

## Across the County

### Beef fall calf conferences planned in three locations

By Marty Fear  
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Kansas State University will host the K-State Beef Fall 2011 Calf Conference in three locations – Atwood, Oakley and Stockton, in late September. Keynote presentations and speakers at all three conferences are the “Beef Cattle Market Outlook,” by Glynn Tonsor, livestock marketing specialist with K-State Research and Extension, and “Calf and Stocker Research Highlights: Updates in Management, Nutrition and Health,” by Dale Blasi, stocker and forage specialist with K-State Research and Extension. Each conference will include a meal and location-specific speakers, as well. Dates, times and site-specific presentation topics include:

Sept. 27 – Atwood - 6:30 p.m. – 4-H building – Reply by Sept. 22 to 785-626-3192 or cdixon@ksu.edu

Beef quality assurance  
Sept. 28 – Oakley- 10 a.m. – Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center – Reply by Sept. 22 to 785-743-6361 or rsbarrow@ksu.edu

Keeping pastures productive; and local forage analysis, feed costs and ration balancing; lowering winter feed costs;

Sept. 28 – Stockton - 5 p.m. – Rooks County Fairgrounds, Harding Hall 4-H building – Reply by Sept. 26 to 785-425-6851 or rboyle@ksu.edu

**Winter grazing opportunities**  
As our growing season winds down, it's time to plan and assess your winter grazing options. Some options may be better this year than most. Hay and silage are really expensive. If you can find something for your animals to graze rather than be fed hay and silage, you will probably

save over a dollar per day per cow.

Extra rain in many areas this summer and fall produced more than the usual amount of growth on rangeland, plus good re-growth on alfalfa and grass hay fields. A few fields of summer annual grasses have nice new growth. And there's even a lot of volunteer winter wheat growing in many areas.

These all can be grazed this fall and winter.

Yes, you may need to take some slight precautions to do it safely. Alfalfa has a slight risk of bloat. Green wheat and grass re-growth might have a tendency to cause some grass tetany or respiratory problems if animals are moved to these lush pastures from dry, brown pastures without any adaptation. Be careful following a hard freeze, or maybe wait until a few days after a killing freeze happens before putting animals on these lush pastures. And many fields may need some temporary fence or have water hauled to them.

But don't let these challenges prevent you from using these resources. Not only will you get some good quality, less expensive feed for your animals, grazing also could be good for the land.

Most of the nutrients in the plants will be recycled back to the soil via manure and urine, making them available to support next year's crop. Look around, wherever you have grazable growth remaining, take advantage of it. It's like money in the bank, and good feed, too.

Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfeaar@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Till next week - Marty

## Beecher Island reunion planned for weekend

Saturday is the 143rd anniversary of the battle of Beecher Island as well as the start of the 112th Beecher Island reunion. It will be a weekend full of tradition and history, said Fred Mahlberg, one of the coordinators.

The Beecher Island Battle Memorial Association has a long history of bringing some of the finest musical talent to the tri-state area and that tradition will be carried on for this year's reunion.

An afternoon performance by the Swinging Seniors will start things off. This group has been entertaining audiences in this area for many years. They are sure to play all of the favorites.

The evening show starts at 7 and features Wily Jim, The Original Swingabilly, Jim, along with a guest, will be playing a nice selection of tunes. His catalog of songs holds country, cowboy, western, train and trail songs, just to name a few.

On Sunday morning, Willie Sharp and A Few Good Men will showcase some the vocal talents of our area residents.

At 1 p.m. on Sunday, the auditorium will come alive with the sound of The Denver Mandolin Orchestra. The acoustic

performance features nearly a dozen players on different instruments of the mandolin family. They play a wide variety of music every thing from a John Philip Sousa march to old world traditional songs.

Following the mandolins will be a rendition of the song Arikaree.

Rounding out the afternoon, Paul Barkey, an author and historian from Manhattan will give a presentation on the life of Lt Fred Beecher.

### Great Tips

- Ants, ants, ants everywhere ... Well, they are said to never cross a chalk line. So get your chalk out and draw a line on the floor or wherever ants tend to march. See for yourself.

- Use air-freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and better still, leaves a lovely smell to the shine.

- When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.



CELEBRATING their birthdays at the senior center are l to r) Bonnie Burr, Beth Klepper and Theresa Knapp.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

## Disc golf tourney set for Saturday

By Karen Krien

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The Roadkill Rendezvous disc golf tournament is set for Saturday, at Roadside Disc Golf Course, south of the Cheyenne County Museum. Check in starts at 8:30 and the tournament will start at 10 a.m.

There has been quite a bit of interest shown in the sport, said Kary Zwegardt, organizer. We are hoping to have a good turnout.

There will be cash and merchandise prizes awarded to the top three finishers as well as prizes for the longest drive and longest putt on selected holes. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be available.

Entry fees are \$20 and the deadline to enter is Sept. 14. For more information, call 785-332-0308. All proceeds go to Zero's Youth Center, St. Francis.

The disc golf, also referred to as Frisbie golf, course was established about a year ago by Kary Zwegardt and his son, Jordan. The game is played much like traditional golf. Instead of balls and clubs, the players use a flying disc or Frisbie.

The object of golf is to complete each hold in the least number of strokes. In Frisbie golf, the player needs to put the disc in the basket in the

amount of throws.

The 9-hole course is a series of baskets mounted on a pole. The disc is thrown from a tee area to the target.

The roadside park, Mr. Zwegardt said, is better than most courses. There is not only rest room facilities, but there is a place for picnics and water.

Atwood has an 18-hole course, Goodland and Sharon Springs have nine-hole courses. In the future, Mr. Zwegardt is hoping to organize tournaments.

In the future, the school physical education teacher may want to use the course as one of the activities. "It is good to be able to utilize the roadside park," he said.

All ages, from the young to the elderly, can enjoy the sport. Not only is it a fun sport but it is good recreational exercise. Frisbie golf provides upper and lower body conditioning, aerobic exercise and promotes a combination of physical and mental abilities. The upside, there is little risk of physical injuries.

Concentration skills are increased by mastering shots and negotiating obstacles.

Check out the course, watch the players or become one. For more information, talk to Mr. Zwegardt.



LADIES GO through the dinner line served at the annual tea.

## Several enjoy high tea held at local church

On Aug. 30, 70 women, daughters and guests attended the annual high tea event. This is the third year the tea has been held.

After dinner, dessert and music, Candy and Tiffany Glasco, performed an entertaining skit.

The guest speaker Bernice Wieck shared from God's word as guest speaker.

The fellowship center was elegantly set up and decorated. Various kinds of teas were served throughout the evening.

### Thank You!

For our 60th Anniversary we want to thank our family and friends. To our children and grandchildren Royce, Cloene, Jesse, Clint, Kayla, Natalyn and Andy, a special thank you for all the work and love you did for Saturday for Saturdays luncheon and Cajun boil dinner with all the trimmings. Sunday, pizza and dessert; dinner grilled steaks. To all our neighbors and friends who helped and attended, for cards and gifts. This memorable occasion will never be forgotten.

Dick and Delores Bursch

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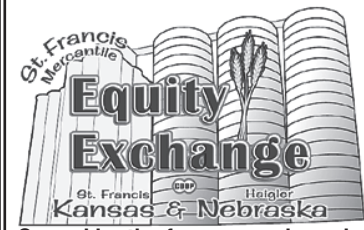
I would like to thank everyone who made my retirement open house such a memorable event, as well as my time at the Cheyenne County FSA Office. All the people I came to know and the friendships made will be with me forever. A special thanks to the anonymous donor of the "Tim Tebow Barrel" and the flowers from "Tim". What fun! A special thank you to Cindy, Dennon, Jolene, Raquel, Vera, Betty and Harvey. The office wouldn't have been the same without each of you!  
Angie Berens

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