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Frontiers project brings together partners for vision, action

By **Lucas Shivers**

The Flint Hills Frontiers project views local farms and ranches as the bedrock of rural communities, the lifeblood of America's heartland and the stewards of the tallgrass prairie, as well as serving as the economic engine of Kansas for generations.

"We know how vital the agriculture and livestock industry is to our area. We're in the planning stages of several larger projects and partnerships to help give us traction and leverage," said Jeff Adams, regional planner for the council.

The Frontiers project is a part of the Flint Hills Regional Council, a voluntary service association of local Kansas governments from Chase, Clay, Dickinson, Geary, Lyon, Morris, Riley, Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties. Designed to provide service best gained from cooperation, the Frontiers initiative of the Council explores the vitality of farms and ranches. "As economic and environmental situations continue to change, farming and ranching operations must continue to adapt," said Adams.

The Flint Hills, a region in Kansas named for the abundant residual flint that eroded from the bedrock near the surface, has experienced a decline in the number of farm and ranch operators, employees and land dedicated to pastureland and crop land over the last decade, yet sales of livestock and crops has increased. "We continue to explore what this means for Flint Hills communities, the environment and peoples' livelihoods," Adams said. "We work with urban areas seeing lots of growth in the Flint Hills and rural areas that continue to face decline."

The overarching goals for



Planning meetings are frequently held to develop the tools and vision of the Flint Hills Frontiers project, a segment of the Flint Hills Regional Council dedicated to highlighting and supporting farms and ranches as integral parts of the region's economy.

the Frontiers projects include: 1) education for builders and local governments about the importance of farming and ranching to the region's ecology, economy, and culture; and 2) land conservation to encourage development in established communities, where existing infrastructure and services form affordable and efficient systems.

Regionalism Background

The regionalism approach of Frontiers brings together different partners like K-State, Ft. Riley and Wildlife and Parks, with a number of non-profits and private partnerships. "Our work is a lot of getting the different groups together to look at plans for the entire ecosystem with a regional vision for increased health and vibrancy," Adams said. "We've been expanding the Governor's Flint Hills Working Group for several years to get the Frontiers project started."

The project, representing an ecoregion with 19 counties in Kansas and Oklahoma, explores the future of our homeland across political and social boundaries. The vision allowed for many voices to provide a platform for the people to establish their vision and choose their path forward. "It's a chance for people to talk directly on issues," Adams said. "We get to cover quite a bit from ranching practices to burning regulations. We look at agro-tourism and all of the things happening in the Flint Hills. We are a unique and underappreciated ecosystem both inside and outside of the state of Kansas. We wanted to change that." In one example, the Manhattan City Council heard from President Schultz on the role of the Flint Hills in Building Prosperity for Kansas: The Global Leader in Global Food Systems. These part-

nerships continue to expand across the larger region to benefit everyone. "For example, some Native American tribes from Oklahoma have historic ties to the land, and they are part of our consortium with awareness of land management," Adams said. "We bring together people to sit at the table with private ranchers, government agencies and groups like the Kansas Livestock Association and Kansas Farm Bureau." Visibility of the Flint Hills A mere 4% of the historic grasslands of North America remain today, Adams said. Of that 4%, the Flint Hills encompasses 75%. "We want to continue to bring awareness to the Flint Hills," Adams said. "In terms of data, we continue to see from the agriculture census a loss of land mainly due to urban sprawl areas and fragmentation of the land that is causing the growth and spread of invasive species." To help boost the draw to the region, Adams said the collective effort of the partnerships can address concerns to find the right solution for each local area. "We know what a bio-engine this area is," Adams said. "We don't want to jeopardize our areas. For example, we know endangered species have many issues with continuing growth of urban areas and some agricultural practices." The Frontiers project hosted dozens of focus group meetings to gain context from the current landscape of concerned citizens. "We want to help our rural cultural assets," Adams said. "They're under serious stress from losing populations and changing economies. We had many public meetings, and we hear that rural areas have less influence on policy and less voice in public debate. We feel that, and we want to grow Alma and Alta Vista as well

as Manhattan and Junction City." A number of 'tools' have arisen for the team to continue to research and explore:

- Local Food: Food produced locally is available to local consumers.
- Marketing: Flint Hills

region produced products are recognized nationally through outreach efforts.

- Family Farms: Smaller, family sized farms and ranches are able to be successful.
- Quality of Life: Farmers and ranchers have a high

quality of life with a living wage and access to amenities.

- Coordination with Tourism: Coordinate with branding and tourism initiatives to educate, both internally and externally, to the role of the grasslands play in feeding the world.

Other projects or tools include methods to build the story of the Flint Hills with a regional "Flint Hills Tallgrass Roots of Success" campaign through 4-H photography competition. The stories will help educate the public on the importance of ranching to the preservation of the prairie. Local Kansas test kitchens will explore food systems to demonstrate value-added production models as entrepreneurial incubators for 'foodies.' Another idea is to develop regional or county level burning cooperatives for small or hobby farmers to give those that want to maintain traditional prescribed burning

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Ignite! 86th annual Kansas FFA Convention takes Manhattan by storm



Manhattan was infused with a sea of blue and gold May 28-30 as the 86th annual Kansas FFA Convention convened on the campus of Kansas State University. More than 1500 FFA members from around the state were in town to celebrate their accomplishments and be inspired to continue in their FFA career. Above, state reporter Daryl Simmons gave his retiring address Thursday morning in McCain Auditorium. Using an electric guitar shaped like a heifer, Simmons challenged his fellow FFA members to "rock their world" by taking time for themselves, finding the silver lining in all situations and appreciating the journey. The Minneapolis FFA Chapter member built the guitar himself and said that it wraps together key elements of his youth — a love of woodworking and spending time in the shop with his dad as well as music.

Photo by Donna Sullivan

National Ag Center & Hall of Fame to temporarily close

The National Agriculture Center & Hall of Fame will be closing its doors temporarily as it manages through some short-term thinking on its long-term plans. "The Board of Directors believes that this is an opportune time to regroup and rethink the Center's future," said Jody Albers, president of the Board of Directors.

"Our balance sheet is strong, and our board of directors and partners are committed to a bright fu-

ture," explained Albers. Event and daily attendance have grown substantially over the last several years. Our previous staff and leadership have done a tremendous job, but without continued private funding we have had to make a tough decision. The National Agricultural Center & Hall of Fame will be completely reimaged in the months ahead.

The facilities and grounds will play host to a variety of events throughout the year. Temporary

volunteer or part-time staff will be made available for scheduled events. The facility offers a variety of spaces for rent and will continue to do so during this period. Staff will attend to the upkeep of the buildings and grounds and the preservation of the collection. Maintenance of the buildings and grounds will continue as usual. Our community and patrons will be able to visit our website to get updates and to express their thoughts on our exciting future.



We finally did it! No, we did not climb Mount Everest or explore the Amazon rainforest, although I must admit that it did seem like that was what we were doing. No, what we accomplished was even more monumental and even more dangerous. Jennifer, the kids and I built the fence east of our house. And if I must say, I believe it is the eighth wonder of the world.

Okay, I am not that full of myself or that proud of my fence, but it is a giant relief to finally have the fence done. To fully understand why I am so giddy we need to go back about fifteen years. Yes, sadly enough this all began fifteen years ago when we purchased our home place. At that time I decided to start building fence along the road. We built the fence west of the house that first winter and I must say we learned a lot about building fence.

I have often heard that we learn by experience and much of that being bad experience. This was the case on my first fence. It is still there but much of it needs a major overhaul or at least a good stretching. In all fairness it's where I winter cows and it does come under tremendous pressure late March into April. The one thing I do know is that the posts are in good shape. The fence from the house east was to be my next project.

During that time we started to get really busy with the kids and all I got done was to tear the fence out. I am not proud to admit it, but I ran a "temporary" electric fence along the road fourteen years ago with the promise that I would get back to it soon. I guess those fourteen years were soon enough. Part of my excuse was that the county needed to do some work on the ditches on both sides of the road and I did not want to tear out new fence when they fixed my road.

That excuse stood up pretty well until this spring. The county came in and reshaped the road bed and made the whole roadway drain better. In doing so they cleaned up the side of the road, leveled it and cleaned all the vegetation off of it. It was never going to be easier to build half of the fence. I announced to my family that we would build fence on Memorial Day weekend. This announcement caused a great stir among the kids. They made the point that all of their friends were doing "fun" stuff like camping and traveling over the long weekend. I pointed out that fence building was

a great family bonding experience and a whole lot of "fun."

We started with the stretch cleared off by the Pottawatomie County Road and Bridge Department. It actually went in very well with only a minimal amount of verbal persuasion. The situation got a little tense at times, but the family withstood the "bonding" experience. Even more amazing is the fact that the fence only has a little bit of crook and bend to it. In the end, we all looked at this fence with satisfaction. Now it was on to the dreaded hill.

I had been dreading building fence up the hill since the day I had decided the fence needed to be replaced. The hill is really steep, very wooded and rocky beyond belief. This stretch was not going to be fun; the family "bonding" was going to be intense. The project needed to start with brush clearing. Any self-respecting person would have rented or hired a professional to clear the way. Not me; we started up the hill with a chainsaw, loppers and machetes. Two dull chainsaw blades, about six dozen ticks and a really bad case of poison ivy later and the hillside was cleared. Now the fence building could commence.

Digging post holes was out of the question so we decided to drive all steel posts into what appeared to be pure rock. Isaac and I did this one afternoon. Have you ever hit a baseball or softball with a metal bat and had it send shock waves up your arm? That was how this whole stretch of fence was, but crooked as they might be, the posts were planted.

Running the wire down the hill was another exercise in courage. We had to navigate the stumps and stubble that we had left too tall in hopes of saving chainsaw blades. More ticks and poison ivy were gathered during this portion of the fence building. Finally the last wire was tightened and we stood back and looked at what we had done.

I am here to tell you that the fence weaves down the hill, much like we did. The posts are a bit crooked (okay, they are really crooked) but they are in solid. Anyone else may look at my fence and giggle and wonder what drunken crew built it. However, Jennifer, the kids and I know the truth. This engineering marvel came about with a whole lot of blood, sweat and tears, otherwise known as quality family "bonding" – and the best part is that it is done.

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

One of my favorite parts of my job is the people I have the opportunity to meet. The last couple of weeks have been a good illustration of that, as I met two gentlemen I find quite inspiring – former senator Bob Dole and Don Landoll, founder of the Landoll Corporation.

As I stood in the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center with the others gathered to hear Sen. Dole, I started talking to a young lady from Delphos. A student at Kansas State University, she was a Dole Scholar with plans of attending medical school.

"Are you even old enough to remember when he was in the Senate or ran for president?" I asked her. She wasn't, and

I felt really old.

With a little help, Sen. Dole entered the room and took his seat. While his body may be getting frail, his mind and wit were sharp. He made it clear that his purpose was mainly to thank those who had supported him for so many years when he was in office.

What I recall of Bob Dole's time in office was that he was a true statesman. While getting elected and re-elected was important – and he drank a lot of Dole pineapple juice over the years to help make that happen – his time in Washington, D.C. wasn't spent in perpetual campaign mode. When he cast his vote on issues, it was for what he believed to be

the best solutions to the problems, not necessarily just what was best for the party or his own career. He understood and embraced compromise, rather than viewing it as evil, and he knew how to get things done. I'm proud to say that he had my vote every time, and I still think he would have made a good president.

The following week I headed north to Marysville, a trip I made often when my grandmother still lived there, but not so much the last few years. There I met Don Landoll and heard the story of how he started from scratch and built Landoll Corp. into a global company. After spending some time interviewing him in the conference room of his office complex, he took me on a tour of one of the manufacturing facilities, explaining much of the new technology now employed in the processes. Make no mistake, he is not one to sit behind his desk all day giving orders. He seemed to understand each piece of equipment and I got the feeling he could run it himself if need be.

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NOTE: You can use your favorite flavor gelatin and use fruit you like.

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- FUNNEL CAKES**
- 2 cups flour
 - 4 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 1/2 cups milk

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- 1 teaspoon baking soda
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- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups quick or old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup dried fruit, diced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine sugars, yogurt, egg whites, oil,

milk, and vanilla. Mix well. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Mix well. Add flour mixture to yogurt mixture and mix together. Stir in oats and fruit. Spread dough into a lightly greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Bake 28 to 32 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely on wire rack. Cut into bars. Store in an air tight container.

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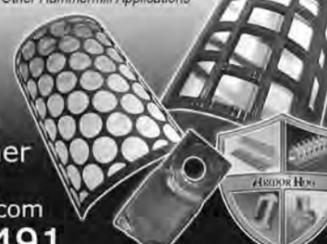
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Have cash on hand. Credit cards and checks aren't always accepted.

Dress for comfort. Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for the weather.

Pack a cooler. If you live far away, or plan to be at the market for awhile, bring a cooler for produce. Consider a wheeled cart or travel bag for bulk shopping.

Go early ... find out the market's hours and plan to arrive at opening time to ensure the best selection. Smartphone app LocalHarvest and website localharvest.org provide market locations and seasonal hours.

Or go late. Great deals are often available around closing. Many vendors will lower their price rather than haul their wares home. However, some may be sold out.



may have recipes to share.

- estimated time of arrival of a regional favorite, such as sweet cherries, and how its quality looks this year.

Include the Kids

Show them what potatoes and tomatoes look like before becoming French fries and ketchup. It's never too early to reinforce the importance of healthy food. Bring a stroller and drinks, and check for a play area: Some markets have them.

Try Something New

Many vendors offer samples, and it's fun to experiment with a fruit or vegetable you've never tasted.

Connect

Introduce yourself and get to know your vendors. Some offer Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) options and can tell you how to get their product when the market is closed. They might even invite you to the farm!

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While there:

Don't buy the first thing you see. Make a lap to compare quality and prices.

Make your heavy purchases last.

More Farmers Market Tips Expect an Experience

You'll be buying produce that's been off the vine just a few hours. But be aware that you won't find everything on your list at bargain prices.

Talk to Farmers

Most vendors are happy to discuss their products and how they raised them, so you can ask them about:

- growing practices, including soil care and chemical use.
- when an item was picked, how to tell if it's ripe and how to properly store it.
- ways to use the food in cooking. Some farmers



Home and Away

my eyes tightly shut and swung between whimpering and loudly threatening to throw up the entire way back down.

One of our best vacations was another to Colorado, this time to Grand Lake. Dad was having a lot of back pain that summer and with his mobility severely limited we rented a cabin on the lake and stayed put for several days. The place had a trampoline, a swimming pool and kids my age. I was in heaven. It was the best vacation ever and I can still remember how the cabin smelled of pine and smoke, the high-pitched squeal the screen door made when it opened and how the porch floor creaked when I walked across it.

Even though we didn't take many vacations, every trip my parents took with me is now a precious memory that I revel in enjoying all over again.

And the best thing about memories of past vacations is, since I still find it difficult to get away from the farm, I don't have to leave home to be gone again.

A family vacates

By Lou Ann Thomas

Travel organizations are predicting an increase in people taking vacations this summer. The travel agency, AAA, expects eight in ten families will hit the road, which would be the highest level of summer travelers in the last seven years.

Growing up on the farm it was rare that we took a family vacation. It was too difficult to get away with all the chores and animals requiring daily attention. But because we went on so few trips I can recall every one of them in great detail.

One of the first vacations I remember was to Colorado. I was so excited to see mountains for the first time that I spent most of the time getting there

drawing what I thought the Rockies would look like. Of course, they looked nothing like the severely pointed peaks I sketched in my notebook. And thankfully so, because I had no idea how cars could keep from flipping over on their roofs as they drove up the steeply angled mountainsides.

We visited the Garden of the Gods, Pike's Peak and rode a frightening tram up the side of Mount Manitou, which left me refusing to go back down the mountain. I finally relented after my parents convinced me they would leave me there if I did not get back on the tram for the return trip. But I kept



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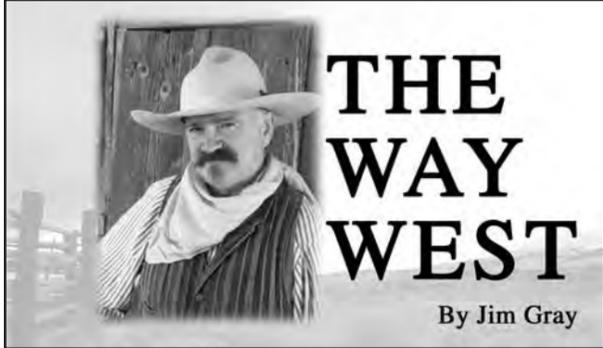
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

A Frontier Education

When William Becknell reached Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1821 a new era was heralded in the American narrative. Becknell's string of pack horses carried desirable hard-to-get merchandise which was quickly exchanged for silver coin. Becknell returned to Missouri a wealthy, successful man. Surprisingly, mules were an important component of that wealth. Even though George Washington, the first president of the United States, had been an avid breeder and supporter of the mule, mules didn't catch on with the general public during the developing years after the country's independence from England. From the beginning, Americans preferred the horse for both draft work and riding. Becknell's successful trade opened the door for a variety of lucrative trading experiences, but none may have been more beneficial than the introduction of Mexican

Jacks, Jennets, and mules to the breeding farms of Missouri. In the years to come mules would easily surpass horses as draft animals, especially in the freighting wagon trains that crossed the plains.

Thomas Jefferson Farnham discovered the importance of mules to the plainsmen of the West in 1839 upon his arrival to the frontier town of Independence, Missouri. Farnham was on a journey of a lifetime. In the next few months he would cross the open plains and Rocky Mountains to Oregon Territory on the far side of the continent. Farnham wrote of his Western adventures in the book *Travels in the Great Western Prairies: The Anahuac and Rocky Mountains and in Oregon Territory*, published in 1843. Pack mules and packsaddles and horses for riding were purchased. He secured bacon, flour, salt, and pepper. Powder-casks were wrapped in painted canvas. Lead bul-

lets were molded and powder-horns were filled, making certain that a large supply of caps, used to detonate the weapons, were neatly packed away in special cap boxes. Large oil-cloths were purchased as an additional covering to protect everything from rain storms. As Farnham's party made their preparations they also witnessed the excitement of the rendezvous of overland traders before leaving for Santa Fe and other Mexican states. "...These traders congregate here, and buy large Pennsylvania waggons, and teams of mules to convey their calicoes, cottons, cloths, boots, shoes, etc. over the plains to that distant and hazardous market. It is quite amusing to greenhorns, as those are called who have never been engaged in the trade, to see the mules make their first attempt at practical pulling."

Amazingly, many of the mules placed in harness were seeing their leather bindings for the very first time! Farnham watched as each team was harnessed. After the first two animals were hooked up to the wagon tongue, four more were hitched, two abreast, in long swinging iron traces to the initial team. A hot iron was rudely applied to the thigh or shoulder of each young mule "with an

embrace so cordially warm, as to leave there, in blistered perfection, the initials of their last owner's name." Having accomplished the seal of ownership the chief muleteer nimbly mounted the "right hand wheel mule." That was the mule closest to the wagon on the right side. Another rider mounted the "left hand swing mule," of the span of mules just in front of the wheel mules. Another four or five more men served as "foot-guards" armed with whips, standing on either side of the mules all the way forward to the leaders. The team was straightened out just before the chief muleteer called out "March!" With his command his long spurs were suddenly thrust into both sides of the animal beneath him. The second rider followed his example. "But there is no movement. A leer — an unearthly bray, is the only response of these martyrs to human supremacy." The efforts of the mule men were quickly repeated with great shouts. Spurs flashed in the morning sun and the crack of whips echoed over the grounds. Such was the impression seared into the minds of the "greenhorns" who had never seen such a sight before! Farnham continued his testimony, "The untutored animals kick and leap, rear and plunge, and

fall in their harness. In fine, they act the mule and generally succeed in breaking neck or limb of some one of their number, and in raising a tumult that would do credit to any order of animals accustomed to long ears." Amazingly after a few "trainings" the young mules moved off "in fine style," and the astonished greenhorns had themselves gained a frontier education before embarking upon

their journey on The Way West.

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

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River Valley Extension District wheat plot tours — June 4, 10, 11, and 16

K-State Research and Extension-River Valley District, in cooperation with area commercial agribusinesses, will host a series of wheat variety plot tours on Wednesday, June 4; Tuesday, June 10; Wednesday, June 11; and Monday, June 16. These educational plots allow wheat growers to see side-by-side comparisons with new and standard varieties at locations across Clay, Cloud, Washington, and Republic counties. Producers will be able to compare cold tolerance, disease and insect resistance, drought tolerance, and other characteristics between wheat varieties.

The tours will feature K-State Extension specialists, northeast area agronomist Stu Duncan; Extension wheat specialist Jim Shroyer on his final tour season before retirement; plant pathologist Erick DeWolf,

and others. Company reps will also be present at several of the fields.

Sponsors for the district wheat plot tours are the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, Astra Bank, Kansas Wheat Alliance, Polansky Seed, Crops Production Services of Concordia, LeClair Seeds, Ohlde Seed Farms, and Stewart Seed.

The series will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, at the North Central Experiment Field, two miles west of Belleville on Highway 36. Juice and rolls will be furnished by the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. Mike Stamm will also speak about the winter canola variety plot at the experiment field. At 10:00 a.m. the tour will move to Christian Tipton's 4-H Plot, one mile south of Munden on 220 Road and a half-mile east on Hickory Road. Refreshments will be

provided by Kansas Wheat Alliance. The next stop will be at 12:00 noon at the Republic County High School FFA Plot, located 1.25 miles west of Cuba on Penn Road. Lunch will be provided by Astra Bank at the plot site. The day will conclude at the Polansky Seed wheat plot at 6:00 p.m. The plot is located 1/8 mile south of the Super 8 hotel in Belleville. Dinner will be provided by Polansky Seed in Belleville following the tour.

The next day of tours will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, at the RVED Variety Plot, cooperators: Carl and Jim Forsee. The plot is located south of Concordia on 81 between Hawk and Iron Hwy. 81. Juice and rolls

will be furnished by Crop Production Service of Concordia. The next stop will be at 10:00 a.m. at the RVED Variety Plot, cooperator: Tom Meek located east of Idana on 16th Road, between Granite and Hackberry Roads. Refreshments will again be provided by Crop Production Service of Concordia. At 12:00 noon the tour will meet at the Clifton/Clyde High School FFA plot with LeClair Seeds. Their plot is located on the north side of Vining at the intersection of Peach Street and Brooks Street. Lunch will be provided by LeClair Seeds at the plot site. The day will finish at the Ohlde Seed wheat plot at 6:00 p.m., 1577 4th Rd, Palmer. Dinner will be provided by Ohlde Seed following the tour.

Wednesday, June 11th, Ryan Stewart's 4-H plot tour will be held at 6:30 p.m. The participants will meet at Stewarts Seed, 1833 23rd Road, Washington, and then drive to the plot site. Dinner will be provided by Stewart Seed. The final plot tour will be held on June 16 at 10:00 a.m. at JaelAnn Hoover's 4-H Plot. Her plot is locat-

ed at 4th Rd. and Sunflower Rd., (3/2 m south of Wakefield Co-op). Refreshments will be provided by Kansas Wheat Alliance.

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1988 IHC 1680 combine, 30 ft. header, bin extension, 5,418 hrs.; JD 853A row head; IHC 8-row corn head; IHC 4-row corn head; J & M grain cart, 875 bushel.

TRACTORS & SPRAYER
2007 Ag Chem Rogator SS1074 self-propelled sprayer, 2,847 hrs., 1080 gal. tank, 90 ft. booms, Viper monitor (good shape); 1990 Case IH 7140 tractor, MFW, 3 pt., pto, quick hitch, duals, 8,628 hrs.; 1974 Versatile 850 tractor, 4-wheel drive, 3 pt., 8,476 hrs.

TRUCKS
1988 White Volvo semi-truck, 11 spd. trans., Cummins 444 motor; 1982 Merritt grain trailer, 40 ft. w/tarp; 1975 IHC Fleet Star truck, 13 spd. trans., diesel motor, twin screw, 18 ft. bed & hoist, Westfield hydraulic drill fill auger.

FARM EQUIPMENT
Richardson 9 x 5 sweep plow w/pickers; Flex King 60 ft. rod weeder; 1984 Caulkins chisel w/harrow, 44 ft.; Buffalo 8-row close row cultivator; 4) Case IH 7100 hoe drills 10" x 10' w/transport; Rhino SE 15-4A bat wing mower; Big Ox 13 shank ripper; IHC 800 cyclo planter, 8-row, pull type, w/fertilizer attach.; Crustbuster 30 ft. springtooth; Carry ALL dirt mover, Model 23, 18 yard; Rhino 1500 hydraulic rear blade, 3 pt.; Krause 30 ft. tandem disk.

OTHER FARM ITEMS
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DuPont Pioneer and AGCO announce global collaboration

DuPont Pioneer and AGCO Corporation have announced a global collaboration to bring wireless data transfer technology solutions to farmers in leading agricultural markets, including the United States, Canada, Brazil and key European countries. The agreement will allow seamless interface of data and farm management information between AGCO equipment and EncircaSM services, the new whole-farm decision solutions offering from Pioneer that is designed to help growers improve their productivity and profitability.

Seamless data transfer is an important technology enabler for EncircaSM services,

which are currently being rolled out in North America to corn and soybean farmers and can be offered globally over time to support a wide range of crops and markets.

As part of the AGCO FuseTM Technologies platform, as well as the commitment by Pioneer to offer brand neutral decision agriculture services, growers can choose to have data collected through AGCO's VarioDoc, TaskDocTM and AgCommand[®] systems wirelessly transferred to Pioneer EncircaSM services. AGCO's VarioDoc and TaskDocTM are task file management systems that allow growers to conveniently and securely transfer task files be-

tween their farm machines and office without the need for a data card, portable memory drive or the physical transfer of devices. AgCommand[®] is AGCO's fleet and asset management system that provides growers, contractors and managers with instant access to a wide range of information about equipment working in the fields or traveling on the road.

"We are excited about the new addition of Pioneer EncircaSM services to the list of decision agriculture platforms compatible with VarioDoc, TaskDocTM and AgCommand[®], helping growers become more efficient in farm data and fleet manage-

ment," said Matt Rushing, vice president, Product Line, Advanced Technology Solutions (ATS). "Fuse Technology's open approach enables growers to integrate their AGCO equipment and decision agriculture technology with the trusted service providers and software partners they choose."

"Pioneer is a leader in decision agriculture solutions that put growers' needs for flexibility and convenience first," said Alejandro Munoz, DuPont Pioneer vice president, Global Commercial Business. "This collaboration with AGCO is another significant milestone toward our whole-

farm services strategy, enabled by industry-leading collaborations and advanced technologies, which works with growers to analyze and use their data to positively improve their bottom lines."

VarioDoc is available as optional equipment on most Fendt[®] tractors, forage harvesters and combines; TaskDocTM is now available on select Massey Ferguson[®] combines with more AGCO

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For more information about Fuse Technologies and AGCO's new connected strategy, visit www.agco.com and www.encirca.com. Visit www.pioneer.com to learn more about Pioneer next generation decision services.

Step back in time at Onaga Historical Society

Starting June 6th, the Onaga Historical Society will be open on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00. It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come explore local history and world history. There are artifacts from many places. It is always open by appointment by contacting the City of Onaga at 785-889-4456.

The museum complex has the Victory school house, which used to be located south of Onaga, on Victory Road.

The log cabin was discovered on the south side of Highway 63, while tearing down an old house, and it has been moved to the museum complex. The three-legged windmill had been located south on the Onaga road. The Union

Pacific caboose is fun to explore along with a large Morton building and another smaller metal building, chock-full of items from porcelain dolls to a fully restored doctor's buggy. There is also a racing sulky, made in Marysville for trotting horses.

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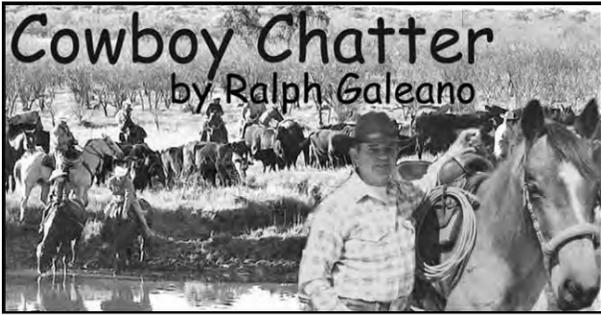
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Horse Traders

There's a good reason they're called traders. Here are some interesting observations of horse traders.

If you go to one of those horse auctions, many of the horses offered for sale are owned or consigned to the sale by professional horse traders. Some are good and reputable and some are not so good and reputable.

I've consigned a few horses to the sales and have had the opportunity to watch and recognize traders that are frequently in attendance trying to sell horses. I've seen the same traders at every sale I've attended so it's easy to see who has made a profession buying and selling horses.

That's not a bad thing but sometimes an unscrupulous trader will offer a mount that may have a physical defect or maybe even a dangerous trait. If you are looking to buy a horse there are a few basic guidelines you should be aware of to insure you aren't buying someone else's trouble. There are so many things that can be wrong with a horse and many are not obvious or easily recognized. Once you've raised your hand at an auction, you've bought that horse whether it turns out good or bad.

During auctions and sale barn sales, it is not always possible to have a vet check the horse before you buy or bid on one so you have to make an evaluation of the animal using your own judgment. It's a good idea to take along a friend who may notice something you missed or to give his opinion of the animal.

Much to my dismay, I

once saw a trader unload several horses behind the sale barn and go to saddling them up and one at a time whipping them around trying to put the fear of God in them to act like well-broke horses. It was easy to see the horses were green-broke and hadn't had much training. He was trying to instill obedience in them that would allow him to show them in the sale ring as well broken. Obviously, he had not ridden the horses very much and had probably just acquired them to try and make a quick profit.

There are a lot of things you can do to pick the right horse if you are in the market to buy a horse.

Get to the sale early and go through the barn or corral looking at the horses. If you spot one that catches your eye, look for the owner or ask someone if they know the owner. Ask permission to go in the stall and look the horse over. Look in his eyes and see if they are dilated indicating the horse has been drugged

to act calm. A drugged horse will react slowly, may have a droopy lip and perhaps be a little wobbly.

Check their legs looking for bowed tendons indicated by swelling or thickness along the sides and back of the lower legs where you can feel for swelling or heat along the tendons. Look in the horse's eyes and see if there is any fear or nervousness. Slowly place your hand on their forehead and again see if the horse pulls his head away or is headshy. If he allows you to place your hand on his forehead, he has probably had good treatment in his life and is not fearful of people. Check to see if he is spooky by waving your hat near his head. Move all around him and see if he accepts you walking behind him.

Try to make the horse move around if there's enough room in the enclosure. Make him trot and change directions so you can look for a limp or favoring a leg. A good trader can show a horse in the sale pen and avoid a movement that will show a fault. Usually, at the higher-end sales, most horses have been evaluated before the sale and are deemed sound before they enter the ring.

Most traders are honest but there are always a few bad apples that stink up the barrel. One of the most despicable practices I have ever witnessed at horse

sales is the act of putting an accomplice in the gallery to bid the price up on a horse. When a buyer shows an interest in a particular horse and keeps raising his hand, a fake or planted bidder will place a bid in an attempt to entice the honest bidder to keep raising the price to try and win the bid. That allows the trader to receive a much higher price for the animal.

The fake bidder is called a shill. That's a person who artificially inflates the price on an item by use of fake bids. The practice is called shilling. A dishonest trader may tell a shill to bid to a certain price then drop out of the bidding leaving the honest bidder with the winning bid and the trader with

more money for the horse.

It's always possible the honest buyer will drop out first and the shill will get the last bid and have to buy the horse. In that case the money goes back to the trader and he loses the entry fee but still has the horse to take to another sale. An experienced shill can recognize when the other buyer is reaching his limit and drop out before that happens.

It's a sad but true practice and is sometimes practiced by private consignors with only one horse in the auction.

If you recognize a trader in the sale ring that has shown several horses during the course of the auction, try to see who is doing the bidding. If you see the

same person bidding on different horses by the same trader, it's quite possible he is a shill and only there to run the price up. A person with a single horse that has placed a fake bidder in the gallery is almost impossible to spot.

Your best protection when buying an animal at auction is to know your business and use every practical inspection method available to you to insure the animal is sound and will perform well for your intended use.

The old adage "Buyer Beware" certainly rings true at livestock auctions.

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Take steps to keep horses healthy when traveling to shows

It's springtime and for many horse enthusiasts, that means heading out to horse shows and rodeos. But two recent cases of Equine Herpesvirus Myeloencephalopathy, after a barrel racing event in Ne-

braska should serve as a reminder that good biosecurity practices can help prevent illnesses, according to a Kansas State University veterinarian.

Beth Davis, a professor of clinical sciences in K-

State's College of Veterinary Medicine referred to two cases of EHM that were diagnosed after a large barrel racing event in Lincoln, Nebraska, April 10-13. One of the horses, from a farm in northeast Kansas, became ill after its return to Kansas, according to the Kansas Department of Agriculture. It was euthanized and samples tested by the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and Equine Diagnostics Services in Lexington, Ky. confirmed EHM. The other confirmed case was a horse from Wisconsin that also was present at the Nebraska event.

"EHM can be highly contagious," said Davis of the neurologic disease associated with equine herpesvirus infections. "If we're not careful, this virus can spread and can be life threatening."

The virus that causes EHM is called EHV-1. EHV-1 is common and can be present in a horse for years, causing a minor illness when first contracted and in most cases never develops into EHM. Most commonly EHV-1 causes mild to moderate respiratory disease, abortion in pregnant broodmares, and illness in young foals. Fortunately, only rarely does EHV-1 actually cause EHM. In some cases and especially in times of stress, however, the virus can be reactivated and shed to others. Stressful situations such as strenuous exercise, long-distance transport or weaning can be the trigger for viral shedding.

"What determines whether a horse gets sick is its immune system," Davis

said. "If a horse's immune system is not strong and the animal is under stress, EHV-1 can develop into EHM. We usually see this after horses have been in a large group, such as at horse shows, rodeos or race tracks."

Symptoms usually start with a fever. The illness may progress and show signs of weakness and a lack of coordination. Urine dribbling and lethargy may also signal the disease, and sometimes the illness progresses to a horse going down, Davis said. In the worst cases where the animal can't rise, also called recumbency, they can die or are so ill that they will be euthanized.

She provided tips and facts for horse owners.

EHM is easily spread by direct horse-to-horse contact. It can also be spread by contact with contaminated objects such as tack, grooming equipment, feed and water buckets, and people's hands and clothing. Contact your veterinarian if your horse's temperature is 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. A normal, healthy temperature for a horse is 100 degrees.

Currently, there are vaccines available to boost a horse's immunity. They're labeled to fight respiratory disease and abortion, but they're not labeled for the prevention of EHM. Work with your veterinarian to select an ideal vaccine program.

Some horses recover from EHM but not without treatment. In some cases,

even treated horses can die.

People cannot get sick from EHV-1, which causes EHM, so there is no threat to humans. It is most commonly an equine disease, although it can occur in camelids, such as llamas and alpacas.

Davis said she is not recommending that horse owners stay home from competitions, based on the two recent cases.

"Personally, I think if we were going to have a major outbreak, we probably would have seen more cases by now. We had two from the barrel racing event but we're more than two weeks

out from that and no other cases have been reported at this point," she said.

Davis said she and K-State veterinarian Laurie Beard are available to answer questions and concerns Kansas horse owners may have. They can be reached at 785-532-5700.

More information about EHM and EHV-1 and keeping horses healthy is also available at www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/equine/ehv/equine_herpesvirus_brochure_2009.pdf and <http://agriculture.ks.gov/news-events/news-releases/2014/04/29/ehv-1-case-confirmed-in-kansas>.

Managing pasture water supply workshop to be held June 12

Drought has plagued the midwest for a number of years now, and 2014 is shaping up to be another tough year. Even if there is adequate grass in a pasture, without a suitable water supply using this resource can be a challenge.

On June 12th the River Valley District will be hosting a field day on "Managing Pasture Water Supply." This workshop will start at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at the pasture location. Will Boyer and Hershel George, K-State Research and Extension Watershed Specialists, will be discussing alternative water sources such as developing a spring, limited pond access fencing, solar pumps, and more. The highlight will be a live demonstration of installing gravity feed lines through an existing pond without letting the water out! The demonstration will also include installing a tire tank below the pond and using geotextile fabric to make a hardened surface around the tank. Dr. Larry Hollis, K-State Extension Beef Veterinarian, will be on hand as well to discuss blue-green algae and other health concerns with watering pastured cattle. The workshop will conclude around 5:00 p.m.

The pasture is located south of Greenleaf. From Barnes, go south on All American Road, turn west on 3rd Road and travel two miles. Turn south on Yankee Road. From Clay Center, travel north on Hwy. 15 to 3rd Road, turn east and travel 13 miles. Turn south on Yankee Road. Look for K-State Research and Extension signs and a large tent.

This is part of the 2014 Pasture Management Series so if you are already registered, just show up! If you are not a registered participant but would like to come to this individual session, you may still sign-up by calling 785-325-2121, visiting our website at www.rivervalley.ksu.edu, or emailing robinreid@ksu.edu. You must RSVP by June 9th. This field day is jointly sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, Milford Lake WRAPS, Clay County Conservation District, Linn Post & Pipe, and Cloud County Cooperative.

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June 4 — Barber County land at Kiowa for Brad Wright, Jackie Wright. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate, LLC.

June 4 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

June 6 — Tractors, stock trailers, hay trailer, farm machinery, antique farm equip. & other antique items, trucks, pickup, car, 4 wheeler, mowers, tools, hay machinery 7 cattle equip. near Osborne for Harold Wiegert. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

June 6 — Summer farm machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

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June 7 — Small primitives, model tractors & cars, collectible furniture, coins, hand & garden tools, mowers, camping items at Lyons. Auctioneers: Oswald Auction Service.

June 7 — 5BR, 2BA Home on large lot; furniture, household, collectibles, yard items at St. Marys for Clarita Caudill. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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June 8 — Furniture, household, riding mower, lawn items, misc. at Wamego for Edward & Leanne Leonard Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

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June 11 — Furniture, appliances, tractor, Gator tools, mowers at Falun for AJ & Karlene Baxa. Auctioneers: Mark Baxa.

June 11 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers:

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June 12 — Real estate (offered in multiple tracts, home) at Pretty Prairie. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate, National Realty & Auction.

June 12 — Marion County cropland & pasture at Roxbury for Larry & Patricia Weibert. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

June 14 — Tractors, hay equipment, trucks, trailers, tools, livestock equipment S. of Auburn for Jean Wachter. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

June 14 — Tractors, trucks, pickup, skid loader, combine, farm machinery, shop equipment near Smith Center for Vernie & Joyce Nelssen. Auctioneers: Oliver Realty & Auction.

June 14 — Trailers, equipment, horse items, tools & misc. at Baldwin City for Dennis E. Edmonds Estate. Auctioneers: Mark Elston & Ed Dewey.

June 14 — Car repair shop, forklift, 2510 tractor w/loader, motors, car straightening machine, tons of tools at Solomon for Chris Ladner. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction Co.

June 17 — Land (near Westmoreland) at Westmoreland for Dunafon Construction. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 17 — Real estate & personal property at Manhattan. Auctioneers: United Country-Ruckert Realty & Auction.

June 18 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

June 20 — 2 farms, Linn County at Mound City for Mary Annabell Miller Trust and Richard D. Miller. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate, Kansas City Auction & Realty.

June 20 — Kansas Flint Hills land (1 tract Green-

wood County) at Eureka for Loren D. Miller Family Trust, Barbara J. Stolz Living Trust and the heirs & devisees of Bessie L. McKee. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

June 21 — Antique furniture, glassware, tools, collectibles, primitives, etc., etc. at Osage City for Perry & Evelyn Powell Estate. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

June 21 — Real estate, collectibles, tools & household at Greenleaf for Leora (Babe) Green. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

June 21 — Antiques, school bell, collectibles, glassware at Concordia for Alvena Swenson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

June 21 — Real estate, vehicles, tools, plumbing supplies, etc. at McPherson for Albert's Plumbing & Heating. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

June 21 — Antiques, glassware, advertising items, furniture at Abilene for Cheril Geist, Paul Geist, deceased. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

June 22 — Household, tools, collectibles at Greenleaf for the Matthew Peters Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

June 22 — Real estate, shop tools & equipment, lawn equipment, household appliances & items, exercise equipment, car at Westmoreland for Guy & Mary Poteet. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 24 — Real estate, nursing home items & misc. at Clifton for Community Care, Inc. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

June 24 — Pastureland in Butler County for Watson Family Trust. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

June 26 — Coffey County land (in 1 tract) at Waverly. Auctioneers: Results Realty, LLC.

June 28 — Cowley County Kansas ranch at Burden for property of Tom David. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc. Land Brokers.

June 28 — Antique farm equipment, tools, parts, vehicles North of Abilene for Don Zumbrunn. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

June 28 — Tractors, tools, antiques, household at Emporia for Bill & Wilma Finney Living Estate. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

June 29 — Name brand tools, Snap On, etc., pickup, trailers, tractor, household, etc. at Osage City for Carl Clear Estate. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

July 1 — Stevens & Grant Counties land (irrigated farmland, home & farm headquarters, investment opportunity in 8 tracts) at Hugoton. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company, Inc.

July 12 — Antiques, primitives, tools, Southwest furniture, etc. at Auburn for Robert & Linda Kurtz. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

September 1 — Harley Gerdes 19th annual Labor Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon.

September 5 — Machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

September 26-27 — Kansas Barn Alliance BarnFest Conference/Tour, Dickinson County.

November 1 — Harley Gerdes Consignment Auction at Lyndon.

November 21 — Farm machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

January 1, 2015 — Harley Gerdes 30th annual New Years Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon.

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Man Against Beast

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It normally takes a hero to slay the dragon or sue the EPA. Heroes are often battling with giants, against all odds; David and Goliath, Jack and the Beanstalk, or the Alamosa High School Maroons versus Miami Heat.

Dennis had his opportunity to rise to the occasion. He is a farmer-feeder in the San Luis Valley. That part of Colorado demands a persistent, patient sort of person. The stubborn soil, fickle moisture and independent neighbors don't tolerate pansies.

Dennis came home from his day job. Days were getting short. He also had a meeting with the La Jara Stake after he finished his chores. He had a line of concrete feed bunks and was feeding his cow herd. The 1981 4440 John Deere that he inherited was still in service. He loaded his Jay Lore feeder-mixer that was hooked up to his farm truck. His dog jumped in the cab with Dennis and they started down the line of bunks. All of a sudden a mouse shot across the dashboard right to left!

Denny reared back as the dog leaped into his lap, looking over the steering wheel in search of the ram-

bling rodent! The mouse reversed his direction...the dog was barking and bouncing back and forth...Dennis was banging the dashboard trying to crush Mickey with his free hand, or both hands!

The agile vermin leaped from the dashboard onto the back of the seat. He crawled over Dennis' shoulder and dove down between his legs...the dog followed! Luckily, or unluckily, the varmint slid over the seat and down into his irrigation boot! Denny smashed the furry critter against his leg through the rubber boot top. He held the trespasser tight, like one would grip a hot dog through the bun.

It was then he looked up. He was in the bar ditch long past the bunks. The Jay Lore was 20 degrees off level from the truck, which was 20 degrees off level from the gravel road.

Thank goodness he hit a culvert and high-centered the front axle. There was a screech and the rig ground to a halt. It was one of those "Thank you, Lord," moments.

Later at the meeting he portrayed the incident as a miracle of sorts, hoping his explanation would lessen the impact on his neighbor, the Bishop, when he noticed the next morning 50 feet of his new wire fence had been ripped out by its posts.

Kansas Community Garden Conference planned for July 7-8

Kansas State University will host the Kansas Community Garden Conference July 7-8 in the K-State Union in Manhattan.

The conference features 16 presentations – some concurrent – covering topics ranging from business aspects to insects and fruit production to weed control. Participants also have the opportunity to tour local community gardens in the Manhattan area.

"We have community gardens in towns as small as Quinter (population 918) and cities as large as Wichita (population 386,000)," said Evelyn Neier, associate Extension specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "Some are new and just beginning to work together and others have been at it for years. The beauty of attending a conference like this is that participants can learn from each other as well as from the speakers and presentations."

Presentations will include:

- Community Gardens and How They Impact Your Community;
- Insect ID and Control;
- Garden Soils/Fertilizer;
- Tomatoes – Something Old...Something New;
- Weed ID and Control;
- Garden Bed Construction;
- Buying Quality Nursery Stock;
- Garden Organization and Financial Stability;
- Basics of Fruit Production;
- Organic Pest Control;

- Working with Your Garden Team;
- Advanced Fruit Production;
- Food Safety;
- Food Waste Composting;
- Extending the Growing Season; and
- Diseases of Fruit and Vegetables.

The July 8 luncheon will feature an "Overview of Kansas Community Garden Grants" and a panel discussion.

Registration is due by June 27. The cost to attend is \$45 per person (plus optional \$10 for a two-day parking permit in the adjacent K-State parking ga-

rage). Registrations should be sent to Christy Dipman, 2021 Throckmorton- HFRR, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. More information is available at <http://www.kansascommunitygardens.org/2014-conference.html> or by contacting Neier at 785-410-3760 or eneier@ksu.edu.

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