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The Kansas Department of Agriculture has moved their main offices from Topeka to Manhattan and is now open and ready to conduct business. A dedication and open house will be held on September 18. Photo by Donna Sullivan

Kansas Department of Agriculture relocates offices to Manhattan

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) has successfully completed the relocation process and is open for business in Manhattan. The agency is leasing the building from the KSU Foundation.

"This is a good day for Kansas agriculture. The Kansas Department of Agriculture is looking forward to being in Manhattan, being able to further collaborate with Kansas State University and other industry partners and ultimately better serve the farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and consumers of Kansas," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey.

An official building

dedication and open house will be held September 18.

The new mailing address for KDA is 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. The main phone number is (785) 564-6700.

KDA will retain an Office of the Secretary in the Landon Office Building in downtown Topeka. That office includes administrative support and workspace

for staff during the legislative session. Offices at Forbes Field include the State Agriculture Laboratory as well as some of the Weights and Measures, Plant Protection and Division of Water Resources field staff. Additional field offices across Kansas supporting the Division of Water Resources include offices in Stockton, Stafford, Garden City, Par-

sons and Olathe.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture works to serve all Kansans and strives to help grow and support the state's largest industry dedicated to the production of food, fiber and fuel for consumers here and around the globe.

More information about KDA can be found on their website at www.agriculture.ks.gov.

Hong Kong market reopens for U.S. beef

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the United States and Hong Kong have agreed on new terms and conditions that pave the way for expanded exports of U.S. beef and beef products to Hong Kong.

"This is great news for American ranchers and beef companies," said Vilsack. "Hong Kong is already the fourth largest market for U.S. beef and beef product exports, with sales there reaching a historic high of \$823 million in 2013. We look forward to expanded opportunities there for the U.S. beef industry now that all trade restrictions are lifted," Vilsack said.

Under the new terms, Hong Kong will permit the import of the full range of U.S. beef and beef products, consistent with access prior to December 2003. The new terms became effective June 17, 2014. Previously, only deboned beef from all cattle and certain bone-in beef from cattle less than 30 months of age could be shipped from the United States to Hong Kong. Earlier this year, Mexico, Uruguay, Ecuador and Sri Lanka also lifted their longstanding restrictions to provide full access for U.S. beef and beef products.

"Last year, the World Organization for Animal Health granted the United States negligible risk status

for BSE, further affirming the safety of U.S. beef and beef products," said Vilsack. "We welcome this move by Hong Kong and will continue our efforts to break down barriers and expand access for high-quality, safe and wholesome U.S. food and agricultural products in Hong Kong and around the world."

In December 2003, Hong Kong banned U.S. beef and beef products following the detection of a bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)-positive animal in the United States (one of only four cases ever discovered in America). In December 2005, Hong Kong partially reopened its market to allow imports of deboned U.S. beef from cattle aged 30 months or younger produced under a special program for Hong Kong and expanded access to include certain bone-in cuts from cattle less than 30 months of age in February 2013.

Experts in the United States and countries around the world have confirmed that U.S. beef is safe, with extremely low risk of BSE. There has never been a recorded case of BSE transmission to a human through American beef.

While Hong Kong is officially part of China, it serves as its own customs and quarantine administration zone and so maintains its own rules and regulations.

Cowboys ride rhyme to victory



Frank Schweighart, Brashear, Texas, left and Tim Keane, Manhattan, were named champions of the 2014 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest.

Tim Keane of rural Manhattan and Frank Schweighart of Brashear, Texas are the champions of the 2014 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest. They won the Governor's Buckle in the humorous and serious poem categories, respectively.

Final results are as follows: Serious category – 1st, Frank Schweighart, Brashear, Texas; 2nd, Kathryn Gardner, Topeka; and 3rd, Eric Borden, Drexel, Missouri. Humorous category – 1st, Tim Keane, Manhattan; 2nd, Frank Schweighart, Brashear, Texas; and 3rd, Eric Borden, Drexel, Missouri. Other contestants who qualified by scoring in the top three of the qualifying contests in Wichita, Dodge City or Strong City, included Betty Burlingham of Manhattan, Russell Graves of Arkansas City, Leonard Hitz of Garden City, Jim John of Wichita, and Don Welborn of Meriden.

"Congratulations to these outstanding cowboy poets and many thanks to our sponsors and judges," said Ron Wilson, contest committee chair.

The lead sponsor of the 2014 event was the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation. In addition to a financial contribution, the Foundation donated pen and notebook sets for the judges to use plus a Phil Epp print given to each contestant in the finals. The print is titled "The American Prairie – Storm on the Plains." The Symphony in the Flint Hills donated two free Symphony tickets to each winner. Wabaunsee County Economic Development was the host. Winners also received gift certificates or discounts for purchases at Roberts Cowboy Outfitters of Salina, Vanderbilt's of Wamego, and Shepler's of Wichita.

The finals were held in Alma on Friday, June 13. Governor Sam Brownback recognized the winners at the Symphony in the Flint Hills in Butler County on June 14. Judges for 2014 included: Chief Justice Lawton Nuss of the Kansas Supreme Court, Kyle Bauer of KFRM Radio, Frank Buchman of WIBW FM, and Marie Martin of the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation.

For more information, go to cowboypoetrycontest.com or contact chair Ron Wilson at ron@ronscowboypoetry.com or Abby Amick, Wabaunsee County Economic Development, 785-765-4655, abby@wabaunsee.com.

Other committee members include: Jeff Davidson, president, Kansas Chapter of Western Music Association from Greenwood County; Brad Hamilton, western entertainer from Hoyt; Geff Dawson, accomplished cowboy poet and entertainer from the Alma area, and Trey Allen, winner of the 2011 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest.



Reaching our potential

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

If today's crop of young farmers and ranchers plan to play a part in the future of agriculture, they must position themselves where this industry will be – not where it is.

There are four key considerations young farm and ranch couples must take to heart if they are to reach their full potential. These include: be willing to change; be part of something bigger than yourself; accept the future; and give up your own independence.

Addressing change is something young farmers and ranchers are familiar

with. They have no trouble recognizing change – it's doing something about it that is so difficult.

Everyone tends to give change a chance but when difficulty pops up all of us tend to revert to our old ways of doing things. Change requires new thinking.

Secondly, we as humans, especially young farmers and ranchers must strive toward something greater than self-actualization to fulfill our own unique potential.

This means challenging ourselves with something bigger than we are. To accomplish anything of greatness, we must work

with others.

Agriculture is not just about the local community, the family or the farm and ranch operation. It is not just about growing corn, wheat or raising livestock. Producers must see themselves as part of the food industry which remains the most critical industry in the world.

As far as accepting the future, some people will continue to dig in their heels and think, "That may be what the future is like, but I want no part of it."

What alternative is there?

We can't recreate the world in the image we want. Instead, we must identify the world as it's going to be. In agriculture we must focus on the consumers of our products and not make this an issue about what we're doing on the family farm. It's not about us, it's about the customers we serve.

The fourth block on which to build a future in agriculture includes giving up independence. Americans revere their independence. The United States was born out of independence. However, unless farmers and ranchers move to interdependence they will not survive.

We can't be focused on a single issue. We must look at the bigger picture and understand that we're all in this together.

A farmer and rancher cannot remain independent and farm in the future. Producers must be willing to dedicate themselves to a common purpose and impact the world with the help of others.

While these four building blocks may sound simple, implementing them is extremely difficult. Many will fail and start over. Some will not make it. For others it will remain a life-long commitment. The important thing is to begin.

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

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

I am constantly amazed at what a science-phobic society we have become. We have embraced technology in our electronics, gadgets and gizmos, but are so suspicious of it when it comes to our food. I understand the desire to put as few chemicals and processed food items in our system as possible, but just because something has a long, difficult-to-pronounce name, doesn't mean we should automatically file it under the poison category.

Read the back of your shampoo bottle. There are likely several ingredients in it that you can't pronounce, but you still wash your hair each day. For instance, ammonium xylene-sulfonate. Yikes. That has to be bad, right? It's actually a hydrotrope, a

compound that makes it easier for water to dissolve other molecules. It is added as a thickener, and to help keep some of the odd ingredients added for marketing effect in solution, including perfumes.

What about cities with hard to pronounce names? Take Schenectady, New York, for instance. Nobody but local residents knows how to pronounce its name. We should probably stay away from there.

I know what some of you are going to say. We don't ingest shampoo or cities into our systems – it's different with food. And to a point I would agree. We do need to take very good care of the bodies God gave us and one of the best ways to do that is to eat a healthy diet. But I do think that in the effort to do that we allow ourselves to be persuaded by people who tout themselves as experts but have more show business experience than scientific knowledge. And that concerns me.

The whole "pink slime" debacle occurred because a television food host poured household ammonia into a bowl of ground beef and told people that's what they're eating when they consume lean finely textured beef. Long on showmanship and a great ratings booster, but short on facts and science. The beef trimmings are actually treated with either a puff of ammonium hydroxide gas or in other cases, citric acid. Both are naturally oc-



Let's make one thing perfectly clear. I am not going to complain about the rain, nor will I ever complain about the rain again. I know we have had quite a bit here in the month of June but I also know that it can shut off and we may not have any rain in the month of July. I also know that someone reading this will still be dealing with dry conditions and it just seems wrong to complain about rain. Of course, I am also aware of the fact that it will either be dry or wet and there is nothing I can do about it.

However, as I sit here I have become painfully aware of certain things during this wet stretch of weather. Let's just say that I have had too much time to think about things. Therefore, I have decided to share my random thoughts from the monsoon season with you. Please hold your applause, and you can thank me later.

Random thought #1: nothing feels better than a rainy morning after a long stretch of dry weather. May was fairly dry and it allowed us to finish planting just ahead of the start of this unsettled weather pattern (that is some of my best meteorological terminology). The first morning of waking up to rain on the roof and being able to enjoy my morning coffee watching the rain was wonderful. It is an experience that is second only to the first day back in the tractor seat when the weather finally straightens out again.

Mud is the by-product of wet weather and it is easy to deal with at first but it soon grows tiresome. Mud tends to be everywhere; you can't walk out of the house without getting some on you. After a couple of days wearing rubber knee boots, nothing is more refreshing than the first day it is dry enough to do chores in your leather boots. Dumping water out of feed bunks goes hand in hand with doing chores in the mud. The water that is dumped out of the bunk has nowhere to go and you can't get away from it. It did make me wonder if the EPA would designate the water in the feed bunks or in my boots as "Waters of

the U.S.A."

I am always amazed at how slow days go by but how fast weeks seem to disappear. A day of being stuck in the house seems to last 48 hours but I think someone must have misprinted the calendars this year. It seems as though they missed the first two weeks of June, we can't possibly be nearing the end of the month; I have too much that didn't get done. I don't necessarily need both missing weeks back but an additional seven days in June would be nice.

Each year I forget what humidity is like. I just cannot get used to those mornings where it never gets below seventy-five degrees or seventy-five percent humidity. You have to love those mornings when shortly after starting chores you have already sweated through your hat and have sweat dripping off your nose. While humidity is a bad thing for fat guys like me, I am amazed at how fast plants grow. My corn seemed to grow several inches each hour, unfortunately so does the grass in my lawn. I guess you can't have one without the other; at least I had time to mow the lawn.

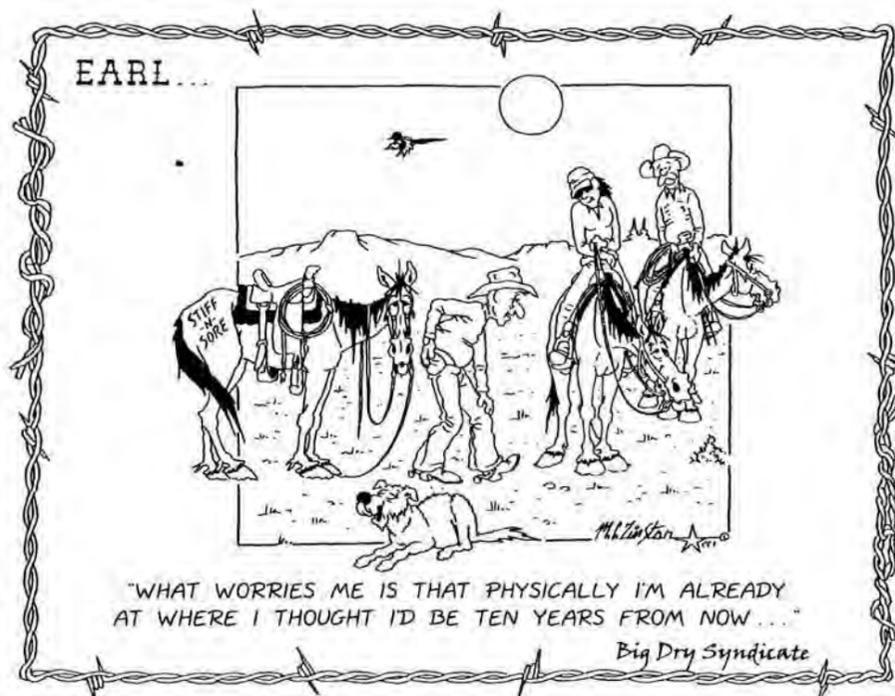
Finally, I have asked myself over and over just why Noah decided to take those two mosquitoes on the Ark. I cannot think of any good reason for the mosquito's existence on this earth. He probably did not intend to take any with him and they just showed up, much like they just show up anytime I am outside right now. I just wish he had packed a fly swatter and taken care of them and the flies while he had time during his period of unsettled weather.

I know I am whining and I should not be. I am very grateful for the rain and I really hope it keeps coming. I can deal with the side effects of precipitation because it is a lot easier to deal with too much rain than too little. Nothing is more miserable than to have nothing to do because everything is burning up during a drought. I guess in the end mud, humidity and mosquitoes are a good problem to have.

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Weather causing Kansas harvest delays for cutters

curing elements with unfortunately scary monikers.

Interestingly, the photo that began circulating the Internet to illustrate 'pink slime' was first used in a campaign against mechanically separated chicken. It showed a long tube of a cotton candy-colored substance snaking its way into a cardboard box. They claimed that was what chicken nuggets are made of. The truth is, McDonald's chicken nuggets have been made from all white meat chicken since 2003. Furthermore, experts in food safety and handling have since said that the product going into the box is not food at all, because no raw food product would be placed directly into a cardboard box without some sort of plastic lining. It wasn't chicken or beef. It was a lie - a lie that unfortunately many people believed and began basing purchasing decisions on.

Probably few topics today get people as fired up as genetically modified organisms. I truly believe that most of the opposition stems from a basic mistrust of the large companies that produce them. They only care about the almighty dollar, right? The well-being of the environment and health of the world population pales in comparison to profits.

Why do we marvel at

discoveries made in outer space and the newest advances in computer technology, yet fear something as amazing as a naturally-occurring protein in corn that can be "turned on" to make it insect resistant. Pesticide isn't added to the corn, as many believe. The protein was already there, we just figured out how to use it. But instead of rejoicing that pest control could be accomplished without the use of more chemicals - thus protecting the environment - we became worried about genetically modified organisms.

It's not my intention to offend anyone. If there is scientific evidence - true scientific evidence, not something proclaimed by Dr. Oz or others like him - that genetically modified organisms are harmful, I honestly want to see it. We need to constantly be questioning and seeking answers, and not just blindly accept whatever comes down the pike. But we also need to be very discerning about the sources of our information. So rather than generating anger, I hope to spur rational discussion. But let's base it on scientific research and not Hollywood theatrics.

By the way, Schenectady is pronounced skinek-ta-dee. Could be a nice place to visit.

(AP) - Custom cutter Larry Schroeder should be at Kiowa right now with his three combines and handful of employees.

But his equipment is still parked at his Inman-area operation. The farmer at Schroeder's first stop on the harvest trail - Electra, Texas - canceled because of drought and hail. Now the 950-some acres he would normally be harvesting around the Barber County border town have been zeroed out by adjusters.

"We're just waiting around for our next job, which is western Kansas," the longtime harvester said, noting that with the machinery ready for harvest and little preparation still to do, his employees are restless - ready to get started on the trip north.

Schroeder Harvesting isn't the only crew that skipped out on Kiowa, typically the first place in Kansas wheat is harvested each year. The lack of custom cutters in southern Kansas is just one discouraging sign of the state's drought-stressed wheat crop. The annual wheat harvest is just getting started at Kiowa's OK Co-op Grain Co., and general manager Steve Inslee admits no one is getting too excited this year. *The Hutchinson News* reported.

"I think the insurance companies will harvest more than the combines will," he said.

The cooperative took in about 6,000 bushels of wheat last week before rain halted machines. Inslee already has lowered the company's previous harvest estimate.

"Last year we took in a half-crop, and I'd be happy to take half of that," he said. "If we get a quarter of what we took in (last year), we'd

be lucky."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is predicting this year's wheat harvest to be the worst in 20 years, marred largely by drought, as well as winterkill and freezing temperatures in May.

The Ag Department's Risk Management Agency already has earmarked to pay more than \$14 million to Kansas wheat farmers for their failed wheat crop.

Schroeder said he would harvest just 16 percent of his usual acres from Texas through Kansas. He has missed trips to Texas before because of poor crops, but it is the first time he has missed both Kiowa and Texas. Meanwhile, drought conditions are significant at his next stop around Johnson and Ulysses in southwest Kansas, as well.

Schroeder said he is hopeful for better prospects on the trail north to North Dakota, but he noted that hail damaged the crop at his stop in Colorado.

Other custom cutters are in the same situation.

"I think it is going to get tight for some," Schroeder said of the financial sheet, but added it will depend on what areas their clients are in and who received rain.

Some will try to find other stops to make up the shortfall, he said, but added, "Everyone is going to be looking, and it is not out there."

Now, the issue isn't as much drought as it is rain, which has hampered the start of harvest. It comes too late to help the wheat, and Inslee said test weights were decent before the showers but now he fears quality will decline.

After a season of few showers, Kiowa has received about 4.5 inches over the course of a week. Some areas north, however, haven't even received an inch, Inslee said.

At Central Prairie Co-op based in Sterling, general manager Joe Schauf said the June rains would help what fall crops have been planted.

And, in this area, rain could also still help the wheat crop fill, helping boost test weights.

It won't be a bumper wheat crop, said Schauf, but it won't be as bleak as southern and western Kansas. There could be 40-bushel-an-acre wheat in some areas.

"We'll probably see some ten-bushel, too," he said. "I know there is some that the insurance zeroed. We'll be all over the board."

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2 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Place uncooked macaroni and cheeses in prepared pan, stirring gently to combine. In a large skillet melt butter over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, cook for 8 minutes or until tender. Whisk in flour and cook whisking constantly, for 2 minutes. Gradually whisk in broth, milk, salt and pepper, cook whisking frequently for 10 minutes or until slightly thickened. Pour over macaroni mixture. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake 15-20 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve immediately.



Kathy Hogue of Topeka/Alma discovered fresh beets on her porch this week. "This recipe turned them into sweet tangy bite-size treats. It's so wonderful when neighbors share!"

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6 to 8 fresh beets
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1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Remove tops and roots of beets and cut them in quarters. Boil for 30 to 40 minutes until tender. Drain and place in cold water. Skins should peel off easily by hand. Cut into smaller pieces. In a saucepan mix vinegar, sugar, water, cinnamon, salt and cloves. Add beets and simmer for 10 minutes. Cool and chill. Refrigerate for up to one month.



Free June 26 Caregiver Seminar's Focus is Cancer, Stress Relief

Junction City — "A Heart for Caregiving," a free seminar for caregivers and families of older Kansans, will be Thurs., June 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Geary County Senior Center, 1025 S. Spring Valley Road, Junction City. The event is sponsored by the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging. To reserve a spot, call the Area Agency on Aging toll-free at (800) 432-2703.

"Family caregivers are the powerhouses of love and care for older Kansans," said Julie Govert Walter, Executive Director of the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging. "Caregivers work hard and their lives are often full of anxiety and stress."

"Our popular 'Heart for Caregiving' seminars give caregivers a break from their daily routines, fortify them with new friends and provide easy-to-under-

stand health information and practical ideas that make their lives easier," Walter said.

Caregivers who would like to attend, but can't pay for the care their loved one needs on the day of the seminar, may apply for respite scholarships. These are available through the Agency. Those interested should call (800) 432-2703 for details.

Seminar topics include a session on caregiving for cancer patient, legal documents you need and stress relief techniques for caregivers.

The Geary County Caregiver Seminar is one of four events for caregivers in the area sponsored by the Agency. The seminars are funded by the federal Older Americans Act and contributions. Lunch is provided free of charge to all participants. Free-will contributions are accepted.

For more information

about these seminars or to request respite assistance, call Cindy Brake at (800) 432-2703 or e-mail cindyb@ncfhaaa.com.

The North Central-Flint Hills Agency on Aging, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization that plans, coordinates and sponsors services in 18 north central Kansas counties to enhance the quality and dignity of life for older Kansans and their families. The Area Agency on Aging programs and services are partially funded by the Older Americans Act through the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services and voluntary participant contributions. The Area Agency on Aging works in partnership with local and county governments and senior citizens. All services are available without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap.

Proposed Food Labeling Changes

MANHATTAN — It's increasingly commonplace — grocery shoppers browsing the aisles and checking food labels for all manner of information — fat, calories, carbs and more. Proposed changes to those labels will give shoppers even better, clearer information, according to a Kansas State University human nutrition specialist.

Earlier this year, the Food and Drug Administration proposed the first significant changes in 20 years to the nutrition facts label.

"Quite frankly, we shouldn't have to have reading glasses to be able to see the number of calories in food we're considering buying," said Sandy Procter, coordinator of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program with K-State Research and Extension.

Procter outlined some of the proposed changes.

- Updating serving size requirements and new labeling requirements for certain size packages.
- Requiring declaration of "Added Sugars" under "Sugars."
- Removing "Calories from fat."
- Revising the nutrients of public health significance. Currently, calcium and iron are required; vitamin D and potassium also would be required.
- Revising Daily Values for certain nutrients that are mandatory or voluntary. This includes calcium, sodium, dietary fiber and vitamin D.

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As Texas cattlemen go, John Hittson cut an extraordinarily imposing presence. He intentionally cultivated his tough reputation at every opportunity. He was, without a doubt, an epic figure. Arriving in Denver with a herd of wild Texas Longhorns, Hittson, now very well-known as Cattle Jack, made a point of driving the herd directly down Larimer Street, rather than driving around the town. His tough outfit cut a swashbuckling swath through Denver. As the trail boss, Cattle Jack stood out "...wearing two Navy Colt pistols and carrying an 1866 rimfire, .44 caliber Winchester (Yellow Boy)." Leading a crew of bearded and heavily armed men and one thousand wild Texas Longhorns through Denver's streets, Cattle Jack created the image of a man fully in charge of his destiny.

The gallant show was part of his plan. Texas cattlemen had for years suffered at the hands of Comanchero traders. The Comancheros made a living trading in stolen cattle and horses, some of which were stolen in Texas by Indians and driven across the isolated Staked Plains to the rancheros of northern New Mexico. Cattle Jack's audacious parade through the streets of Denver was a recruiting ploy. Over the next several weeks the resolute Cattle Jack Hittson hired gunmen, some of them "fresh from the Kansas frontier."

By late June he was selling cattle at Ellsworth. The *Ellsworth Reporter*, June 27, 1872, listed the firms of Hittson & Goodnight and Weaver & Chesholm (Chisum) jointly marketing four thousand head of "wintered beeves" at the local Kansas Pacific stockyards. While in Kansas the bold Texan may have advertised for gunmen to join

him in a daring operation to break the Comanchero cattle thieves of New Mexico.

The Ellsworth sale may have been the last business association between Charles Goodnight and Cattle Jack Hittson. Goodnight was in the middle of a land purchase in New Mexico and opposed Hittson's plan to repossess the stolen cattle while he was negotiating the deal. Goodnight's disapproval, however, had little impact on Hittson's determination to bring the Comancheros to justice.

Cattle buyer James Patterson sold his Deer Trail, Colorado, ranch to Cattle Jack a few weeks later on July 11, 1872. From his new Colorado headquarters Hittson continued enlisting hired guns for his intended raid into New Mexico.

The hired guns were sent to New Mexico, put-

ting up at Thomas Stockton's Clifton House hotel twenty miles south of Raton Pass. Although the gunmen had varied backgrounds, most accounts of the times recognized them as Texans. Hittson, Patterson, and Stockton had more than sixty men with them (some reports were as high as ninety men). They separated into three groups, sweeping northeast New Mexico for stolen cattle. No one stood in their way, at least until Loma Parda, New Mexico.

The town was full of corrals holding stolen cattle, but Constable Sam Seaman and a group of heavily armed citizens stopped Tom Stockton's twenty gunmen before they could enter the town. Seaman was not easily intimidated.

The rough old mountain man who had once served as an Indian fighter with Kit Carson threatened to kill the first Texan who entered the town. Stockton backed off, but not for long. Within hours Cattle Jack learned of the standoff. Forty riders rode in as reinforcements. At dawn the Texans rode directly into town and began emptying the corrals of cattle.

As the townspeople discovered what was happening, the village erupted in gunfire. The Texans got their cattle and rode away with two Loma Parda citizens lying in the dusty street. One of them was Sam Seaman. New Mexico citizens accused the Texans of "murder, mayhem, and theft." Cattle Jack backed off for only a short

time before resuming his great roundup.

At Las Vegas, New Mexico, a prominent nobleman by the name of Don Miguel Antonio Otero met with Cattle Jack. "The rustlers all wore chaps and were armed to the teeth with rifles and pistols." Speaking in a calm, methodical voice Otero requested that the property rights of all New Mexico citizens should be respected. Cattle Jack reeled at the idea that Texas cattle and horses could be claimed as New Mexican property. The Comancheros had been dealing in stolen livestock for years and Cattle Jack angrily replied that he had decided "to come up this way and have a grand

roundup." The bold Texan further advised Otero not to interfere, "unless you are looking for trouble."

There was no more trouble. By the time he returned to Colorado with thousands of retrieved cattle, Cattle Jack had secured one of the toughest cowboy reputations ever to be found anywhere 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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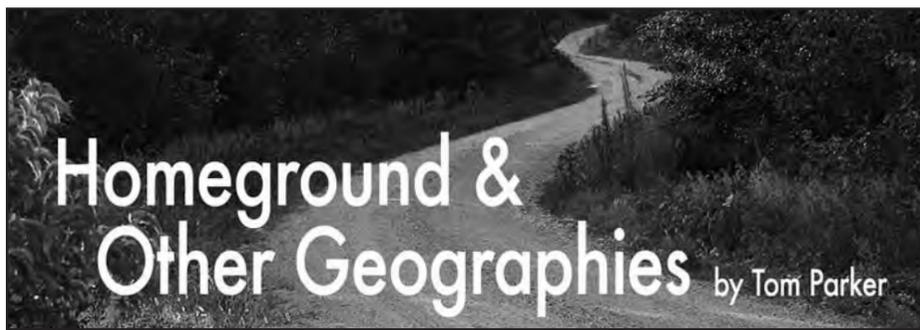
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Worthless Treasure

For years, for decades, we carried the box of photographs from old home to new, adding to it now and then but for the most part simply finding space for it wherever we landed. The box contained — or so I thought — a photographic record of our life together, or at least the portions when I shot negative film rather than slides. And now, on the cusp of our 40th anniversary, our daughter-in-law had requested a handful of images to create a collage for a party she'd planned, so Lori retrieved the box from the basement.

"It shouldn't be too hard to find a few good ones," my wife said brightly while I brewed a cup of plantain tea. I'd been coughing and choking and decided to try an old Native American remedy using weeds pulled from our yard.

Before the infusion process was completed, though, Lori glanced at me with an odd look on her face.

"These are really awful," she said.

She rummaged deeper into the bowels of the box, digging out packets of prints in their tidy sleeves and riffling through them as if shuffling a deck of cards before discarding them one by one into an ever-enlarging pile. From what I could see there were images from Quintana Roo and Costa Rica, Aransas Bay and South Carolina, and West Texas where we had tracked down my grandparents' farm through a bewildering maze of abandoned oil field roads.

"I mean it, these are horrible," she said. "I don't remember them being this bad."

What I remembered was

disappointment, but that summed up almost everything from graduation to Kansas. For a while I'd blamed the execrable quality on the developing labs before finally admitting that I wasn't very good at photography. It was partly the equipment's fault and partly my own lack of experience and determination, but even my recollection, based as it was on a lifetime of disappointing results, could barely reconcile itself with what we found within that box.

They were shockingly bad, and many were taken with a little Canon Elph. At the time it was supposed to be the latest and greatest camera system, the APS multi-format system developed by Eastman Kodak, but it was actually an evolutionary tangent that withered on the vine. It was evident that the camera had been incapable of proper focus or exposure, but why hadn't I noticed it before? Money, probably, and the realization that we couldn't afford anything else.

The photos of Costa Rica and Mexico were particular disappointing, because my

memories are so vivid that we could have been there yesterday. I remember stumbling from the hot, humid confines of the Yucatan scrub to watch a collared forest falcon sail across the mottled face of the Great Pyramid at Cobá, and the beach at Tulum, glistening white sands laved with turquoise breakers and a flotilla of magnificent frigatebirds stationary above the temples. How could that compare to those

horrible grainy images with the blown-out skies and muddy shadows? They can't, and they never could. I was too busy or blind to see them for what they were, and somehow mistook them for heirlooms or treasured mementos, not realizing for 20 years or more that they were worthless even by the day's technology, that they held nothing recognizable to what we experienced.

Photos of family gatherings, of Lori's grandfather's funeral, of early visits to Kansas, the salt flats of Oklahoma and the swamplands of Aransas Bay were no better. Each packet was worse than the last, and if that weren't painful enough, most were printed in doubles.

"It's bad enough that we have to look at them once," Lori said, "but twice? We need to weed them out."

"We need to throw them out."

"But these are our memories," she said, exasperated.

"No, they're bad snapshots. They don't tell the story."

"Really bad snapshots," she corrected. "I can't believe you were that bad back then."

"Cheap equipment."

"Right."

I picked a photo from the pile and showed her. "I liked your hair this way," I said.

"And you look so buff in this shot," she said.

"Remember the alligator in the dark when we were looking for that king rail?"

"I was positive we were going to die," she said.

I selected another, a snowscape. "That was the Christmas blizzard, wasn't it?"

"Looks like it. The kids

made snow angels while you tried finding the car. Here's your grandparents and Uncle Dick."

The faces of the dead stared back at me. My grandmother's unceasing smile, thoughts of her scrumptious poundcake, my grandfather's homemade salsa that burned his bald head to a glowing cinder, my uncle's gentle grin.

"We can't throw them out," I said quietly.

"No, we can't," she said.

"Maybe just the doubles."

"Absolutely."

"But not today," I said, and put the lid on the box.

"What will we give Michelle?"

"Ourselves," I said.

"We'll tell our stories."

"But not how we met," she said with a sly smile.

I sighed theatrically. "Okay," I said, "not that one."

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EPA's water rule takes bipartisan beating

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal to redefine the scope of its authority over the nation's waters drew a barrage of criticism recently from House lawmakers accusing the agency of trampling on the rights of states and landowners.

According to *The Hill*, Deputy EPA Administrator Robert Perciasepe maintained the agency's draft "Waters of the United States" rule unveiled earlier this year merely clarifies decades-old regulations governing which bodies of water fall under federal jurisdiction and permitting requirements. But some Democrats on the House Transportation Committee expressed strong reservations about the plan, and Republicans condemned it as a blatant power grab.

"It will dramatically expand the reach of the federal government," warned Rep. Bill Shuster (R-Penn.), the panel's chairman. He described the regulation as the latest in a series of "brute force" actions by the Obama administration in pursuit of policy goals and called on his fellow lawmakers to oppose the effort in defense of congressional authority. "We give it up, they'll never give it back to us," he said. "This is a fight we need to have, and we need to win."

Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.V.), the panel's top Democrat, also came out swinging against the rule,

saying the EPA's contention that it is simply clarifying existing regulations finds "a high level of distrust" in Congress.

"This committee is right to view this proposal with skepticism," said Rahall, who has made his opposition to EPA regulatory policies a key component of a tough re-election bid this year.

Some fellow Democrats on the panel agreed, while others defended the proposal as providing needed clarity about what waters fall under federal jurisdiction. The EPA, together with the Army Corps of Engineers, is developing the rule under authority of the Clean Water Act (CWA) following a series of court decisions that created confusion about the limits of federal authority over smaller bodies of water.

Perciasepe stressed that the rule was still being crafted and officials would consider the tens of thousands of anticipated public comments, as well as a pending study from a federal science advisory board before finalizing the rule. The agencies announced a three-month extension on the comment period, which now remains open until October.

For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/wotus-bipartisan-beating>. Submit your comments telling EPA to ditch the rule at <http://tinyurl.com/ditch-the-rule>.

No-till Points South bus tour ready to roll

Planning is complete for the 2014 No-till on Plains bus tour. This year's tour is August 5-8 and heads south through Kansas and Oklahoma. Nine stops are planned over four days at producer farms using continuous no-till, cover crops and livestock integration. Registration is open and 54 spots are available. "We are excited about heading south this year into Oklahoma," says Ryan Speer, president of No-till on the Plains. Speers' operation, Jacobs Farms, near Halstead will be the first farm stop.

The tour will originate in Salina and travel to Jacobs Farms, then head south into Oklahoma. Farm stops in Oklahoma include Randy Lanie farms near Manchester, Marty Williams farms near Red Rock, Matt Alig's farms near Kingfisher, Jimmy Kinder's farm near Walters, and Alan Mindemann's farm near Apache. Stops are also planned at Oklahoma State University's cover crop plots near Stillwater and the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in Ardmore.

The group will spend the morning of August 7 on the Noble Foundation campus learning about the services offered to producers across the region. Additionally, the group will tour campus greenhouse experiments with crops and forages and hear from the researchers performing the work.

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Kansas State University agricultural economist says El Niño expected to benefit U.S. agriculture

A Kansas State University senior agricultural economist says there's a 70 percent chance an El Niño will arrive this fall — and that's good news for the United States.

Jay O'Neil, an instructor and specialist at the university's International Grains Program, says what happens with El Niño will affect worldwide crop production. El Niño, which is the warming of the sea temperatures off the coast of Peru, is expected to affect crops during September, October and November.

"El Niño is generally favorable to crop production in the United States because it brings extra rain and moisture into the core

crop-growing areas," O'Neil said. "We're just coming out of a four-year drought cycle in the United States and we'd like to get back to what we call trend-line yields and big crop production so there's plenty for everybody."

Better crop production in the U.S. would also mean lower food prices. However, other countries would experience harsher growing conditions because of El Niño. O'Neil says South America is expected to be dryer than usual, which would have an impact on the global food market.

"If South America goes dry, that would affect next year's production worldwide," O'Neil said.

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Labette County FFA member wins John Deere Gator

Will Owens of the Labette County FFA Chapter won a drawing for a John Deere Gator 625iXUV during the 86th Kansas FFA Convention on Friday, May 30.

Owen's name was drawn from ten finalists, which were randomly selected from a pool of members who completed one of the following requirements for entry: submitted an application for the American or State FFA Degree, participated in the agriscience fair, received an agri-entrepreneurship award, or were honored as a proficiency award winner or District Star winner.

Owen was eligible for the drawing because he received his State FFA Degree. His advisors are Dustin Wiley, Jeff Falkenstein and Kyle Zwalhen. Owen's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program is in agricultural communications, which involves working for Farm Bureau in Lamont. He is responsible for creating games and presentations

for 500 fourth grade students in conjunction with Earth Day. Owen also participates in the extemporaneous public speaking, agricultural sales and agricultural communication Career Development Events (CDEs).

As an FFA member, Owen said he has enjoyed activities such as attending National FFA Convention and getting to know members from other states.

"FFA has provided many opportunities to develop as a person and will help with everything from scholarships for college to learning skills for applying for jobs," Owen said.

The drawing is sponsored by Kansas John Deere Dealers and the John Deere Agriculture and Turf Division.

"With continued support from the John Deere Dealers in Kansas, we are able to recognize and reward the outstanding accomplishments of our members," said Daryl Simmons, Kansas FFA Reporter.

United Country–Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC, pulls in over \$3.3 million at Kansas auction

As a result of a strategic auction marketing campaign by United Country – Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC, of Wellington, roughly 482 acres of farmland located in Dickinson County, Kan., sold at auction on June 9 at prices well above seller expectations.

The auction, which was held in Abilene, drew 16 registered bidders and approximately 100 attendees total. The acreage was offered in two separate tracts and sold for \$3,356,900. Overall the event produced sales prices averaging \$6,600 per acre on one tract and \$7,300 on the other – both extremely high prices for dryland tillable in Dickinson County.

"This event was a prime example of why the auction process is a win-win proposition," said Larry Theurer of United Country–Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC, who acted as the auctioneer at the event. "Auctions allow buyers to determine a property's fair market value through the bidding process, making it an effective way to buy and sell property in today's market."

The United Country–Theurer Auction/Realty, LLC, team can be contacted by phone at 800-207-6830, by email at unitedcountry@theurer.net, or online at UCTheurerAuctions.com.

DOT exempts livestock haulers from hours of service requirement

On June 6, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) granted a one-year exemption to the Hours-of-Service requirement for the transportation of livestock. The Hours-of-Service rules required all commercial motor vehicle operators, including livestock transporters, to take a 30-minute rest break for every eight hours of service. This is in addition to all scheduled stops not counting time for refueling and other breaks.

"This is great news for livestock producers and for the health of our herds," said NCBA President Bob McCan. "As we come into

summer, cattle producers have expressed concerns to the DOT that these rules would jeopardize the health and safety of our cattle. For over a year, this has been a major priority for the NCBA and our members, but we will continue to urge DOT to make this exemption permanent. This exemption is a commonsense move that keeps our herds and our nation's highways safe."

The hours of service exemption is effective immediately. More information can be found on the DOT website at <http://tinyurl.com/dot-hos>.

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USDA announces funding availability for turning biomass material into energy

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) began accepting applications June 16 from energy facilities interested in receiving forest or agricultural residues to generate clean energy. The support comes through the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP), which was authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

BCAP provides financial assistance to farmers and ranchers who establish and maintain new crops of energy biomass, or who harvest and deliver forest or agricultural residues to a qualifying energy facility. Of the total \$25 million per year authorized for BCAP, the 2014 Farm Bill provides up to 50 percent (\$12.5 million) each year for matching payments for the harvest and transportation of biomass residues. BCAP matching payments will re-

sume this summer, while crop incentives will begin in 2015. Some matching payments will support the removal of dead or diseased trees from National Forests and Bureau of Land Management public lands. This will be turned into renewable energy while reducing the risk of forest fire. Agriculture residues, such as corn cobs and stalks, also may qualify as energy-producing feedstock.

"Removing dead or diseased trees from forests to use for biomass production creates clean energy while reducing the threat of forest fires and the spread of harmful insects and disease," said Vilsack. "Increasing our country's production of biomass energy also helps grow our economy. Food is made in rural America, but fuel is made in rural America, too. This program is yet another

USDA investment in expanding markets for agricultural products made in rural places across the country."

With the 2014 Farm Bill requiring several regulatory updates to BCAP, the resumption of payments for starting and maintaining new sources of biomass (Project Areas) has been deferred until a later date when the regulatory updates occur.

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), which administers BCAP, will be accepting applications from biomass conversion facilities through July 14, 2014. Information on funding availability can be found in the Federal Register notice at <http://go.usa.gov/8F5H>. For more details on applications and deadlines on BCAP, visit a local FSA county office or go online to www.fsa.usda.gov/bcap.

Cargill changing hog production facilities

(AP) - Spurred by pressure from animal-rights groups, Cargill Pork has announced plans to change how it houses sows.

The Wichita-based company said recently it will eliminate individual stalls for sows and use only group housing by the end of next year. The company will also require that farms it contracts with use group housing by the end of 2017, the *Wichita Eagle* reported.

Animal activists have been pushing for a change to the hog industry practice of housing sows in individual steel stalls that are too small for the animals to turn around.

Cargill spokesman Mike Martin says the industry is

moving toward group housing because animal-rights groups have convinced consumers to demand that pork is not produced in gestation crates. Martin contends there is no solid scientific evidence that sows are healthier when they are reared in group housing.

"The court of public opinion can be pretty strong and impactful," he said. "As more and more consumers learn where their food comes from, they want to make sure the animals are well-treated, however you define that."

He said Cargill, which has had some sow group housing since 2002, was able to make the move to group housing because it's reno-

vating a 60,000-sow operation in Dalhart, Texas. He said there's little additional cost to choosing group housing up-front at the site, which will cost \$60 million to buy and renovate.

Paul Shapiro, spokesman for the Humane Society of the United States, called Cargill's move "a significant act of leadership in the pork industry."

"Some are already moving toward it; Smithfield and Hormel have come out, but this is a faster timeline," he said. "And there are some other pork producers who haven't made the commitment, so this sends a strong signal that gestation crates don't have a future in this industry."

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"It is coming from what you or I would call the belly," he says. "About 10 to 20 percent of this cut is currently considered trim. So, when you think about the machinery we use to slice a nice consistent piece, we are cutting a very long, almost rectangular kind of cut of meat, which if you look at the Meat Buyer's Guide, there's no number that really matches to this."

In terms of yield, Bender says a normal pound of pork bacon (16 ounces) may yield about 4.5 ounces of good bacon. A one-pound package of Schmacon will yield ten to 12 ounces. For foodservice, the advantage is timeline and yield. The typical burger, chicken sandwich or club may take three slices of bacon. Because its yield is so high, Schmacon is a two-slice topper.

Bender plans to have the product in grocery stores by the end of the third quarter. It will be packaged at 12 ounces, with 18-22 slices per pound. Find more information at <http://tinyurl.com/schmacon>.

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TRACT I

E ½ 22-1-12 Smith Co. Kansas
The farm is located on W road between 40 & 50 road (10 miles North of Bellaire). There are 312.81 acres with 289.78 cropland acres. There are 5.10 CRP acres with a total payment of \$338.00 per year. Purchaser will continue the CRP contract. Base acres are 131.60 wheat with 38 bu yield, 134.00 grain sorghum with 58 bu yield, 3.00 soybean with 18 bu yield for a total base acres of 268.60. Conservation system is being actively applied. Seller will pay ½ of 2014 taxes. 2013 taxes were \$2,872.68.

TRACT II

SW ¼ 21-1-12 Smith Co. Kansas
The farm is located on the corner of U road and 50 road (10 miles North of Bellaire). There are 158.92 acres with 73.91 cropland acres, the balance is pasture with a pond. Base acres are 33.10 wheat with 38 bu yield, 33.60 grain sorghum with 58 bu. yield, .90 soybean with 18 bu. yield for a total base acres of 67.60.

Conservation system is being actively applied. Seller will pay 1/2 of 2014 taxes. 2013 taxes were \$889.36.

TERMS: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before August 12, 2014. Down payment will be escrowed with Weltmer Phillips law office, escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.

Possession of land planted to wheat will be upon closing. Possession of land planted to soybeans will be after 2014 harvest. Purchaser will receive 1/3 landlord share of soybean crop. Purchaser will pay 1/3 share of fertilizer and crop insurance on soybeans. Possession of pasture will be Nov. 1, 2014. Seller will retain the pasture rent for 2014. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material.

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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 — Acreage with a home, gravel trucks, wheel loaders, shop tools, equipment, sporting goods, parts & misc. at Sedgwick for Lee Nichols Trucking. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

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

June 26 — Collectibles, household, tools, equipment & misc. at Halstead for Jack & Ann Ratzlaff. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

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

June 28 — Farm & other equipment, garage & tools, furniture & collectibles at Wakarusa for Cecil & Carmen Appel. Auctioneers: Prudential First, Realtors Auction Dept., Wayne Hunter,

Gary Henson.

June 28 — Furniture, household, appliances, belt buckles, watch, toys, pocket watches, tools, shop & yard at North Newton for Edgar & Vinola Banman. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

June 28 — Furniture, appliances, coins & collectibles, miscellaneous at Junction City for Jones & others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 28 — Glass & collectibles at Salina for Marion, Marvin & Paul (deceased) Geist. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 28 — Collectibles, kitchenware, tools & farm equipment, trailer, vehicles at Westmoreland for consignments. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 28 — Tractors, equipment, boat, vintage furniture, furniture, primitives, tools, misc., firearms at Eudora for Dan & Becky Shockley. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 28 — Tractors, machinery, gooseneck & utility trailers, shop & garden tools, furniture North of Abilene for Mrs. Marvin (Ladonna) Bennett. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction Co.

June 28 — Tools, cattle panels, Harley Davidson, misc. shop items at Salina for Dustin Buchanan Equipment. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

June 28 — House, furniture, household, misc. tools, collectibles, antiques & more at Hope for Ron Musfelt (seller of House) & Arvis Steimel Estate and Carol Hinkle Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer, Lee Holtmeier.

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 — Vintage toy auction at Kansas City, KS for collection of Bill & Marge Thompson. Auctioneers: Miller Auction, LLC.

June 29 — Trucks, vans, trailer, tools, power tools, ladders, equipment, lighting, electrical supplies at Olathe for Peak

Electric. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.

June 29 — Furniture & collectibles at Salina for Dr. June Taylor Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

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 — Appliances, furniture, household, Candlewick crystal at Manhattan for Ivalee & Stanley Schell Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & 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 2 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

July 8 — Glass, antiques, collectibles, tools, household, cloth at Osage City for Rev. Jim & Sue Harrelson. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

July 10 — Smith County farm land at Smith Center for Ruth Relihan and Susan Relihan. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 12 — Real estate, farm equipment, appliances,

household, glassware, collectibles at Manhattan for Edna M. Peterson. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 12 — Collector cars & trucks, trucks, camper, car parts, shop equipment, tools & acreage misc. at rural Marysville for Roy Hartsook. Auctioneers: Fowlkes Realty & Auction Co., Inc.

July 12 — Personal property at hanover for Greg and (the late Sue) Schmitz. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

July 12 — Antiques, collectibles, household, lawn & garden tools, shop equipment at Abilene for Darrell Baker. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction Co.

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

July 12 — Body shop tools & shop equipment at Salina for Edwin Horyna "Skeeter". Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

July 17 — Country home on 3.8 acres at St. George for Larry & Veronica Frady. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 19 — Tractors, gas engines, primitives at Lawrence for James (Vic) Wells. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

July 19 — Real estate (home & acreage), appliances, household, lawn &

garden at Leonardville for Donna Birmeier. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 19 — Butler County acreage (sold in 4 tracts), car, tractor, lawn mowers at Burns for Estate of James H. Olberding & Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

July 19 — Tools, equipment, supplies, Suburban SUV, household at Salina for Andy Stierwalt "Handy Andy" Estate. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

August 2 — Consignment sale at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

August 6 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Consignment.

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.

Controlling weeds in the glyphosate resistant era

By Josh Coltrain, Crop Production Agent, Wildcat Extension District

With the advent of Roundup Ready® crops, producers were able to control weed relatively easily for many years. However, some weeds fought back and developed some resistant populations that have been causing headaches to producers recently. As we near (or already have passed) soybean planting season, consideration should be given to some different approaches to controlling some pesky weeds in soybeans. Dallas Peterson, K-State Research and Extension Weed Management Specialist developed some recommendations for large weed control in soybeans which is summarized in the following.

Dallas began by dis-

cussing marestail which has become a major issue under no-till conditions. In general, marestail is difficult to control even when it is small, but becomes more problematic when it reaches six inches tall. One of the best methods of marestail control is to get a burn-down in the fall or early spring. Complicating this method is the fact that some populations of marestail have developed resistance to glyphosate which would, most likely, be included in the burn-down mix. However, glufosinate (active ingredient in Liberty) can provide control in burndown situations and in Liberty Link® soybeans. In Roundup Ready® soybeans, the most effective treatment is a tank mix of a full rate of glyphosate along with cloransulam (ac-

tive ingredient in First Rate). Unfortunately, there are also populations of marestail that are resistant to ALS herbicides which include cloransulam amongst others.

Velvetleaf was the next pest discussed. Even though there have been no confirmed cases of glyphosate resistance, velvetleaf was not very susceptible to control with the chemical anyway. Several factors impact how well velvetleaf is controlled by glyphosate. These include the time of day, hard water, ammonium sulfate (AMS), and environmental conditions. The best management practice to control velvetleaf is to use the full rate of glyphosate along with AMS (17 lb/100 gal of spray), spray during the daylight

hours while the plants are under minimal stress. Along with the glyphosate, a tank mix with flumiclorac (active ingredient in Resource), fluthiacet (active ingredient in Cadet), thifensulfuron (active ingredient in Harmony), or the aforementioned First Rate can increase velvetleaf control.

The pigweed species waterhemp and Palmer amaranth can also cause some major headaches to soybean producers. For many years, an early application of glyphosate followed up by a later application worked quite well on these. However, recently the plants have developed populations of glyphosate resistance. The proper prescription for controlling the weeds now is to use a pre-emergence application fol-

lowed a post-emergence treatment if needed. To control small pigweed plants, fomesafen (active ingredient in Flexstar), lactofen (active ingredient in Cobra), or acifluorfen (active ingredient in Ultra Blazer) can be used. While these PPO Inhibitor herbicides can provide some residual control, they are not overly effective when the plants get too large.

Finally, sunflower and cocklebur were assessed. Both plants are quite susceptible to glyphosate for the time being. However, both of these plants are fast growing and can have multiple germinations in a growing season. Once again, the full rate of glyphosate is recommended and proper spray coverage can help control larger plants. Mixing imazaquin

(active ingredient in Scepter) or chlorimuron (active ingredient in Classic) can also provide some residual control. One issue with tank mixing with these two products, however, is that they are ALS inhibitors. While they will help control the sunflower and cocklebur, they probably won't have much of an effect on the pigweeds since they are probably ALS-resistant.

Even though controlling weeds is not as easy as it once was, proper management can help soybean producers. If you have questions or would like more information, please call me at the office (620) 724-8233, or e-mail me at jcoltrain@ksu.edu, or visit the Wildcat Extension District website at www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu.

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Tree Implanting

When I was a lad I remember my brother John wouldn't go anywhere without his "blanky." My son and daughter each had a stuffed animal, a fuzzy rabbit and a sock monkey named Chango. I think Grandmother Phyllis made them. Looking at the photographs, Fuzzy and Chango accompanied us on many vacation trips. Alas, the monkey jumped ship in Puerto Vallarta. It was traumatic.

I've also had puppies that drug favorite chew toys around, like a tire inner tube or a piece of carpet, or a goat's bladder.

In my experience I can't remember any Holstein baby calves that took an abnormal attachment to anything but a milk bucket, but colts do. Somewhere between a cow (IQ just below a chicken and above a cinder block) and a horse (still

above the cow but below the pig), certain species developed a cerebral capacity beyond simple instinct.

Janice is a horse person. She is deep in the horse breeding business and has raised hundreds of foals. Little racer was one to remember... a filly and quite lively.

The first few weeks Janice put the mare and Little Racer in an empty pen to keep them away from the stud. In this pen a little elm tree had grown up in one corner. They are the survivor trees on the plains. At the time it was about 15 feet high and scraggly, like most elms in western Kansas.

Little Racer took a liking to the little tree. Janice said she fell in love with it. On their first acquaintance Lil Racer approached the tree cautiously. She stretched and sniffed the bark. When nothing hap-

pened, she tried to climb it! Unable to scale the trunk, she sidled up and rubbed against the trunk... first one side, then the other. She tentatively examined a leafy twig and took a tiny nibble. She made a face like kids do when they taste a green olive for the first time. Her lips burbled and the wounded leaf fluttered to the ground.

Janice was watching all of this from her front window. The filly scrutinized the tree trunk, then she nodded, as if on cue, backed up a filly's length and bucked a coltish little dance, then faced the trunk again. For a second time she nodded and repeated her ungainly romp as if to say, "Watch this, Momma, watch this!"

Janice said that as long as the filly and mare stayed in that pen, whenever Little Racer took a nap she would lie against the tree. If she stirred in her sleep she would stretch out so at least one leg was touching the tree somehow.

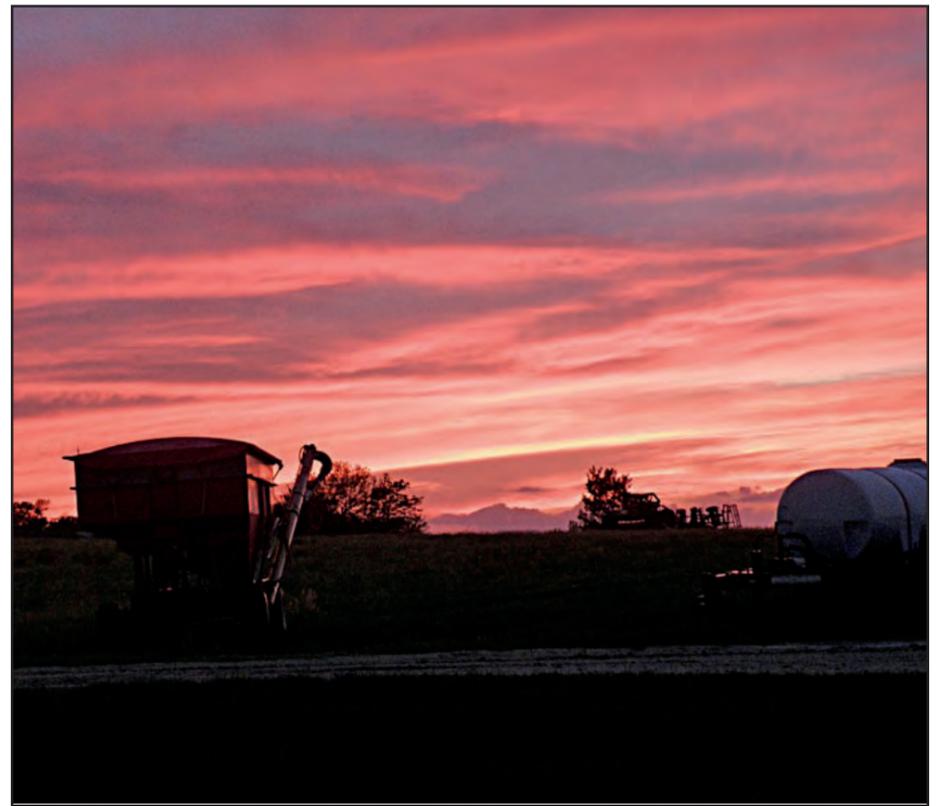
Dr. Bob Miller (RMM) wrote a book about foal imprinting. Maybe Janice's experience with Little Racer could be a useful training technique. Sort of a

"protecting their territory" imprint. But it's probably simpler than that. I still have a picture of Chango in

my wallet. It makes me smile and reminds me of a time in my life when I had more and appreciated it

less. Right now I have a hankerin' to go rub an elm tree. I don't think Little Racer would mind.

Red sky at night . . .



June storm systems have helped create several bright red sunsets such as this spectacular one near Cuba in Republic County, as well as beautiful red sunrises. "Red sky in morning, sailors take warning; red sky at night, sailors delight." According to theweatherpredictor.com, this saying only applies to mid-latitude locations (winds are easterly in the tropics and in the high latitudes the sun rises and sets at a large deviation from the east-west trajectory). Storm systems in the middle latitudes generally move west to east. A red sky in the morning implies the rising sun in the east is shining on clouds to the west and conditions are clear to the east. Clouds moving from the west (especially upper level cirrus) indicate an approaching storm system. A red sky at night implies the sun (setting in the west) is shining on clouds to the east and conditions are clear to the west (because the sun can be seen setting). If you can see the sunset, the sky will be redder. Clouds to the east indicate an exiting storm system in the middle latitudes. Upper level clouds (especially cirrus) are noted for giving the sky a reddish hue during dawn or dusk. *Photo by Amy Hadachek*

Water Vision Tour locations announced

Twelve locations throughout the state have been set for Governor Sam Brownback's Water Vision Team to visit and receive input on the first draft of the Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas.

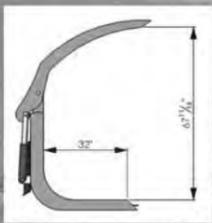
"To date the team has attended more than 160 meetings with more than 9,000 Kansans to gather input on what should be addressed in this Water Vision," said Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office director. "It is so important that all water users have a chance to share their comments on this first draft as this could be a turning point for addressing our state's water issues."

The input sessions will be held July 7-11, 2014 at the following locations:

Monday, July 7 – Wichita, St. John
Tuesday, July 8 – Liberal, Garden City, Dighton
Wednesday, July 9 – Colby, Stockton, Assaria
Thursday, July 10 – Manhattan, Washington, Kansas City
Friday, July 11 – Ft. Scott

For a detailed list of the addresses and times for each stop on the Vision Tour, visit: http://www.kwo.org/50_Year_Vision/50_Year_Vision.htm.

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