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High tunnels make it happen for Clay Center market gardener

By **Beth Gaines-Riffel,**
Editor

Take a little farmer ingenuity, a lot of hard work and a bit of necessity — combine it all together and what do you get? Jay's Produce and Jellies.

In a nutshell that's what Jay and Linda Sleichter and their four young daughters who live just north of Clay Center, have done — and it's become a profitable little business. The enterprise has allowed Jay, a math and science teacher at Wakefield, to provide childcare for his four daughters — which range in age from seven down to four months — during the summer months, all the while generating a tidy bit of cash. "It's our answer to daddy day care," Linda noted cheerfully.

Jay — who grew up on a diversified crop, cattle and hog farm near Abilene — completely understood the farmer's principle of maximizing output while minimizing production costs.

As Linda pointed out, they would do it in true Sleichter style. "They don't do anything halfway."

It was to that end that he investigated the notion of ramping up vegetable production without sinking a great deal of capital into the operation. After following farmer's market trends, Jay understood that one of the keys to really being successful in selling produce is to have vegetables that looked good available as early in the season as possible. High tunnels seemed to be the answer.

Reading up on high tunnels on the internet, as well as attending the High Plains Vegetable Growers conference in St. Joseph, gave him enough information as well as inspiration to try the approach. Last year, using

PVC pipe as a frame, the Sleichters built a small high-tunnel building to test.

"We did it as cheaply as possible," Jay explained, including using plastic that can be purchased at any local hardware store. "We didn't use greenhouse-grade plastic and it degraded badly. By this time last year it was brittle and basically gone."

The experiment with his first high tunnel was encouraging enough — with vegetables ready to sell in May, compared to the traditionally grown produce that wasn't available until mid- to late June — that he felt it was worth a bigger investment.

In March of this year the Sleichters, along with help from family and friends, constructed two high-tunnel buildings that are 18 ft. by 45 ft. in size — the same size as the garden beds that the year before were exposed to the elements.

The buildings, while not fancy or mass-produced, were constructed from 4x4 posts, framing planks and



Jay and Linda Sleichter with their girls — Katie, Maggie, Lainie and Natalie — at home with a variety of the pepper jellies that the family sells in addition to high-quality produce at area farmer's markets

arched pieces of PVC pipe for the basic structure and then covered with greenhouse grade plastic.

The couple estimate that it took a couple weeks of working on the buildings after school hours — digging and setting posts and putting the PVC in place. The most challenging part of the construction came when it was time to drape the structure with the plastic. "We had to wait for the wind to die down," Jay explained. "It was like a big kite." They did get the plastic installed one day mid-March with the help of family and friends late in the afternoon.

The plastic is anchored to the structure by the use of furring strip. "This was an idea that I got from a big commercial grower that spoke at St. Joe," Jay said. "I figured if it was good enough for this guy, it would work for me."

It wasn't long once the buildings were up that Jay put them to good use. Seedlings that had been

started in the couple's basement in January and February were quickly transferred to the buildings. And according to Linda, it was 95-degrees inside the buildings and there was snow on the ground outside.

One of the biggest improvements from the small high-tunnel building that Jay had built initially compared to the larger building was the consistency of temperature. According to the young entrepreneur, the increased air mass, in addition to amount of ground being covered allows the air temperature to remain more constant.

"This building isn't like a greenhouse," he explained. "There is no thermostat to regulate the temperature or ventilation." Because there is no heat source, when the temperature dropped to 18 degrees this spring the Sleichters could only wait and see what would happen. An internet source suggested filling two-liter bottles with hot water to help warm the air.

"We recycle, so we had about 50 bottles that we placed between the plants and under the row cover," Linda explained.

The strategy worked and only a very few plants were harmed in the buildings during the cold snap.

There are four rows in each building. The only equipment that Jay uses for cultivating his crops is a small rototiller. Much of the work is done by hand.

Katie, who will soon turn eight, is in 4-H for the first

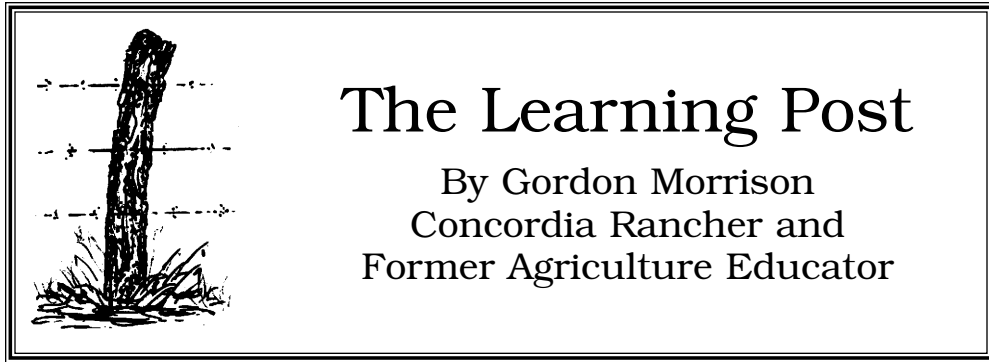
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At the Manhattan Farmer's Market last week Sleichter was doing a brisk business. He answered questions about the unusual colors of his tomatoes, the flavors of each and how they were grown while efficiently weighing up orders and collecting the amount due. Manhattan customers have even been known to travel to the Clay Center Market to get more of his high-quality produce.



Jay, along with Katie and Lainie, look at the tomatoes ripening on the vine in one of their high tunnel buildings.



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Act Now To Save Our Country

During the Cold War, when Russian leader Nikita Krushchev was in power, he said, "We will bury you Americans without firing a shot." He was saying that our prosperity would make us greedy, soft, and lazy. Dry rot would weaken our timbers to the point we would collapse and fall from within.

Many thinking Americans are wondering if this prediction is beginning to come true now. As we see our freedoms subtly being manipulated away from us and a great many people blindly accepting these conditions and expecting the government to provide for their needs, it is cause for alarm. Are we fast moving away from the position of the greatest superpower in the world to that of a bum on the street that owes everyone and has little credibility or respect? While much of the news media presents a biased version of what is happening in our nation and our world, there are some news providers that cannot be bought by those who would use their wealth to buy power and influence to change the direction of this country through the media. I am thankful for those news sources that present both sides of an issue — a balanced view — so that we can determine for ourselves what is right and fair and true.

As we see the number of czars increasing in our government (over thirty and the number is growing) we fear that too much power has been taken from the people and placed in the hands of one man. These czars have not been elected by the people but are appointed by the president and are not accountable to anyone except him.

I suppose that in order to create a one-world government, the rich and strong would be reduced and lowered to mediocrity and the poor and weak raised to this same level. Trying to make everyone equal and to have the same way of life is the philosophy of communism. Removing the incentives and rewards for hard work and replacing them with complacency and failure will soon make the citizens slaves to the system with no drive or purpose of life. It is a very drab existence.

In last week's column, I referred to Dr. Brasso, whom May and I heard when he did a re-enactment of Thomas Paine, a writer and patriot who was influential in declaring this nation's independence. Dr. Brasso is speaking to the grass roots people across America to encourage them to wake up and take back their country before it is too late. He spoke with great force and conviction. I will mention some of his suggestions as to objectives we should strive for if we are to remain a powerful and prosperous country proclaiming justice and freedom. There will not be unanimous agreement on these, but

they may cause you to think and to take action.

One of the first steps mentioned was to contact our legislators to assure them they will be voted out of office if they do not represent us — "We the people." They are our paid servants; we are the boss. The toll-free number to call for the Congressional Switchboard is 866-340-9281.

A. Stress the importance of making a budget and then balancing it. Do not vote to pass any bill that you have not read, studied, and debated even though you may be in the minority.

B. Install term limits of two terms, the same as for the president.

C. Stop accommodating all other cultures except our own. To be strong, the country needs more unity and a little less diversity. Identify ourselves by nationalism, not ethnicity.

D. Keep English our national language — 84% want it; it helps unite us as a nation.

E. Enforce our laws and constitution. Our judges must not legislate from the bench.

F. Start no war unless you intend to win it. Then declare war and support the effort until victory is won.

G. Stop giving money that we do not have to foreign governments that are anti-American and not supportive of us.

H. Bring back universal service; two years in either the military or civilian service.

I. Protect the dollar to keep it strong.

J. Secure our borders. Welcome immigrants who are earning legal citizenship in this country but denounce amnesty for illegals.

A recent news story told about a man who kept a boa constrictor in a cage for a pet. One day family members came home to find him dead in the cage with the snake coiled around him and still constricting him. A boa kills its prey by suffocation. Each time the prey exhales, the coils tighten around its lungs until it can no longer breathe and take in oxygen.

It seems every time we exhale, we see some freedom slipping away from us. It is imperative that we stay out of the grip of those who want to suffocate us. It is sometimes difficult to recognize those who would prey upon us. They can be so convincing and sly that by the time we realize who and what they are, they have us in their grip, squeezing life (our freedom) from us.

We must demand accountability from our legislators. Once we lose our freedoms, they can only be recovered by a revolution. We must act now before we lose our breath and our country. Again, the toll-free Congressional Switchboard number is 866-340-9281.

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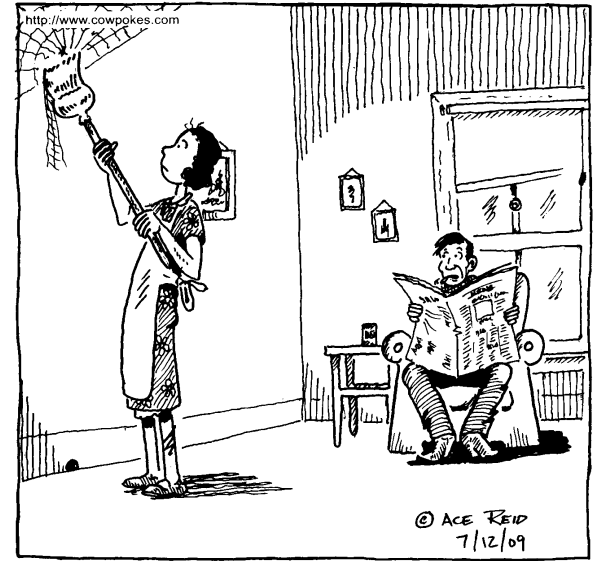
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By Ace Reid



"Maw yore'd better leave them spiders alone. Yore might upset the balance of nature!"



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

"Never complain about rain in July." I can't tell you how many times this statement has been made in conversation during the last week or so. If not that one, it's "rain makes grain." And both are so inherently true.

Summer is now on the down hill slide and producers everywhere are running in high gear working on hay — readying the supplies of winter forage. Gardens are also in top production mode — giving the owners ample opportunities to put away the bounty to enjoy on a cold winter's evening.

It's always this time of the season — with the Independence Day holiday behind us and the county fair just ahead — that I realize that it won't be long until gears shift once again and children return to school and the days begin to grow shorter once again. Another trip around the galaxy once again completed.

The cycle of seasons gives a sense of normalcy in a sometimes frenetic pace of today's society. As one watches the evening news, or keeps up with the latest

development in politics, it sometimes is a bit overwhelming — wondering who really is in charge whose interest is really at heart? The political posturing over the climate change debate, health care and the economy in general is enough to make everyone a little crazy.

As I visited with the Sleichters about their produce business — and watched their beautiful blonde-haired daughters share with glee the stories about their own gardens, what would be exhibited at the fair or the love of the apple-pie jam made in their kitchen — I could see what was truly important. This interaction came only a day after I'd received news that a friend of mine, not yet 40, had passed away unexpectedly leaving behind a young family — not to mention parents and siblings.

It was a stark reminder that each day is precious and shouldn't be taken for granted not matter how crazy the world goes on around us. That's all for now. I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"



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Family finds tunnels really produce

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time. She has her own little garden that she works in and reported that she would have tomatoes, peppers and squash to take to the fair.

It takes a lot of work, regardless. The Sleichters have nearly an acre in production both outside and in the high tunnels.

"It's a labor-intensive operations," he said. "You can't just plant stuff and walk away." Weeding, watering and staking all take hours of time — and it is precious in the spring before school releases for the summer break.

When planning his crops he likes to have a large variety and plants more unusual kinds of vegetables that your regular, run-of-the-mill grocery store produce.

An assortment of tomatoes — in nearly every color and shape imaginable — are a significant portion of the crop. "People want a large, pretty slicing tomato," he said. And while he does

offer those, he also offers some other varieties, including a Cherokee purple that once people try, find that they have outstanding flavor.

An assortment of squashes, peppers, cucumbers, potatoes, beans, beets and okra round out the fresh offering that the Sleichters grow.

Growing does take an art. Researching on the internet and following discussion boards has helped Jay find new ways to attach disease and bug problems. It has also been a source of ideas for staking up plants inside the tunnels, using posts and good old baling twine.

According to Jay, tomatoes are held in place using a "Florida weave" trellis system that keeps the massive vines in place, allowing walkways to remain clear as the plants grow toward the top of the building. He also uses some old-fashioned tomato cages for the cherry tomato varieties as well as traditional trellises to keep the cucumber plants con-

trolled and growing pretty and straight.

But knowing that seasons end and are sometimes slow to begin Jay also developed a line of jams and jellies — many featuring the peppers grown in the garden — to supplement his offerings. Currently, according to Kansas law, kitchen-made jellies and jams can be sold directly to the public. The acceptance of the line has been as such that the couple are investigating the use of a commercial kitchen in order to expand their distribution.

"The selling is fun," Jay commented, noting that they take part regularly in the farmer's markets in Manhattan on Wednesdays, Concordia on Thursdays and Clay Center on Saturday mornings.

Sleichter is also the market director in Clay Center and has been working on the promotion and marketing of the Concordia market.

As part of the Clay Center market, a blog has been

started to allow market patrons to know what is expected in terms of produce availability as well as sharing recipes that feature season vegetables. It can be found at <http://www.claycenterfarmersmarket.blogspot.com/>

While it hasn't quite grown to the proportions that will allow Jay to retire from teaching nor Linda to step away from her post with Kansas State Research and Extension — it may require some additional hired help to keep up with the picking during the busy season.

Until then, you can find Jay on market days in various Kansas communities, happily showcasing his produce — and talking customers into "just trying" that funny-looking tomato — knowing that they will probably be back the next week for more.

Huge export losses if U.S.-Colombia FTA not ratified

U.S. wheat sales to Colombia would likely drop by more than 50% if Congress fails to soon ratify the U.S.-Colombia free trade agreement (FTA), say Colombian wheat buyers and millers. According to U.S. Wheat Associates, that would cost U.S. wheat producers more than \$87 million in annual sales. U.S. Wheat Associates (USW), is the U.S. wheat industry's export market development organization.

Once ratified, the U.S.-Colombia FTA (formally titled the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement) — signed Nov. 22, 2006, would immediately eliminate most tariffs on U.S. exports, including wheat, with all remaining tariffs phased out over time, according to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Canada this fall expects to ratify its own FTA with Colombia. That would give a major wheat-exporting competitor an

immediate price advantage over U.S. wheat exports, USW says. U.S. wheat in Colombia currently has a nearly 70% share, the equivalent of more than 27 million bushels of wheat. Of that, 13 million bushels are Hard Red Winter wheat.

"If importers are forced to pay duties on U.S. wheat and not on Canadian wheat, our members believe U.S. market share is likely to fall to as low as 30%," says Jaime Jimenez, executive director of FEDEMOL, the Colombian millers association. "We have long-standing ties with the U.S. wheat industry and we prefer U.S. wheat, but the difference in price in that situation would be impossible to ignore."

Wheat would not be the only commodity hurt if the U.S.-Colombia FTA is not ratified. In 2008, the United States exported a record \$1.67 billion of agricultural products to Colombia.

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Mary Rogers, Topeka, Wins Grass & Grain Recipe Contest And Prize For The Week

Winner Mary Rogers, Topeka:
TEX MEX BURGERS
 1 1/2 cups lean ground beef
 4.5-ounce can Old El Paso chopped green chiles, drained on paper towels
 1 cup shredded Monterey jack cheese
 6 buns
 6 tablespoons sour cream
 6 tablespoons thick chunky salsa
 6 lettuce leaves

Heat grill. Shape ground beef into (12) 3 1/2-inch patties. Place 6 patties on sheet of waxed paper and top each with about 2 teaspoons chiles and 1 heaping tablespoon cheese. Place remaining patties over filling and press edges to seal. When ready to grill place filled patties on grill over medium heat. Cook 11 to 13 minutes turning once until done. Serve in buns with sour cream, salsa and lettuce.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh
RASPBERRY CREAM CHEESE BROWNIES
Brownie Batter:
 1 cup butter
 1 cup cocoa
 1 cup sugar
 10-ounce jar all fruit seedless raspberry preserves
 4 large eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1 1/4 cups flour
Topping:
 8-oz. package cream cheese
 1/3 cup sugar
 1 large egg
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 1 cup raspberries
 1/4 cup sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 325. Lightly spray 9-by-13-inch glass baking dish with non-stick spray. Prepare brownie

batter. In saucepan melt butter on medium low. Whisk in cocoa and cook until mixture bubbles. Remove from heat and whisk in sugar and preserves. Whisk in eggs and vanilla until thoroughly blended. In bowl, stir flour and baking soda; add to chocolate mixture, stirring just until blended. Pour batter into baking dish and smooth top. To prepare swirl topping, with mixer on medium speed beat cream cheese, sugar, egg and vanilla until blended. Fold in raspberries. Spoon large dollops of topping over brownie batter, spacing evenly. With knife swirl topping into batter. Sprinkle with the almonds. Bake 30-35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out almost clean with a few moist crumbs attached. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

Janet Henning, Berryton:
 "This is a favorite dessert for our family. My husband and I actually measure the last pieces to make sure they are evenly cut."
ICE CREAM DELIGHT
 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream, softened
 2 cups Rice Chex, crushed
 1/4 cup butter

1 cup chopped pecans
 2/3 cup brown sugar
 1 cup coconut

Mix all ingredients except sugar and ice cream. Place on cookie sheet and toast at 250 degrees for 30 minutes, stirring often. Remove cereal mixture from oven and while still hot, stir in brown sugar. Spread half of cereal mixture evenly into a 9-by-13-inch pan. Gently spread softened ice cream over mix and sprinkle remaining cereal mixture over ice cream. Place in freezer to set.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
PEPPERS STUFFED WITH SALMON
 4 medium-sized green peppers
 1 tablespoon butter
 1 small onion
 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
 15 1/2-ounce can salmon
 1/2 cup milk
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 1 egg, slightly beaten
 1/2 cup buttered crumbs

Prepare peppers for stuffing by removing seeds and pod; boil for two minutes. Melt butter in frying pan over low heat. Add onion, cover and fry gently for 5 minutes. Add soft bread crumbs, flaked salmon, milk

and salt and mix well. Taste. Add 1 teaspoon lemon juice; add beaten egg. Stuff pepper shells with this mixture. Cover top with buttered crumbs and bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes or until crumbs are browned.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
LEMON BLUEBERRY PIZZA
 18-ounce package refrigerated sugar cookie dough
 8-ounce package cream cheese
 2 tablespoons sugar
 6-ounce carton lemon yogurt
 2 cups fresh blueberries

Press cookie dough onto an ungreased 12-inch pizza pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. In a bowl beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth; stir in yogurt. Spread over crust to within 1/2 inch of the edges. Sprinkle with blueberries. Cut into wedges.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
SQUASH CASSEROLE
 1 cup Gruyere cheese
 1 cup ricotta cheese
 1/2 cup plain bread crumbs
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 1 1/4 teaspoons dried basil, divided

1 1/2 dried thyme
 3/4 teaspoon salt, divided
 3/4 teaspoon pepper, divided
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 8-ounce package sliced mushrooms
 1 large onion, chopped
 3 large summer squash, sliced 1/4-inch thick
 2 large zucchini, sliced 1/4-inch thick

Stir together cheeses, bread crumbs, cornstarch, basil, 3/4 teaspoon of the thyme and 1/2 teaspoon each of the salt and pepper; set aside. Heat oil in a skillet. Add mushrooms and onion. Sprinkle with remaining thyme and salt and pepper. Cover and cook 6 minutes, stirring constantly. Coat slow cooker with cooking spray. Combine squash and zucchini. Layer 1/3 of the squash-zucchini mixture in bottom. Add 1 cup mushroom mixture over squash-zucchini; sprinkle 2/3 cup cheese mixture on top. Layer with another half of squash-zucchini, the rest of the mushrooms and another 2/3 cup of cheese mixture on top. Cover and cook for 2 hours on high or 4 hours on low. Serve immediately.

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CHICKEN TACO RING
 (2) 8-ounce tubes refrigerated reduced-fat crescent rolls
 2/3 cup finely crushed tortilla chips, divided
 2 cups finely chopped cooked rotisserie chicken
 3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Mexican cheese blend
 1/2 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
 4-ounce can chopped green chiles, undrained
 1/4 cup chopped pitted ripe olives
 1 plum tomato, seeded & chopped
 1 tablespoon taco seasoning
 1 tablespoon lime juice

Garnish:
 1 cup (8 ounces) reduce-fat sour cream
 1 cup salsa
 2 plum tomatoes, sliced
 1 medium lime, halved & sliced

Grease a 12-inch pizza pan. Unroll crescent dough. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup tortilla chips; press down gently. Separate into 16 triangles. Place wide end of one triangle, chip side down, 3 inches from edge of prepared pan

with point overhanging edge of pan. Repeat with remaining triangles, overlapping the wide ends (dough will look like a sun when complete). Lightly press wide ends together. In a small bowl combine the chicken, cheese, mayonnaise, chiles, olives, tomato, taco seasoning, lime juice and remaining tortilla chips. Spoon over wide ends of dough. Fold points of triangles over filling and tuck under wide ends (filling will be visible). Bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Garnish with sour cream, salsa, tomatoes and lime. Yield: 16 servings.

LEMON CHIFFON BLUEBERRY DESSERT
 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs (about 24 squares)
 1 1/3 cups Domino® or C&H® Granulated Pure Cane Sugar, divided
 1/2 cup butter, melted
 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries, divided
 3-ounce package lemon gelatin
 1 cup boiling water
 2 packages (one 8 ounces, one 3 ounces) cream cheese, softened

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 16-ounce carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
 In a small bowl combine the cracker crumbs, 1/3 cup sugar and butter. Set aside 2 tablespoons for topping. Press the remaining crumb mixture into a 9-by-13-inch dish. Sprinkle with 1 cup blueberries. In a small bowl dissolve gelatin in boiling water; cool. In a large bowl beat cream cheese and remaining sugar. Add vanilla; mix well. Slowly add dissolved gelatin. Fold in whipped topping. Spread over blueberries. Cover and refrigerate for 3 hours or until set. Refrigerate leftovers. Yield: 12-15 servings.

LEMON FRUIT DIP
 1 cup cold milk
 3.4-ounce package instant lemon pudding mix
 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
 Assorted fresh fruit
 In a small bowl whisk milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 min-

utes or until soft-set. Whisk in sour cream. Chill until serving. Serve with fruit. Yield: 1 2/3 cups.

DOUBLE K GRILLED SALMON
 1/4 cup Domino® or C&H® Pure Cane Dark Brown Sugar
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 3 tablespoons unsweetened pineapple juice
 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 3 garlic cloves, minced
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 teaspoon ground ginger
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
 1 salmon fillet (2 pounds)

In a small bowl combine the first nine ingredients. Pour 3/4 cup into a large resealable plastic bag; add salmon. Seal bag and turn to coat; refrigerate for 1 hour, turning occasionally. Set aside remaining marinade for basting. Coat grill rack with cooking spray before starting the grill. Drain and

discard marinade. Place salmon skin side down on rack. Grill, covered, over medium heat for 5 minutes. Brush with reserved mari-

nade. Grill 15 to 20 minutes longer or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Yield: 8 servings.

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Missouri farmers try hand at growing mushrooms

MONTGOMERY CITY, Mo. (AP) — Fred Fry grows mushrooms in his wine cellar. They look like miniature umbrellas hooked onto a row of logs propped along the walls.

When they're harvested, Fry said, they'll fetch \$8 a pound.

Fry owns the Mushroom Farm near Montgomery City, one of a half-dozen farms growing specialty mushrooms in the state. Most grow shiitakes, some cultivate lion's mane and oyster mushrooms, and one

or two have tried morels with limited success.

The largest is probably Ozark Forest Mushrooms, which farms 18,000 shiitake logs in the Big Springs region.

For the past 10 years, the University of Missouri's Center for Agroforestry has been encouraging farmers around Missouri to grow specialty mushrooms as a way to conserve and use logs. This type of "forest farming" can provide income and improve the management of wooded areas.

Research Associate Professor Johann Bruhn has been developing step-by-step methods for propagating mushrooms, growing shiitakes on sugar maple and white oak logs.

"The whole idea of our program is to help the family farmer diversify their landscape and agricultural production," he said.

Specialty mushroom cultivation has been growing in interest across the country, fueled by the trend of eating local and organic

food, a boom in farmer's markets and an interest in sustainable growing practices.

According to Joe McFarland, author of "Edible Wild Mushrooms of Illinois and Surrounding States," mushroom farming goes through phases, and in the past 20 years it has become popular again.

"It's had its booms and busts throughout the last 100 years," he said. "Right now, it's sort of experiencing another renaissance."

Most people grow these specialty mushrooms as a hobby, McFarland said. Factors such as pests, climate and uneven harvests make consistent profits unpredictable.

None of the large, commercial farms that produce the common white button mushrooms sold to grocery stores are located in Missouri. Laura Phelps, president of the American Mushroom Institute, said about 100 of these farms can be found around the country,

mostly concentrated in Pennsylvania and California.

The industry began in Pennsylvania about 100 years ago, Phelps said, and now 63 percent of the standard supermarket mushrooms are grown there. That seems to be based on tradition rather than a favorable environment for the white button mushroom crop.

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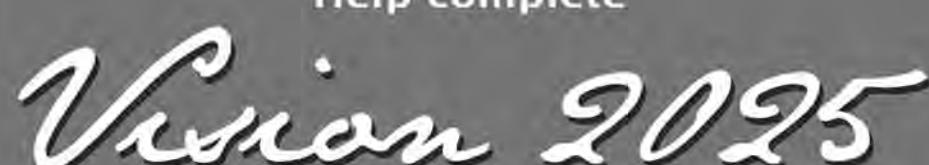

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cavation business, has been growing mushrooms for the past nine years, mostly shiitakes but also oysters and the occasional morel. He grows them both on logs and layered with straw on the ground, and he sells them to repeat customers.

Shiitake mushrooms are quite distinct visually, he noted. A normal cap is 2 to 3 inches in diameter with white spots at the edges that look like snowflakes.

He has about 3,000 white oak logs in his wine cellar and under a shady, wooded grove nearby. The ones indoors produce all year, he said, but the ones outside are seasonal.

Fry uses the "totem" method to grow oyster mushrooms, stacking sections of logs with layers of spawn. Depending on the

weather, he can cover the logs with trash bags to hold moisture. He also uses a wet "fruiting blanket" to create a tent over the mushrooms to retain humidity.

Mushrooms require considerable time to mature. Fry said it can take seven to 15 months to harvest a crop. In a year, he estimates he nets 400 to 500 pounds.

Tending to mushrooms and logs can also be high-maintenance work. There can be contaminated mold in the wood, for example, and farmers might not be aware of the problem until it's too late.

Mushrooms like environments with low shade and high humidity, and controlling the climate can be difficult as well.

"So many people lose logs because they don't

know how to tend to them," Fry said. "When you pick them, the log is in a weak and vulnerable position. You want to take care of it, nurse it and protect it."

To reach potential customers, Fry tries to market his mushroom farm as much as possible, participating in a number of parades each year and hosting an annual mushroom festival. This year, the festival is Aug. 28 and 29, complete with bands and farm tours.

Closer to Columbia, Heather Willman and her husband own Sunrise Shiitake Farm in Ashland and sell to restaurants as well as the Columbia Farmers' Market every Saturday morning. Heather also makes weekly deliveries to restaurants in St. Louis.

Currently, the Willmans

sell oyster, lion's mane and shiitake mushrooms, and they hope to add others in the next month.

They began growing mushrooms as a hobby about seven years ago.

"My husband got a kit, and our friends kept asking to buy them," Heather Willman said.

She lost her job during the economic downturn a year and a half ago, and the couple decided to farm full time.

They grow their mushrooms on imitation logs made of oak or maple sawdust.

"We use a by-product, so we don't have to cut down more trees," Willman said. "Plus, the mushrooms grow in three months with sawdust, compared to one year with a log."

Originally, they tried to cultivate mushrooms outdoors year-round. They found it too cold in the winter and too hot in the summer, so they moved their logs into an unfinished basement and installed a misting system to keep the mushrooms at ideal conditions of 85 percent humidity.

Because of their success, the Willmans are expanding the farm to grow more produce for farmers markets.

Few farmers, however, can grow specialty mushrooms and make a living. Ron Spinosa, the cultivation chair for the North American Mycological Association, thinks of it more as supplemental income.

"In your backyard, you can set up an operation to maybe sell to local restaurants and farmers markets," he said. "But, I would say for a lot of people it's more of a hobby type thing."

Fry grows specialty mushrooms to supplement his income but wishes he could spend more time with them.

"To really do the mushrooms right, it's a full-time job," he said.

Because not all of his mushrooms fruit year round, he can't count on a profit.

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Scientists searching for best plants to fuel cars of the future

In a field tucked into the northern side of this college town, just across from the Kansas State University football complex, some unusually tall plants are growing. They are part of the university's research into promising biofuel feedstocks that may ultimately power vehicles of the future.

"We are studying sorghums and perennial grasses because we think these will be used in the non-irrigated acres in Kansas to produce biomass," said K-State professor of agronomy, Scott Staggenborg. "On our irrigated acres, corn will remain the crop of choice (as a bio-fuel feedstock), but on our dryland acres — especially in extremely dry environments, perennial grasses may be the crop of choice. Plus, since sorghum has the ability to perform better than corn when it is hot and dry, it gives us options."

Staggenborg, a researcher with K-State Research and Extension, is working with a team of graduate students and other scientists in studying two types of forage sorghum and other potential feedstocks. They include a

dual-purpose forage sorghum and photoperiod sensitive forage sorghum.

"We believe that in this region, sorghums will be a better fit for our environment in many cases, than corn," he said. "We know a lot about corn as an industry, but widespread knowledge about sorghum is somewhat limited."

"The reason that we like the dual-purpose forage sorghum is that it produces grain and stover and can do so at nearly the same rate as corn," he said. Stover consists of the leaves and stalks — the non-grain part of the plant. "The reason both grain and stover are important is that right now the ethanol industry is grain based and that will not change overnight. If we have a crop that produces both, then we can help the industry evolve, if that is the direction it is going."

The advantage of photoperiod sensitive forage sorghum is that in some climates, such as Manhattan, it does not produce any grain.

"I realize this is a bit of a contradiction, but as the industry specializes, the need

for biomass is going to be complicated by separating the grain and the biomass in crops such as corn and dual purpose forage sorghum," Staggenborg said. "Photoperiod sensitive forage sorghum is a tropical plant that needs declining day lengths and just over a 12-hour day length to trigger flowering. In Manhattan, that occurs in early October, so all this thing does is produce stems and leaves all summer long. As a result, it will fit anywhere since you don't have to worry about when the freeze occurs in the fall relative to grain fill. Plus you don't have grain to separate from the stover."

In K-State's trials, the photoperiod sensitive forage sorghum has been one of the highest biomass producers.

The scientists are also studying sweet sorghum — a plant that soars 8 to 12 feet at maturity and thrives in dry conditions. The crop has 16 to 22 percent sugar content.

"The first real advantage to sweet sorghum is that all you have to do is press the juice out of the stalks and you essentially have sugar water that is ready to fer-

ment," Staggenborg said. "No pre-treatment is needed as in grain or biomass to expose the sugars. In our trials, this has been the highest biomass producer."

A drawback to sweet sorghum, however, is that because it is tall and lanky, it has a tendency to fall down. That caused problems with lodging last year, he said, although if it lodges late, it only causes harvesting problems, not yield problems.

Even if biofuels become the primary fuel source for vehicles of the future, farmers will still produce food and feed grains on their acreage. Crops such as sorghums are annual crops, meaning that they must be replanted every year. That allows producers year-to-year flexibility to make planting decisions, the scientist said.

The K-State team is working with Texas A & M researcher Bill Rooney to improve sweet sorghums.

"We planted some of Bill's experimental hybrid sweet sorghums last year.

They were shorter plants and appeared to be very productive," Staggenborg said.

In addition to studying annuals such as the sorghums, the K-State scientists are studying perennial grasses, including big bluestem, switch grass and miscanthus.

"Of the three," Staggenborg said, "miscanthus is amazing, including the yields."

Miscanthus is a cross between two ornamental grasses, which makes it largely sterile. That's a bit of a problem because it has to be propagated by root stocks — similar to splitting and planting irises. Research is under way at other universities to solve this problem, he said.

"Establishing perennial grasses is a challenge for us grain people," Staggenborg added. "We're used to planting corn, sorghum or soybeans which means we're used to seeing if we have a crop in a week to 10 days. Perennial grasses take a lot more patience."

Staggenborg said that his

team planted 400 plants by hand in two plots and planted about 0.6 acre: "That (hand planting) is not something someone is going to do in a 100 acre field," he conceded.

In 2009, the K-State team's miscanthus yielded 6 tons per acre, compared with switchgrass that yielded 4.5 tons per acre.

"This was only the second year it had been growing, so we expect yields to increase," Staggenborg said. One concern about miscanthus is that it can spread by rhizomes, which sparks concerns similar to those with johnsongrass — an invasive weed, he said. Miscanthus does not produce seed, however, so he expects that will help contain it. When asked how long it might be before these crops might make their way into early commercial applications, Staggenborg said "I would guess that it will be three years at a minimum before we get a feel for what the cellulose industry will look like. Obviously this will affect the use of these crops."

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Understanding of terms is important when discussing biofuels

Biofuels have been written about and discussed in recent years, but some of the terminology surrounding the development of biofuels can be confusing. Following are descriptions of several terms as described by the Bioenergy Feedstock Information Network.

Bioenergy: Useful, renewable energy produced from organic matter — the conversion of the complex carbohydrates in organic matter to energy. Organic matter may either be used directly as a fuel, processed into liquids and gasses, or be a residual of processing and conversion.

Biodiesel: Fuel derived from vegetable oils or animal fats. It is produced when a vegetable oil or animal fat is chemically reacted with an alcohol.

Biofuels: Fuels made from biomass resources, or their processing and conversion derivatives. Biofuels include ethanol, biodiesel, and methanol.

Biogas: A combustible gas derived from decomposing biological waste under anaerobic conditions. Biogas normally consists of 50 to 60 percent methane.

Biomass: Any organic matter that is available on a renewable or recurring basis, including agricultural crops and trees, wood and wood residues, plants (including aquatic plants), grasses, animal residues, municipal residues, and other residue materials. Biomass is generally produced in a sustainable manner from water and carbon dioxide by photosynthesis. There are three main categories of biomass — primary, secondary, and tertiary.

Officials urge USDA to compensate rancher

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's congressional delegation wants the U.S. Department of Agriculture to compensate a rancher who must slaughter his herd of cattle to help control bovine tuberculosis.

All five of the state's U.S. senators and representatives signed a letter sent Tuesday to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, saying they are concerned the USDA has not yet provided aid to pay for the cost of slaughtering the herd where the disease was found.

Bovine tuberculosis causes severe coughing, fatigue, emaciation and debilitation in cattle. It can be transmitted from livestock to humans, but that's exceedingly rare. It can be transmitted to other animals, such as deer.

The disease is considered incurable in cattle, so the spread could affect the beef industry nationwide.

The USDA has paid farm-

ers in the past to destroy livestock or crops when disease threatens U.S. agricultural production.

"The department's previous record on TB is clear — please act accordingly to ensure that Nebraska's producers receive the same treatment as others have in the past. To do otherwise would be unfair and inequitable," the lawmakers said.

Nebraska agriculture officials reported early last month that two cases of bovine TB had been found in a herd in north-central Nebraska's Rock County this spring.

Since then, roughly 6,200 other cattle have been tested, and no other cases of bovine tuberculosis have been found.

The disease is easily transmitted through a herd

by nose-to-nose contact and the inhalation of bacteria. Experts say infected animals can transmit the disease to healthy ones within several feet.

Nebraska Agriculture Director Greg Ibach said he hopes the letter from the Congressional delegation will produce results because slaughtering the herd with infected animals is an important step in controlling the disease.

"Depopulation is also important for maintaining confidence in the health of the region's cattle herd," Ibach said.

Because bovine TB is considered untreatable in cattle, both infected and uninfected animals in a herd usually are killed when the disease is found. Nebraska Agriculture spokeswoman Christin Kamm said the

herd that had the positive cases remains quarantined but has not been slaughtered.

Depopulation of an entire herd is voluntary, but the only effective way to eradicate bovine tuberculosis, USDA officials said.

When cattle producers are encouraged to slaughter their entire herds, the USDA has offered compensation of up to \$3,000 per animal, said Cindy Ragin, a spokeswoman for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The exact amount of compensation offered is based on the market value of the cattle involved.

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South Dakota State University enforces PVP rights

The South Dakota Board of Regents, as the governing body for South Dakota State University and the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, has instituted five lawsuits in federal court to enforce laws governing wheat varieties using the Plant Variety Protection Act. The lawsuits, filed today in federal court in Sioux Falls, focus on the spring wheat varieties Traverse and Briggs that have been developed by nationally recognized wheat researchers at South Dakota State University and are owned by SDSU. This federally protected seed can only be sold legally as a class of certified seed. The lawsuits allege that five particular producers knowingly sold or offered the seed for sale without legal authority, without proper seed certification or without legitimate seed dealer licenses.

The lawsuits have been filed in order to protect producers in South Dakota and in the Upper Midwest who act in accordance with the Plant Variety Protection Act, according to Kevin Kephart, vice president for research at South Dakota State University.

"Our principal goal is to support farmers who rely on the continued development of better wheat varieties for their farming success," Kephart said. "It is in the long-term best interest of the entire wheat industry to respect the

existing laws and regulations."

The action taken by the Board of Regents is part of a much larger industry-wide PVP educational and enforcement effort that includes other notable public, taxpayer-funded research universities such as Kansas State University, Colorado State University and Oklahoma State University.

These universities have won cases against seed violators in federal courts.

Recently in Kansas, a producer accused of infringing a variety developed by Kansas State agreed to a \$150,000 judgment. The PVP Act provides legal intellectual property protection to developers of new varieties of plants that are either sexually propagated by seed or asexually propagated by cuttings or tubers.

South Dakota producer Leo Warrington said the alleged behavior hurts all wheat growers in the region because it withholds money legally designated to fund wheat development work. Warrington is owner of Warrington Seed and also served on the board of directors for SDSU-based South Dakota Foundation Seed from 2002 to 2007, ending as vice chairman. Warrington Seed has grown public wheat varieties and currently produces seed for AgriPro and Westbred.

"We need more money going into wheat research. Currently, wheat has been falling behind other crops," Warrington said. "When farmers do the brown-bagging — illegally selling PVP-protected seed — they take that money away from research."

Wheat varieties are considered intellectual property. The South Dakota Crop Improvement Association, founded in 1925, cooperates with SDSU to use that intellectual property on the public's behalf by introducing and distributing seeds and propagating materials of improved crop varieties.

South Dakota State University was among the early supporters of an educational cooperative known as the Farmers Yield Initiative, a coalition of public and private wheat research organizations designed to support research, education and seed certification. Through a large-scale educational campaign, which included direct-mail brochures to more than 100,000 wheat producers, the developers of improved wheat varieties hope to inform producers of the value that seed certification and research investment contribute to the agricultural community. As part of that same message, the producers received information of the guidelines of the PVP.

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2:00-2:55 Mike Hoeme from the KCC, Ag Trucking Regulations
2:55-3:30 Break - Trade Show
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Make your own luck: seven steps to maximizing wheat inputs

Mediocre prices, problem weeds, fertility issues and yield-robbing diseases and insects underscore the importance of wheat producers managing their crop inputs to full advantage.

"Best management practices are vital because, essentially, wheat producers need to produce more yield with the same inputs," said Jeff Edwards, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension small grains specialist.

Fortunately, there are seven relatively easy man-

agement practices that wheat producers can do to maximize their potential profitability and yield.

First, wheat fields should be soil tested.

"Without a soil test, a producer is guessing at his or her fertility needs and are probably losing money by leaving potential yield in the field or applying fertilizer that may not be needed," said Chad Webb, Noble County Extension director and agricultural educator.

Second, producers can switch to a higher yielding

variety if appropriate. Variety test results are available through Cooperative Extension county offices.

Third, producers need to make certain they are planting quality seed. Webb said profit margins for most wheat producers are too tight to risk poor crop performance on lesser-quality or weed-infested seed.

Fourth, check every field on a weekly basis and make decisions based on what is happening in the specific field in question, not what may be happening in some

other field. OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources recommends the hiring of a good consultant if a producer does not have the time to do this.

Edwards said he has always remembered what he was once told years ago: the difference between a successful farmer and an unsuccessful farmer is usually about a week.

"Successful farming is about putting sound management into practice with precision and timeliness," he said.

Fifth, producers need to keep a close eye on the presence of weeds and spray appropriately, an example of

precision and timeliness in action. Weeds rob a producer of yield and can significantly reduce the selling price through dockage.

Sixth, make use of N-Rich strips and Sensor-Based Management to determine how much topdress is needed.

"Field trials by OSU's Brian Arnall showed that some farmers left yield on the table by under-fertilizing last year, and that other producers applied expensive nitrogen that their fields did not need," Webb said. "These were large-scale in-field trials with yields verified at harvest, not small plots."

Seventh, producers need to consider a foliar fungicide if yield potential looks good at flag leaf emergence.

"The wheat producers with the best yields are not always those who spend the most money on their crop, but rather the ones who pay close attention to their wheat crop and give it what it needs," Webb said.

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By Frank J. Buchman



Draft Teams Demonstrate Old-Fashioned Haying Methods

Horses help make their own feedstuff.

That's the way it was in days gone by, as horsepower was responsible for harvesting grass to be made into hay. Those days were relived recently at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve south of Strong City.

A steady stream of visitors from throughout the Midwest, as indicated by a parking lot survey of car license plates, watched the action of draft team mowing and raking the prairie grass. Then spectators got hands-

on experience as they pitched dried hay onto what appeared to be a new hay rack pulled by a team.

The team-powered dump rake had accumulated dried prairie hay into a windrow for more convenient work of the inexperienced pitchfork handlers. Hay was then to be stored in stacks for later feeding.

Some of those in attendance couldn't understand the procedure, indicating that they always thought hay came in bales. They didn't know it was really grass

grown on the prairie, mowed and dried, then stored in haystacks, or baled as is now common.

Four teams were on hand for the demonstrations. However, Winston Sommerfeld of Newton had brought his team a couple days earlier to mow down some of the native Flint Hills bluestem acreage, so it would be dry enough for stacking.

An early century McCor-



Larry Patton of El Dorado drove his team of black Percherons, Linzy and Lucy, pulling an antique sickle mower during the old-fashioned haying demonstration at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, south of Strong City. His wife, Vicki, was on the sidelines discussing operation of the equipment and history of the area with visitors.

mick-Deering seven-foot, wheel-powered section mower, owned by Derral Sommerfeld, Tecumseh, was used for part of the mowing. His son-in-law, Matt Klass, was on the lines of the Belgian team, Bob and Bill.

A parts book for the antique mowing machine was located on the internet, so the owner can readily make repairs on the century-old implement when necessary. "It's getting kind of dull, so the mowing isn't as good as

we'd like," Derral pointed out. "If a section would happen to break, I can get a replacement at a farm store," he added.

Larry and Vicki Patton of El Dorado had their team of black Percherons, Linzy and

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Lucy, pulling another mower, with Larry on the lines. Vicki was on the sidelines discussing operation of the equipment and history of the area with visitors.

About noon, the Pattons unhooked their horses from the mower and hauled the team to Cottonwood Falls, hooked them on another vehicle and participated in the Flint Hills Rodeo Parade into Strong City.

The couple helped start

Protect the Flint Hills, which Larry serves as president and Vicki as secretary. Their goals include encouraging Sierra Club members and the general public to understand the role that prairies play in the health of the planet.

"The tallgrass prairie is one of the most endangered ecosystems in the world," Larry related. "Only 3 percent of North America's tallgrass prairie remains undis-

turbed, and most of that is in the Flint Hills."

With 14 horses on their Harvey County farm, Winston and Jan Sommerfeld have two Belgian teams, along with a Percheron team and a team of half-Standardbred, half-draft horses. "We're semi-retired, so we spend quite a bit of time working with our horses," Winston admitted. "We operate the Country Boys Carriage and Prairie Adventures."

They do some of their own farm work with teams, go to re-enactments like this one, parades and about anything where the big horses are exposed to the public. "We have been to a number of festivals, parties, school parties, company picnics, business promotions and fund-raising events," Winston stated.

The Prairie Adventure side of the business offers groups of families, friends or others an opportunity to "live the past" for a day or half a day on a covered wagon train in original wagons doing things that the pioneers did.

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In addition to horse-drawn farm implements and covered wagons, Winston has several other vehicles which can be pulled with his horses. "We have a white wedding carriage, a vis-à-vis, a six-seated surrey with a fringe top, an intimate two-seated carriage and others," he said.

Their Country Boys business was presented the award for Keeping the Pioneer Story Alive by the Kansas Sampler Foundation in 2000.

Having raised a number of their own horses, Winston does the training personally at the Sommerfeld's place.

"I generally hook a colt

on a well-broke old horse, start out slow and before long they learn what I expect from them," he explained.

The teams are a common sight around the farm neighborhood. "We needed milk the other day, so I hooked a team, and we drove to Newton and bought a gallon at Braum's," Winston declared.

During the haying demonstrations, son Derral

and his wife Sheila had another Belgian team, Amos and Andy, hooked to a Bain box wagon giving visitors tours into the Flint Hills pastures.

"I built this wagon, according to exact factory specifications for an original Bain wagon, and then sold it to the Preserve," Derral remarked. "This is actually the

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Derral Sommerfeld of Tecumseh drove his Belgian team, Amos and Andy, pulling a Bain box wagon giving visitors tours of Flint Hills pastures during the haying demonstrations at the Prairie Preserve near Strong City. He built the new wagon exact to Bain factory specifications for an original wagon over a century ago.



Matt Klass was on the lines of a Belgian team, Bob and Bill, owned by Derral Sommerfeld of Tecumseh, mowing native Flint Hills grass during old-fashioned haying demonstration in Chase County.


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making it easy for passengers to board. Bows can be conveniently installed to make the vehicle into a covered wagon, almost exactly like the ones pioneers crossed the prairie in over a century ago.

In addition to offering overland wagon train excursions for the public, Derral and Sheila operate a wagon reproduction and wagon works business.

While other implements such as stackers, loaders and go-devils were not available for the demonstrations, their design and uses were explained briefly to the interested visitors.

Throughout the day, tours were also given of the picturesque home and large horse and hay barn on the original Spring Hill Farm

and Stock Ranch, now better known as the Z-Bar Ranch.

Staff of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve provided tours of the facilities, which had other re-enactments such as wool spinning in progress at the same time.

Park ranger Jeff Rundell, who assisted with the haying demonstration, has been an employee at the Preserve for three years. While the horse activities draw special favor, Rundell verified, "I do a little bit of everything around here."

The Sommerfelds and Pattons were obviously enthused about their participation in the old-fashioned haying demonstration and welcomed opportunities to assist other communities in such endeavors.



Winston Sommerfeld of Newton mowed native grass at the Prairie Preserve near Strong City a couple of days before the public haying demonstrations when he raked the hay to be stacked by visitors on the hay wagon in the background. The historic native stone barn was built in the early 1880s.

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July 23 — Construction Equipment Internet Auction Online. Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.
July 23 — Farm machinery & misc., shop & household at Sedgwick for Randy & Lorna Hakes. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
July 25 — Consignment Auction at Wichita for AgriCon Consignment Auction.
July 25 — Annual Sale E. of Atchison. Auctioneers: Scotty Hall Auctions.
July 25 — Farmland at Hanover for Schwartz Family Partnership. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.
July 25 — Marshall & Washington Co. land, house in Blue Rapids at Waterville for Juanita Bolejack Estate. Auctioneers: Prell Realty & Auction.
July 25 — Tractors, loader, combines, trucks, 4-wheeler, machinery, misc. & shop, guns & household at Tampa for Henry Redger. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
July 25 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture & household at Manhattan for Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Price. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
July 25 — Antique tractors, pedal tractors, backhoe, chains & boomers, antique truck, propane tanks, steel, chain hoists, tools & equip., furniture, mowers & misc. at Emporia for Steve Coleman. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.
July 25 — Car, truck, van, 4-wheeler, antiques & collectibles, furniture, tools & misc. at Council Grove for Two Family Auction. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.
July 25 — Coins, tools & misc., artwork, collectibles & glassware, toys & still banks, antique & modern furniture at

Lawrence for estates & consignments. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.
July 25 — Precious Moments, other old & collectibles at Newton. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.
July 25 — Real Estate, antique & collectible, combines, farm machinery, vehicles & automotive parts, shop & tools, lawn & garden, sports, appliances, furniture, household & misc. at Susank for A.L. Bub Chenoweth Estate. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty & Auctions, LC.
July 25 — Farm machinery, livestock equip. & collectibles at Halstead for John & Mona Benewiat. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.
July 25 — Pickup, dump truck, unloader, Kawasaki Mule, ATV & access., cattle equip., lawn & garden, farm equip., shop & tools, trailers, antiques & collectibles, silver coins & more at Louisburg for Clint Walker. Auctioneers: Mary Read Auction Service.
July 26 — Household, antiques & shop equipment at Washington for Rose Payne & Debra Hill. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.
July 26 — Furniture & appliances, coins, glassware & collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Bryant & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
July 26 — Tractors & equip., riding mowers & tillers, tools, autos, guns, antiques & collectibles, engines, household at Pomona for Gilbert Stoneking. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.
July 27 — Real Estate & personal property at Rossville for Gerald Larson. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
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July 30 — Lyon Co. Real Estate, grass & timber, Tate Branch Creek at Olpe for

George & Rita Nuessen Trust & Leonarda Henderson Rev. Trust. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.
July 30 — Bobcat Internet Auction Online. Auctioneers: Purple Wave Auctions.
July 30 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, tack, etc. at Osage City for Mrs. Frances (Ed) Oshman. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.
August 1 — Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.
August 1 — Tractors, trucks, balers & implements at Maple Hill for Melvin Deiter. Auctioneer: Raine Auction Service.
August 1 — Wilson Co. land at Benedict for Tom & Brenda Schoenecker. Auctioneers: Swenson Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
August 1 — Real Estate, household & collectibles at Waterville for Jean B. Adams. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.
August 1 — Tractors, combine, trucks, machinery, livestock & misc. at Gorham for Steve & Bill Jacobs. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.
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Mitchell & Other. Auctioneers: Don Prell Realty & Auction.
August 1 — Furniture & appliances, glassware & collectibles, motorcycle, tools & misc. at Junction City for Mary Ann Thurlow Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
August 1 — Real Estate & personal property at Burr Oak. Auctioneers: United Country Midwest eServices, Inc.
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August 5 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auctions.
August 6 — Harvest equipment, combines, tractor, headers & header trailers, grain carts, trucks, trailers, pickups, vehicles, campers, farm machinery at Hereford, Texas for Kiker Management, LLC. Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.
August 8 — Tools, shop related items, household goods, antiques & misc. at Clay Center for George Urban Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.
August 8 — Antiques, collectibles, glass, furniture & etc. at Osage City for Don Lofgren. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.
August 8 — Building materials, surplus items & supplies W. edge of Seneca for Stallbaumer Lumber & Construction. Auctioneers: Dan Deters Auction Company.
August 9 — Tractors, hay equipment, trailers, livestock equip., guns, glass, antiques, collectibles, etc. NE of Eskridge for Tom & Linda Bridson. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.
August 10 — Farm machinery & antiques N. of Clay Center for Marvis (Mrs.

Keith) Hardesty. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.
August 13 — Farmland at Clifton for Marjorie Allen Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.
August 13 — Real Estate, pastureland at Lincolnville for Mrs. Frankie Biehler. Auctioneers: Newcom Auctions.
August 15 — Farm machinery auction at Delia for Bob & Ann Macha. Auctioneers: Harris Auctions.
August 15 — Trucks, truck equipment & tools at Washington for Earth-

movers, Inc. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.
August 15 — Equipment & consignment auction at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simmitt Auctions.
August 16 — Real Estate, household & antiques at Clifton for Lorenzo (Butch) Morgison. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.
August 19 — Rice Co. Real Estate at Lyons. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.
August 20 — Real Estate E. of Agenda for Javene Geiger. Auctioneers:

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Only Love can make a home; All aboard for Birthday club fun; Ten years and still going strong; I'm nuts over my collection; Lord keeps me in teepee top shape; You're the end of my rainbow; God Bless the USA; You can always bring a friend; Surround us with joy; Every man's house is his castle; Let the heavens rejoice; I believe in miracles; Love is the best gift of all; Reindeer; Bear the good news of Christmas; Hang on for the holidays; I'll play my drum for him; Baby's first Christmas; You are my gift come true; God sent his love; Blessed are the pure in heart; Surround us with joy; There's a Christian welcome here; signed Sam Bulcher; God Bless you for touching my life; Love is the best gift of all; God bless America; Blessed are they that overcome; Collecting makes good scents; You are a blessing to me; and many, many more.

OTHER OLD & COLLECTIBLES
Shakespeare glass minnow trap; postcard album; stone crocks; Marx large farms set with animals; Nylint truck and U-Haul trailer; Ideal "Clancy the Great" Chimp in box; 1977 FARRAH FAWCETT doll; GI

Joey; Barbie dolls; Michael Jackson turn table; child's dishes; Ronald Reagan doll; Breyer-Roy Rogers "Trigger"; Shirley Temple doll; Hesston pickup and semi; very old bride doll; Sugar Creek Gang books; Redi Kilowatt earrings; Coca Cola items incl. Polar Bear cookie jar; Polar Bear on bike; Coke barbie; light set; many, many Coca Cola collectibles; bells; child's cedar chest; very unusual child's Victorian chair; many pens and pencils; old paper goods; Hohner accordion; Omnichord; Auto harp; Newton memorabilia; Skates in Newton Skating Palace trunk; child's turn table; harmonicas; pin backs; belt buckles; school bell; Wrangler memorabilia; jewelry; many dolls, TV dolls; Barbie, etc.; old cameras; old candy containers; Hereford bull bank; Book of Knowledge mechanical bank; post office box bank; trading cards; Frankoma political cups; Blatts S&P shakers; twisted iron piano stool; wood pedestal piano stool; rabbit candy containers; donkey cigarette dispenser; Moundridge Creamery pcs.; produce and kitchen scale; Santa Fe HO ga. train; coll. glass; and many, many other items.

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The Virus Formerly Known As Swine Flu

When the Asian flu hit the country in 2003, were people warned to stay away from Chinese restaurants and Japanese cars? When the West Nile virus was diagnosed in humans did the Health Department tell us to avoid going to Egypt? How 'bout smallpox? Were there dwarf warnings posted? Does riding Tennessee Walkers give you a charley horse? Do you catch the swine flu by eating barbecued spare ribs?

The answer to all the

forementioned questions is NO.

So why has the demand for pork in supermarkets and restaurants plummeted? Because it is very easy for a logical but simple mind to say, "I've got the blues. I better quit eating blueberries!" Just connect the dots, they think. It's easy to explain to a child that the tooth fairy gives them teeth, the stork gives them a little sister, and smoking Regular instead of King Size will stunt their growth.

Truly, somewhere, sometime in a land far, far away, a human may have contracted the virus from a pig. But how many people that have been subsequently diagnosed with swine flu have been within ten miles of a pig in the last ten days, or ten years? People catch the virus by coming in contact with an infected human. From a person! That's right! Maybe someone you know, like a friend, relative, classmate or subpoena server, but not from giving CPR to a pig. You will not be exposed to the virus by hanging out with Miss Piggy, pork, bacon, chops, ham, hocks, ribs, bellies, pickled feet, University of Arkansas rooters, or an overbearing bore.

What does it matter, you say, if you're just playing it safe? Nothing, if you are also playing it safe by

reducing your family's exposure to places where kids and people congregate like schools, malls, churches, picnics, Disneyland, Starbucks or the county jail.

But discontinuing your family's BLTs or ham and cheese, or pulled pork or Chile Verde, has no more effect on their chances of catching swine flu than giving them a haircut or getting a tattoo!

It is the Pork Producers misfortune that the illness was tagged with the name swine flu, because rumors ride in the Diamond Lane and facts putter along behind. The official name of this disease is the H ONE N ONE viral flu. I wish it were more catchy, maybe the Gopher flu, or the Ragweed flu, or the Spotted Owl flu. If it was, it might give us more incentive to eradicate the source!

Auction Sales Scheduled

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Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

August 22 — Tools, household goods, antiques, misc. at Clay Center for Carl Swenson. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

August 22 — House, furniture, antiques, tools & misc. at Concordia for Arnold Pearson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

August 26 — Machinery consignment auction at Cornlea, Neb. Auctioneers: Michael Wegener Implement, Inc.

August 30 — Evans 27th Annual Quarter Horse sale at Emporia for George & Sue Evans. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

August 31 — Farm machinery & misc. S. of Abilene for Gene & Cindy Hoffman. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

September 7 — 14th Annual Labor Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon for Harley Gerdes.

September 27 — 29th annual Cooper Quarter Horse sale at Emporia for Cooper Quarter Horses. Auctioneers: Carey Macy.

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