouraged Meagher to again take up the badge in 1875. He brought two new deputies with him; John Behrens, and a young fellow by the name of Wyatt Earp. Within the year his deputies

brought scandal to the marshal's office when it was discovered that money collected from various fines was missing. Back pay for Wyatt Earp and John Behrens was withheld until all monies collected by them for the city were turned over to the city treasurer. Behrens and Earp left the police force. Earp took a new position in Dodge City.

The new year of 1877 dawned on a quieter Wichita. The cattle trade had

dwindled, with most drovers moving on to points west, such as Dodge City and Ellis. Temperance had taken hold of Wichita with most saloons falling under the strict scrutiny of a disapproving public. City Marshal Mike Meagher was the right man for the job. Under his watch the town had safely weathered many a rough element. Perhaps that made

what was about to transpire all the more surprising.

Sylvester Powell may very well have been celebrating beyond his limit the night of January 1, 1877, when he and Albert Singleton, "...In a spirit of recklessness and venture, the two took possession of E.R. Dennison's pony..." In the middle of their pony raid an argument erupted between



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Dennison and Powell. Powell picked up a neck yoke used to control oxen. With a crashing blow Dennison's arm was broken. Dennison went to Marshal Meagher and soon the marshal was leading Powell to jail. When released on bail Powell told his friends that he would put daylight through Marshal Meagher the next time their paths crossed. He didn't wait long to prove he meant business. Powell found the marshal about 9 p.m., in the outhouse behind Mayor Hope's saloon.

In the uncertain light of the moon Powell began shooting. One shot struck Mike just below the knee, another whistled through the breast of his coat. Another bullet grazed Meagher's hand as the marshal rushed out of the outhouse toward Powell. The January 4, 1877, *Wichita Eagle* described what happened next. "Powell broke away and ran around into the alley between the New York and Continental blocks. Meagher ran around the front way, encountering Powell in front of Chas. Hill's drug store when, without waiting for any more at-

tempts upon his life, he raised his pistol and shot once." The bullet struck Powell in the heart. With his last breath Powell called out, "My God, what have I done?"

The editor of the *Eagle* continued. "From our knowledge of (Marshal Meagher's) character we know he regrets as much as anyone, the sad issue." Ten weeks after the shooting Meagher gave notice that he would not seek re-election. The cool lawman who had faced danger without pulling the trigger would never kill another man. He helped to establish a tradition of law and order that lasted in Wichita long after he had left the town to seek his destiny on The Way West.

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

KFAC, KFB extend deadline for Be Ag-Wise educator training workshops

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) and Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) have extended the deadline for three of the four Be Ag-Wise educator training workshops in early 2014.

The workshops, which are designed especially for agricultural education presenters at the county level, will give participants the opportunity to receive training for a variety of agriculture-based, hands-on learning labs; receive resource materials; share ideas; network with others; and practice their presentation skills. The workshops are designed to assist volunteer agricultural educators in the counties such as Cooperative Extension educators, county Farm Bureau agricultural education volunteers, Conservation District managers, agricultural educators, youth presenters and teachers. KFAC encourages each volunteer to bring an

elementary teacher with them to the training. Professional development points will be available upon request.

The dates and locations for the one-day workshops in Kansas are: Jan. 18 in Garden City at Horace Good Middle School; Feb. 8 in Olathe at the Johnson County Extension Office; Feb. 22 in Great Bend at Barton County Community College; and March 1 in Colby at the Prairie Museum. The workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The theme for the workshops is "Soil: The Earth's Living Skin," which focuses on earth science and the importance of soil management and conservation and the types of soil in Kansas.

The registration deadline for the Garden City location was Jan. 3, 2014. The remaining workshops in Olathe, Great Bend and Colby have an extended registration deadline of Jan. 22, 2014. Registration fees are \$50 per person and include lunch, refreshments, and resource materials. Registration forms and fees should be sent to the KFB Account-

ing and Human Resources department in Manhattan. The address can be found on the registration form.

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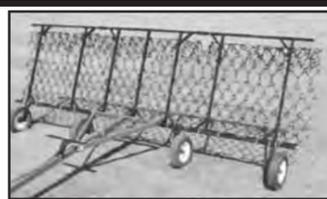


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Coffee Shop Agronomy meetings will be held at Nelson's Landing in Leonardville, starting at 10:30 a.m. and adjourning by noon every other Thursday from January 16 through February 27.

Meeting dates, topics, and speakers are:

- January 16 - Drought Tolerant Corn - Ignacio Ciampitti, K-State Research & Extension agronomist

- January 30 - Remote Sensing with Drones and Hexacopters - Kevin Price, K-State Research & Extension agronomist

- February 13 - Soil Health and SPCC (Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures) - Peter Tom-

linson, K-State Research & Extension specialist, Environmental Science

- February 27 - Land Values and Cash Rental Rates - Mykel Taylor, K-State Research & Extension agriculture economist

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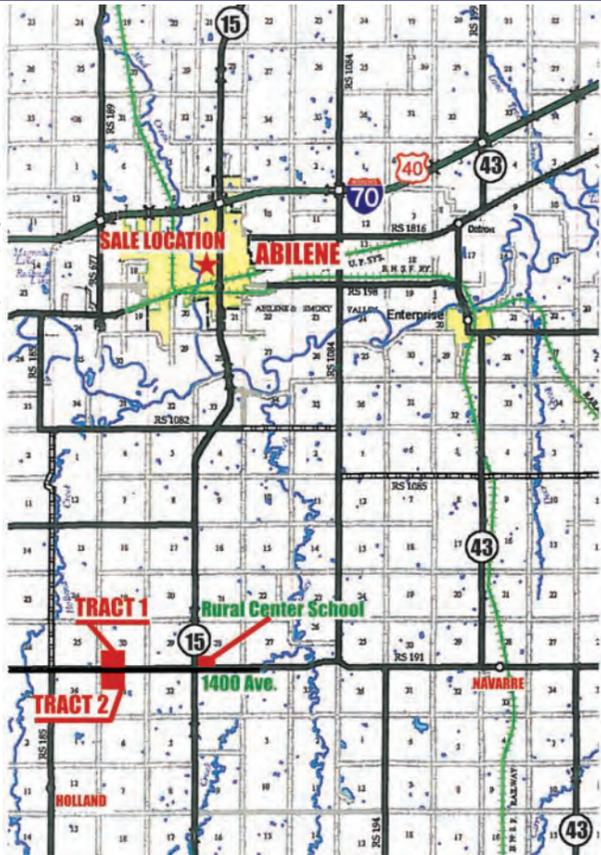
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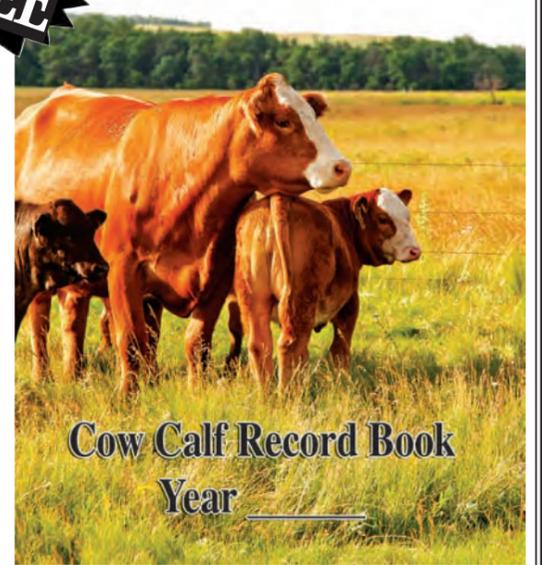
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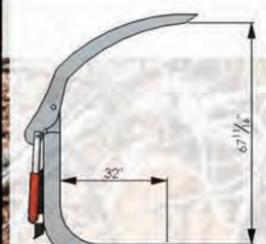
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On the topic of soil testing

By Kim Larson
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Most people know what it is like to have a "language" or a select knowledge on something many people could care less about, nor understand. But then there always is a certain select group of your friends or colleagues that completely understand you and are as excited as you are about that topic. Maybe you can relate.

This distinction was clear within my acquaintances when I started bragging about my new soil probe to them. I remember all those many soil samples I took in graduate school when the ground seemed impermeable, and my body weight was no match; when I lost soil sampling probe tips in the ground and hurt my fingers trying to push cores out. This was enough to make me thrilled when our district director handed me my own new probe that has all the characteristics I believe a "good" probe should have.

Of course my agronomy

friends completely understood and were happy for me. Others asked, "what even is a soil probe?" and frankly seemed to think I was a little strange. Hopefully you who are reading this would react more like the former group as you have an interest in agriculture.

This is a good time of the year to put soil probes to use when the weather warms enough so that the ground is not frozen. Ideally, you may want to schedule soil sampling your fields right after fall harvest before the soil freezes. But it's not too late to get it done before spring. If you want to sample for soil nitrate levels, late winter to early spring is the best time - closer to planting but while the soil is still cool as nitrogen levels fluctuate with soil temperature, microbial activity, etc.

The important thing for you to do is to create a consistent schedule for soil sampling your fields every three years or so and at the

same time of year each time. Soil testing is an important tool for estimating crop nutrient needs. And it is a critical part for developing a good fertility program.

Getting a representative sample of your field is necessary to get an accurate estimation of nutrients and nutrient needs. The report back from the testing lab is no good if the initial sample was not taken properly. You should collect a minimum of 15-20 individual sub-samples for each approximately 50 acres of a field. Avoid sampling low or irregular portions of your field.

Soil sampling depth is also critical. A six inch depth is recommended when sampling for organic matter, phosphorus, potassium, and zinc. Two foot depth is recommended for mobile nutrients such as nitrogen, sulfur, and chloride. Follow a zigzag pattern or something similar to get a representative sample across your field.

Sampling patterns and timings may vary based on the objective.

Thoroughly mix the sub-samples together and submit a portion to the lab. Your local extension office will submit samples to the K-State Soil Laboratory for a small fee.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some resources available to you to assist in your farming operation. To keep informed with timely updates on current Kansas crop production information, I recommend subscribing to the weekly eUpdates sent out via email every Friday. These eUpdates are authored by K-State Research and Extension specialists and have excellent information for crop producers. You may also sign up to receive our district newsletter that comes out monthly with good articles and information about local meetings. Those interested in receiving either of these, please contact me.



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Appeals court limits power of Kansas 'water czar'

(AP) – The Kansas Court of Appeal has ruled that the state's top water regulator doesn't have power to reduce a landowner's water rights once a permit has been issued.

The *Lawrence Journal-World* reports that this month's decision could limit the state's ability to conserve water resources in the dwindling Ogallala Aquifer.

In the ruling, the appeals court also found that the chief engineer of the Division of Water Resources may require farm irrigators to install costly metering equipment on their wells to ensure compliance with their permits.

The case involved one of the largest family-owned farming corporations in the state, Clawson Land Partnership. Together with a closely affiliated group, Clawson Farm Partnership, the group operates in several counties in western Kansas and the panhandle areas of Oklahoma and Texas.

Ag Advocate Challenge investment supports ag education mission

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) is pleased to announce that the Kansas Dairy Commission has invested its support for KFAC educational programs.

Kansas Dairy Commission's contribution to the Ag Advocate Challenge pooled together with other donations allowed KFAC to reach several thousand Kansas elementary students and their teachers. Donor dollars were leveraged to pay for printing of teacher resources, tuition dollars to the Foundation's summer

graduate course and in-service trainings in 2013. Funding was used to perform research and development activities to develop new delivery methods for agriculture literacy lesson plans.

"We are extremely happy and pleased to partner with KFAC with the task of educating teachers and the public on the importance of dairy and agricultural in general," Mike Bodenhansen, director of the Kansas Dairy Commission, said. "We feel our dollars spent are returning us great

dividends."

The KFAC mission is to "Connect Classrooms to Kansas Agriculture," making the dollars donated from companies in Kansas helpful to increase agricultural knowledge and literacy of the state's youth.

"We teach about the importance of food production and delivery systems and use agriculture as a tool to reach core curriculum goals in math, reading, science, history, and social studies," said Cathy Musick, executive director of KFAC. "Currently, we reach about five

percent of Kansas elementary students. Our goal is to double that in the next three years. Ag Advocate funding is critical in allowing us to increase our reach while maintaining excellent programming and developing new delivery methods that are efficient and effective for Kansas teachers."

Musick noted that KFAC is grateful to the donors and look forward to continued support as they continue to grow the program.

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Last lingering look

Back in the day when I used to hike the Indian Peaks Wilderness and the Never Summer Mountains of Colorado's Front Range, my favorite destination was the low grassy saddle between two towering peaks. For my hiking companion, saddles or passes were merely jumping-off points for the final ascent, a place to rest and grab a snack before the long slog to the summit. To me they were gates. I could turn and look back along our route, or I could face forward into the smoky blue chasms of innumerable valleys and snowy ranges rolling away to the

west, my next step a clear and unfettered opportunity to enter the future or the past.

I'm still reminded of that as the year bleeds away. While friends and neighbors plan their New Year's Eve celebrations and announce to the world their new resolutions for betterment, I find myself back on Pawnee Pass, the rocky crags of Shoshoni Peak on the left and Pawnee Peak on the right and a limitless vista unfolding before me. Behind me the trail snakes across a treeless meadow before falling out of sight, and

below that Lake Isabelle reflects the sunlight like a sheet of hammered steel.

In the distance sun-

beams wink off the wind-tossed breakers of Long Lake, and farther yet, closer to the trailhead and much lower, tiny Brainard Lake a shimmering emerald gem ensconced in dark piney woods. I like that view, and prefer it to my usual solitary reappraisal of the previous year. This tradition goes back thirty years to when we lived in a small house made smaller by two young boys and an immense volume of books. As midnight approached, my wife and sons watched television to see the ball drop in Times Square, sur-

rounded by snacks and ginger ale to toast in the new year, while I sat apart at my desk in the library. Pen in hand, I ruminated about the passing year, weighing and passing judgment on its highs and its lows, rehashing victories and losses until inevitably losing myself in a cloud of displacement and uncertainty. My ideology at the time was

centered on Socrates' motto that "the unexamined life is not worth living." I still believe there's some truth in that, though as the decades slip away I'm less liable to exert myself poring over details of a fading year. I'm also less likely to get snagged on conflicts or failures that at the time left me scarred or embittered. The past is the

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single thing we cannot change, so why bother? Nurturing those emotions gives them power they do not deserve.

Nor am I one to dote on resolutions. I've nothing against them other than their impossibility to keep. I've never managed to keep one for longer than a few weeks, and most last a few hours at best. With such a miserable, although perfect, track record, my odds of success are about the same as winning the lottery without buying a ticket. I prefer "suggesting" improvements, mostly along business, career or creative lines and less on lifestyle refinements. It's a tepid, perfunctory approach that neutralizes disappointment while simultaneously guaranteeing a detached objectivity. For instance, instead of vowing to lose 30 pounds and tighten two belt notches, I'd encourage a healthier diet that would enable me to lose weight. Neither approach will have the slightest effect but the latter has less melodrama

and needless guilt.

I sometimes wonder if a sense of reflection is doomed to extinction. The celebratory, festive extravaganzas of partying out the old year and welcoming the new as if it were the embodiment of salvation or transformation leaves little room for contemplation or, as I like to think, grounding. Without a backward glance, how will we know where we are or how far we've come? Without looking forward, how will we know where we're going or how we'll get there?

For the ancient Italians, such questions were not to be taken lightly. That sense of grounding was so critical that a god was placed over it — Janus, eternally dual-faced, suspended forever in the past and the future. His representation was placed on doorways and gate posts to remind people of beginnings and ends. After Rome conquered Italy and welcomed its gods into an already crowded pantheon, Ianuarius was added to the calendar, marking a clean break be-

tween the old and the new. January.

Unlike Janus, I favor the present over the known past and the unknowable future. After all, it's where I spend most of my time. But without the knowledge of where we come from or an idea of where we want to go, the present means nothing. It's a limbo without reference or compass point. This New Year's Eve I'm going to give myself a few minutes to retrace my steps from trailhead to saddle, to get my bearings, to count my blessings, and to chart a way forward. It's not a resolution but a blueprint, and while imperfect and perhaps even delusional, at least it's something. Janus would approve.

Moran calls on OSHA to stop unlawful regulation of family farms

U.S. Sens. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Mike Johanns (R-Neb.) have called on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to immediately stop their unlawful regulation of family farms. Moran, Johanns and a bipartisan group of 41 of their Senate colleagues have also directed OSHA to issue updated guidance correcting their misinterpretation of current law. The request was made in a joint letter to Department of Labor Secretary Thomas Perez, who oversees OSHA.

"This is not the first

time this administration has proved that Washington's values are not rural America's values through regulatory over-reach into the family farm," Moran said. "I am committed to working with my colleagues to protect the individual rights of farmers and ranchers, and make certain OSHA does not continue to misinterpret the law."

Since 1976, Congress has exempted small, fami-

ly-run farms from OSHA regulations, but in a 2011 memo OSHA asserted that on-farm grain storage and handling was not part of farm operations. The memo essentially expanded OSHA's regulatory scope to nearly every farm in the country without going through the established rule-making process that allows Congressional review and public comment, in defiance of the law, according to Moran.

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However, as airlines merge with themselves to increase their destinations while increasing their competition, you can watch their steady but stealthy progress to wring you out of your last buck. If you are fortunate enough to fly in big jet planes... anything that starts with a 7, you are ahead of the game. They have room in the overhead

for your stuff. You could actually sit in the middle seat between two average humans and be semi-comfortable. On these bigger jets people checked their baggage. Then King Midas, Scrooge and Cinderella's ugly sister realized that some people actually enjoyed flying. "We can't have that!" cried the Wicked Witch of the Turbulence. So they started charging to check a bag, \$25-\$50 each way. I NEVER CHECK MY BAG!

This forced travelers to try and put all their baggage in the roomy overhead space (a design flaw the airlines realized too late). I predict soon they will start charging for all bags put anywhere. It will follow with a charge for your ID, the change in your pocket, your shoes and the book or newspaper you bring on board. There will then be-

come a surcharge on thick socks, hats, coats and laptops. I DON'T HAVE A LAP-TOP!

Eventually seats will become optional. Most will ride in the baggage section. BUT I DON'T CARE! I will take all the abuse they throw at me. And it will get worse. The more merges, the tighter the seating, the less selection... I can envision a flight attendant with rubber gloves and an eyedropper walking down the aisle feeding those passengers who sit up straight, tip their heads back like baby robins, and are given exactly three ounces of a choice of red, yellow or green flavored chemical. BUT YOU CAN'T STOP ME FROM FLYING!

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rack; sheet music; linens; car tags; Foreign money; dresser sets; antlers; ammo boxes; assortment of other collectibles.

TOYS

Wyandotte washing machine; 1930's electric stove; cooking utensils; 2 tin doll houses; Tonka (Lo Boy w/trencher, truck w/backhoe, jeep, garbage, other); Buddy L dump truck; Marx (wrecker, ice, Sanitation, Sand & Gravel, delivery, wagon w/horse); 1st Gear Caterpillar; Wyandotte (Van Lines truck, produce van); Structo (dump truck, garbage, machine hauler, Towing Service, other); Hubley tractor w/blade; 1/16 tractors inc.: (Massey Harris, IH, John Deere, Case, Tru Scale, Slik tractors & implements); Class silage cutter in box; 955 Moline tractor in box; JD 630 in box; Hess trucks; dolls inc.: (Shirley Temple, Marilyn Monroe, Raggedy Ann & Andy, porcelain, bride, other dolls); Barbie 57 Chev, dune buggy; Ken hot rod; Ghost Busters (ambulance, lunch box, station, figures); Smokey bear inc. Tonka set; Jet

sewing machine; Ford, Mercury promo cars; Ricky Rudd race car; Volkswagon; fire truck; Johnny Lightning race set; HO train cars; Lionel engine; Winchester & Nichole's rifle's; Lone Ranger cap rifle; Buffalo air rifle; American West cap guns in box; Halco, Buffalo Bill, Fanner 50, Texan Jr. cap guns & holsters; pr. child's wrist cuffs; Davy Crockett play set & patcher; Roy Rogers book bag; Bonanza men set; Alamo play set in box; Buffalo Bill book; Dukes of Hazard watch; Western comics (Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Hoppy, Lone Ranger, Varsity, Military); Tony Stewart figure; Zoro & Gene Autry games; lunch boxes (Brave Eagle, Gentle Ben, Captain America, The Rescuers, Fritos, Strawberry Shortcake); Nylint mobile home; Big Bang cannon; semi's (Motorcraft, Pillsbury, Braum's, Wonder Bread, Otasco, Day Donuts, Hesston, other); Walton's TV play set; telephone; 38 games; celluloid toys; books; Lincoln logs; Tinker toys; assortment of other toys.

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January 9 — Clay County & Dickinson County farmland at Clay Center for ICEF Oberg, Inc. & Oberg Farms, LP. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

January 9 — Dickinson County farmland at Hope for The Niemeier/Steimel Land (Seller: Ron Musfelt). Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

January 10 — Marion County land & rural Residence at Hillsboro for Catherine Malin Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

January 10 — Land auction (farm, hunt & graze) at Barneston, Nebraska for Dennis Sedlacek & Jeanne Elsasser. Auctioneers: Speckmann Realty & Auction Service, Inc.

January 11 — Furniture, appliances, glassware & collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Keeler & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

January 11 — Collectibles, glassware, toys, furniture, etc. at Lyons for Betty Rogerse & Others. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction Service.

January 11 — Toys at Salina for Wayne's World Museum. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 12 — Antiques & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 12 — Gas pumps, signs, Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Hot Wheels, die cast vehicles, furniture, collectibles & misc. at Lawrence for Roger & Janet Crabill. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

WEATHER DATE: January 14 (for January 9) — ICEF Oberg, Inc. & Oberg Farms, LP real estate auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

January 15 — Mitchell County cropland at Asherville for Audrey Jorgensen Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 15 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

January 15 — Complete liquidation of muffler, brake & tire shop at Salina selling for the Kansas Dept. of Revenue. Auctioneers: Totally Auctions.

January 17 — Marion County land at Pilsen for Eleanor Silhan & Edmund

& Helen Silhan. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

January 17 — Webster County, Nebraska land at Guide Rock, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

January 18 — Military toys, collectibles, posters & prints at Salina for Wano World Museum. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 18 — Coins, guns, swords at Salina. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC.

January 18 — Acreage NE of Douglass at Douglass. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons, Inc.

January 18 — Consignment auction at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

January 19 — Collectibles, toys, etc. at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 19 — Collectibles, coins, furniture & misc. at Lawrence for Larry & Barbara Swinson. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 20 — Osage County acreage, tillable, native grass pasture, pond at Lebo for Judy K. Ackers. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett Real Estate, Osage County Branch Office, Wayne Wischropp.

January 20 — Osage County acreage at Lebo for Emily J. Hooper Estate. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett Real Estate, Osage County Branch Office, Wayne Wischropp.

January 22 — Gage County, Nebraska cropland at Odell, Nebraska for Hennerberg Family Trust (Zabel Family Trust, owners). Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

January 22 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

January 25 & 26 — Antiques & collectibles at Salina for Dr. June Taylor Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 1 — Machinery, equipment, farm items etc. consignments at Axtell for Axtell Knights of Columbus.

February 6 — Dickinson County farmland at Abilene for DT Myers Farms, LLC. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

February 10 — Real estate, cropland at Concordia for Heirs of Shirley Laman. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

February 13 — Dickinson County farmland at Abilene for Eva Zumbrunn

Trust. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

February 20 — Clay County & Washington County farmland at Clay Center for ICEF Oberg, Inc. & Oberg Farms, LP. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

February 22 — Herefords & Quarter Horses at Cottonwood Falls for TS Ranch.

WEATHER DATE: February 25 (for February 20) — ICEF Oberg, Inc. & Oberg Farms, LP real estate auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

February 25 — Mill Creek Ranch "Brand that Works" production sale, Hereford & Angus bulls & female at Manhattan.

March 1 — Farm machinery & miscellaneous at Green for Bruce Dodds. Auctioneers: Kretz & Bloom Auction Service.

March 1 — Annual bull sale at Pomona for Judd Ranch.

March 3 — Late model farm machinery at Whitening for Royale Farms, Richard & Opal Featherston. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auctions, LLC.

March 8 — Harley Gerdes Consignment Auction at Lyndon.

March 8 — Concordia Optimist Club Annual Machinery auction at Concordia, KS.

March 24 — Production sale at Dwight for Oleen Brothers.

May 26 — Harley Gerdes 21st annual Memorial Day Consignment auction at Lyndon.

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Oak curved glass secretary w/leaded glass; sow belly cabinet; pine table; 60's chair & end tables; bronze statue Alexander Danel (Wings of Love); Crocks; Red Wing spatter ware; collection of Halloween items; collection of post cards; 1907 Cloud Co plat book; 1889 Palmer, Ks autograph book; Home Sweet Home print; pictures; 8 place set Wallace silver plate; Roseville cookie jar; Roseville, Hull & other pottery; Watt advertising pieces; set 4 place **pink depression Mayfair**;

Royal Doulton Toby mugs; Jadeite bowls; salt & pepper collection; set 4 mixing bowls; hat pins & holders; Mary Gregory (vase, cruet, pitchers); Navajo "Ye!" wall hanging & signed bracelet w/large black stone; Road Runner signed painting; large map of early Ft. Riley & Junction City; military pictures; Pendleton Circle of Life blanket; 2 Lux mechanical wind up clocks; jewelry; 50's Barbie w/case; pr. brass ship lanterns; cigarette collectibles some Zippo; Disney toys; wooden duck decoys; books; 50 lots coins.

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Piccolo child's accordion; **Jayhawk Popcorn Co. 10pd. Tin;** **Jayhawk Creamery 1/2 pint jar;** Carved Jayhawk; Marble Jayhawk; **1940's "The Hanako"** Japanese doll w/six wigs & original wooden box & 2 other Japanese dolls w/stands; **MARX** pull cat toy; **Gamble's measuring glass;** **salesman sample sad iron;** Harwood Coronet; wooden shaft golf clubs; cast-iron 6 horse Budweiser hitch/wagon; bronze US Legion marker; Randolph copper fire-ex.; **1920 "MUT" cap pistol;** **150+ 1940'S KELLOGG PEP PINS:** Military Insignia P200-P239/Comic Characters P250-P336, w/several duplicates (**SEE WEB PAGE FOR COMPLETE LIST**); **100's Hallmark & Enesco ornaments;** **Printemps Grindley England** Place Settings 1-Vintage & 1-New w/numerous serving pieces; **Noritake** Bluebell place setting w/serving pieces; **Ideal** Ironstone plates; chalk pieces; **Roseville 2-8" vase;** **clear glass;** **advertising tins;** vintage juice sets; porcelain/granite ware; **Cats:** ceramic/wooden/figurines/Beanie; wooden fruit bowls; **40+ Piece Brocade** by International Sterling Silver Flatware Set; 8 each dinner forks, spoons, knives, soup spoons, salad forks & 2 cake/pie servers; **STERLING SPOONS;** **Jewelry:** several sterling, 14k, costume, rings, necklaces, bracelets; 2001 Guiding Light **autographed script;** **Tasco Galaxsee telescope;** **100's DVDS** movies; wedding dress; **Tiny Tears & Revlon** dolls; quilts; small chest freezer; **Garrett Power Master** metal detector; numerous items too many to mention!!!

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