

# A different Easter dinner

Perhaps you have a traditional menu for Easter dinner. But who knows? Your family might enjoy a change of routine. Here is a complete menu designed to be prepared a day ahead and cooked while you're at worship service on a blessed and joyous but sometimes hectic day.

## Cook's Corner

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juice over all. Bake at 250 degrees for five hours. Drain water chestnuts and mushrooms and add when you get home from church. Bake an additional thirty minutes while the green beans (below) are baking. Serve steak on a large platter surrounded by veggies with sauce. No last minute carving!

To sop up the burgundy sauce, prepare buttered French bread a day ahead of time, wrap snugly in foil and refrigerate, set out early to bring to room temperature and heat beside the green beans.

### CALIFORNIA CAULIFLOWER SALAD

Two heads cauliflower separated into florets

One bunch little red radishes, sliced

Mix one bottle Wishbone Italian dressing, half cup amber vinegar, one teaspoon kosher salt and fresh ground pepper to your taste. Mix with vegetables and refrigerate, covered, for two or three days. Toss and sprinkle with fresh cut parsley at the last minute.

### SASSY'S GREEN BEANS

Two pounds fresh whole green beans, tipped and stringed

Two slices peppered bacon, partially cooked and diced

One tablespoon dill seed

Two cups chicken broth

One onion, shredded very fine

Simmer these ingredients together for forty-five minutes. Cover and refrigerate overnight. In the morning, drain liquid (reserve for below) and arrange beans in flat casserole. Make a smooth sauce as follows:

Six tablespoons flour

Eight tablespoons butter

One and a half cups milk

One cup reserved juice from

bean mixture

One teaspoon fresh ground peppercorns

One teaspoon Beau Monde seasoning

One tablespoon Tabasco

Pour warm sauce over beans, cover, leave at room temperature and slide in the oven after church. Bake for thirty minutes at 350 degrees while the beef is finishing and bread is warming.

### ALMOND DELIGHT DESSERT

Make this at least one day ahead. Buy a Sara Lee pound cake and slice it horizontally into three even slices. Set aside, covered. Open a can of slivered almonds. In a blender or food processor combine:

Six ounces butterscotch chips

Half cup very hot, very strong coffee

Blend until chips are melted.

Then add

One stick butter

One quarter cup powdered sugar

Two eggs

One teaspoon almond extract

Blend until smooth. Place first layer of cake on an oval platter. Spread with some of the frosting, being sure to reserve enough for all layers. Sprinkle slivered almonds on each layer as you fill and stack. Save enough frosting to drizzle over the top and sides. Sprinkle top generously with slivered almonds. Cover immediately, first with plastic wrap, then in foil, and refrigerate at once. Will keep several days. Cut in thin slices and garnish plate with a sprig of mint and two fresh raspberries or strawberries.

See you in church on Easter morning and don't you dare tell me you had to stay home and cook dinner because I know better!

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# 'The real McCoy' of the cattle trade

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"The real McCoy." That's a phrase which means the genuine article or the actual thing - something we can count on. Where did this phrase originate? There are various accounts, and we will probably never know the actual source. But one version credits this phrase to a man who played a pivotal role in the history of rural Kansas and the American West.

Joseph G. McCoy was an Illinois cattle buyer. After the Civil War, McCoy saw high demand for beef on the east coast while herds of longhorns were running free in Texas, having been abandoned by soldiers who had gone off to war. McCoy wanted to get that beef to the markets back east.

In his later years, McCoy wrote a book titled "Cattle Trade of the West and Southwest." The book describes how McCoy looked for a place where Texas cattle could be brought to a railroad and shipped east, but his visionary idea was not well received. When McCoy took his idea to the president of the Missouri Pacific railroad in St. Louis, he was essentially thrown out of the man's office. So McCoy went further west and followed the route of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, looking for a site to receive Texas cattle.

He finally settled on the rural community of Abilene. His book described the town at the time: "Abilene in 1867 was a very small, dead place, consist-

ing of about one dozen log huts, low, small, rude affairs, four-fifths of which were covered with dirt for roofing; indeed, but one shingle roof could be seen in the whole city."

According to one account, Abilene at the time had a population of about 300 people. Now, that's rural.

But as Kansas cowboy historian Jim Gray wrote: "Joseph McCoy would change all that with his vision of a great cattle 'depot' on the plains. In 1867, McCoy's Great Western Stockyards welcomed (the Texans) eagerly with open arms. With the first drives of Texas cattle to Abilene, the sleepy little town became the first of the 'end of trail' cattle towns in Kansas."

Jeff Sheets, director of the Heritage Museum in Dickinson County, nominated Joseph McCoy as one of the Kansas Sampler Foundation's 8 Wonders of Kansas People. The nomination says, in part: "In 1867, 35,000 head of cattle were driven to Abilene. The drovers were so impressed with the new market that the word spread across Texas, bringing more herds up the trail. During the next four years over 1.3 million head of cattle were driven up ... the Chisholm Trail."

Abilene became a boomtown virtually overnight. Here, the Wild West truly came to life. When Texas drovers came in off the trail, they got paid and were ready for a spree.

Jim Gray wrote, "Galloping horses and frantic gunplay were

commonplace on Abilene's streets. The cowboy would often imbibe too much poison whiskey and straightway go on the warpath. The Topeka Commonwealth declared, 'Hell is now in session in Abilene.' For the next couple of years, the Texan and the merchants of sin reigned supreme." Eventually the lawlessness was stopped, due to brave marshals like Tom Smith and Wild Bill Hickok.

The cattle trade moved on and had an indelible impact on the history and development of Kansas and the west. Joseph McCoy would be hailed nationally as a cattle baron and founder of the Kansas cattle trade. Abilene became known world-wide as the End of the Chisholm Trail. Today, it is a beautiful, modern community which attracts travelers from all over.

"Abilene would not have been the End of the Chisholm Trail, if not for Joe McCoy," said Glenda Purkis, director of the Abilene Convention and Visitors' Bureau. "His creation of the trail creates a demand for western heritage history from travelers of today."

Joseph McCoy was said to have told Chicago cattle buyers he would bring them 200,000 head in 10 years. When he made good on that boast and far exceeded it, it inspired the phrase "the Real McCoy."

We salute Joseph McCoy and the modern day leaders of Abilene for making a difference and making this heritage real.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences School of Arts and School of Business.

Matthew Allan Miller-Norton. He is a junior in Biochemistry and French and Pre-Medicine. He was named to the honor roll for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Ashley Meredith Smith-Maybon of Norton. She is a senior in Elementary Education. She was named to the honor roll for the School of Education.

# Hashing it out



The Norton American Legion Riders hosted a breakfast on Saturday morning at the Norton American Legion. Jimmy Railsback and John Annon work the grill as Mike Barrett looks on. The meal included pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, potatoes, juice, coffee and milk. Proceeds from the free will donation will go to the Legion Riders.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# POLICE LOG

### Mar. 12

Request to speak to officer concerning trespassing

Two-vehicle accident

Individual concerned about the safety of vehicle on jack

Report of spray paint vandalism

Report of neighbor dispute

Report of individual smelling strange smells

Noise complaint

Vehicle stop

### Mar. 13

Report of someone ringing doorbell

Questions concerning putting flyers on vehicles

Questions concerning truck accident at Total

Theft report

Report that someone yelled at them, but they didn't see who it was

Vehicle stop

### Mar. 14

Individual reported their child was shot with BB gun

Dog complaint

911 call from child stating their friends would not leave

Keys locked in vehicle

(2) two vehicle stops

### Mar. 15

Vehicle stop, one DUI arrest

Report of someone ringing doorbell

Report of break-in

Report of stolen license plate

Keys locked in vehicle

Report of two vehicles driving erratically

Request to deliver message

Request for information concerning break-ins

Report of possible fire, outdoor fireplace

Barking dog complaint

Report of individual cutting down trees after dark

Report of someone ringing doorbell

(2) two vehicle stops

### Mar. 16

McCook PD needing information concerning individual from Norton

Found open window at business, contacted owner

Found open door at business, contacted owner

Report of verbal altercation

Report of scam

Report of individual talking to kids and giving them bibles

Made contact with individual giving out bibles

Welfare check

(3) three vehicle stops

### Mar. 17

Report of verbal dispute

Motorist assist

Request to remove license plate off vehicle that was previously sold

Barking dog complaint

Noise complaint

Report of go-cart operating on city streets

Report of missing person, individual found in another town

Report of suspicious activity

(4) four vehicle stops

### Mar. 18

Report of someone ringing doorbell

Contact with individual walk-

ing around town

Keys locked in vehicle

Assist Sheriff's Dept. with arrest

Activated alarm, Sunshine Daycare

Report of hit and run at Dollar General

Report of intoxicated individuals tearing up vehicles

Report of fireworks

Vehicle stop

## Upcoming Auction

### Saturday, March 31st, 2012 10:00 a.m. CST

Auction Location: 4-H Building  
N. Hwy. 25, Atwood, KS.

Seller: Bessie B. Peterson Estate  
Tamzen Rooney Irrevocable Trust & Et al

Selling: Equipment, Furniture, Appliances, Antiques, Collectables, Misc.

## Glad Real Estate

Rocky Hayes-Auctioneer

415 State, P.O. Box 173, Atwood, KS 67730  
Office: (785) 626-2039/ Cell (785) 626-4022  
visit our website for photos @ www.gladrealestate.com

## GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, sericea lespedeza, Johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian, Knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Norton County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

### FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS NOTICE MAY RESULT IN THE COUNTY:

(1.) Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,  
(2.) Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds.

Additional information may be obtained from the Norton County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 901 S. Kansas, Topeka, KS 66612.

# COLLEGE NEWS

Several area students have been named to the University of Kansas honor roll for the fall 2011 semester.

Area honorees are as follows:

Kayleigh Jo Brooks-Norton. She is a Prof I in Pharmacy. She was named to the honor roll for the School of Pharmacy.

Christopher Paul Ceman-Phillipsburg. He is a sophomore in Economics. He was named to the honor roll for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dakota Drew Dreher-Norton. He is a freshman in Pre-Medicine. He was named to the honor roll for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Janelle Marie Fritz-Almena. She is a senior in Undecided. She was named to the honor roll for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Darci Jo Goddard-Logan. She is a senior in Film and Media Studies and Marketing. She was named to the honor roll for the