



LOOKING AT THE POSTER — Sharon Van Allen shows Josh Van Allen, Steven Schorzman and Trey VanAllen pictures of the activities the Boy Scouts have done.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Extension Notes

Winter Grazing

It may seem a little late talking about winter grazing when we only have one to two months of winter left. However, now may be the best time to evaluate your current winter feeding plan and think ahead toward next year.

There are some questions to ask yourself: Can I reduce the amount of hay fed? Can I reduce feed costs?

Did you know that every day you graze winter pasture rather than feed silage or hay, you will save at least 25 to 50 cents, and maybe as much as a dollar per cow. Many of us utilize corn stalks and other crop residue as winter feed for stock cows. For some of us crop residues aren't available. If that's the case you might consider using winter range or grass

that remains in some pastures due to extra growth last summer.

Grazing these pastures during winter has its advantages. For starters, you need less hay and silage for winter feed. Another benefit of winter grazing is removal of old growth so cattle have mostly fresh, green pasture next spring. Plus, cattle even eat some plants like yucca and ragweed during winter that they won't hardly touch during summer.

Winter grazing is actually one of the best ways to reduce yucca population. And, winter grazing puts very little stress on dormant pastures. Cattle may need some protein supplements while grazing winter pasture or corn stalks. But not too much since cattle do a pretty good job of picking higher quality plant parts to eat while winter grazing.

On corn stalks consider a protein supplement of about one-half when corn stops appearing in cattle manure. Winter grazing is an opportunity to reduce winter feed costs and improve pasture condition.

Plan for drought when preparing pasture lease

Many producers rent pasture. Last year we had adequate moisture for our pastures, and currently prospects for this year look good. However, the years prior to 2007 showed us how drought can affect pastures.

So what happens, when drought lowers pasture production below expectations?

Drought can really play havoc on pasture leases. All too often, pasture leases fail to include an appropriate plan to adjust to this problem. Without a plan, both the landowner and the tenant are at risk. The landowner risks having the pasture become overgrazed, resulting in future weed problems, reduced production, and lowered value. The tenant risks poor performance or health of the livestock due to less forage and lower quality feed. This can lead to higher supplemental feed costs or being forced to sell the cattle.

So, who decides when drought has lowered pasture production low enough to remove the cattle? And, what should be the adjustment in the rent payment?

Unfortunately, I can't give you a specific answer. Instead, now is the time to discuss these issues as landlord and tenant. Usually, it is best to design the lease so both the landowner and tenant share in the opportunity and risk associated with drought by adding an appropriate escape clause due to drought. Be sure to list the length of the grazing period and the lease. Also make sure that stocking rates are specified in the lease, adjusting these stocking levels for increased cow size if necessary. And get it all in writing to avoid any misunderstandings later.

Drought can cause a lot of headaches. But if you've planned ahead, making sudden adjustments to your pasture leases won't be one of them.

Obituaries

Evelyn Wolaver

Died Feb. 7, 2008

Evelyn L. Wolaver, St. Francis, Kan., died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at 7:40 a.m.

She died of the many complications associated with lung cancer. Evelyn and Ralph moved to St. Francis two years ago. She loved the small town friendliness of St. Francis.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph L. Wolaver; five children; Kim McGinnis of St. Francis, Kay Noonan of Benkelman, Neb., Kathy Wolaver of Tulsa, Okla., Ralph Wolaver Jr. of Crowley, Colo., and Greg Wolaver of Thornton, Colo., and a grandson whom they adopted, Dylan Wolaver of St. Francis; brother, Jack Gandy of Kansas City; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Her family said she will be greatly missed as she was greatly loved. The family had a small private service.

Lana J. Carmichael

Nov. 12, 1931 - Feb. 3, 2008

Lana J. Carmichael was born in Hayward, Calif., on Nov. 12, 1931, to Fay and Eugene Hulse. She grew up playing with her

brother Richard in the Oakland Hills.

At 19, Lana joined the Air Force where she met and married Ward Carmichael, son of Ray and Dolly Carmichael of St. Francis.

Together Ward and Lana had four daughters, Virginia Lee Janicelli, Victoria Lynn Lewis, Vivian Lana Carmichael and Valerie Lou Woosley. She taught them to love classical music and the poetry, as well as to share her irreverent sense of humor.

She became a Christian at 24, and later attended Baptist Bible College in Springfield. At the age of 54, she achieved her life's dream of teaching high school English. A gifted teacher, she was still hearing from grateful students a decade after she retired.

She loved music, and played classical music and hymns on the piano and organ.

She recently returned to the Ozarks and died on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, after a long, brave battle with cancer.

She is mourned by her four daughters and their husbands, 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and countless friends and former students.

A memorial service was held

on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Cherry Street Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo.

Gifts in Lana's memory may be made to UC Regents and sent to UC Davis' Health System, 4900 Broadway Blvd, Suite 1150, Sacramento, CA 95820, in support of Dr. Helen Chew's Breast Cancer Research.

Keith Marvin Rogers

April 21, 1926 - Feb. 10, 2008

Keith Marvin Rogers died on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008. He was born at St. Francis, Kan., on April 21, 1926, to William Calvin and Lyda Goodale Rogers at the home place southeast of St. Francis.

Keith came to Colorado in 1947 and married Gwyneth Lea Davison on Dec. 5, 1948, in Akron, Colo. He is survived by his wife, Gwen and their children, Byron (Debra) Rogers of Akron and Denise (Stephen) Rogers Piel of Sterling, Colo., and six grandchildren, Robby (Kelly) Rogers, Tess Rogers, Braden Piel, Meghan Piel, Daniel Campbell and Darion Gibbs. Keith is also survived by his one brother, Gene Simeon, and two sisters, Phyllis Miller and Joan Bayne.

Keith joined the Merchant Marines in Nov. 17, 1944, and re-

mained until Feb. 12, 1947. He joined the United States Army in Feb. 15, 1954, and was honorably discharged on Nov. 14, 1955. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal during his military service.

During his life, Keith first farmed and raised cattle and pigs with Gwen. He worked at the grain elevators in Platner and Akron. He spent 19.5 years in the oil field, working for Exeter Drilling with his son Byron for three of those years.

In his retirement years, Keith enjoyed visits from Homie, doing word search puzzles, caring for the Angus cattle at the farm and traveling to watch his grandchildren play volleyball, baseball and football.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 14, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Brenner Funeral Home, in Akron. Funeral Services will be Friday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m., at the United Methodist Church, in Akron.

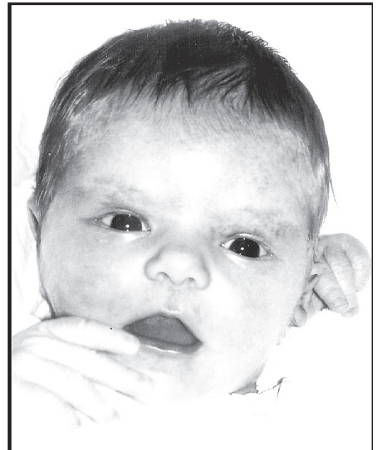
Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Brenner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Introducing

Ellie Lynn Oestman

Ellie Lynn Oestman was born Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008, to Mark and Dessany Oestman of Yuma, Colo.

Ellie's proud grandparents are Robin and Kathy Wiley of Idalia and Terry and Kay Oestman of Eckley, Colo. Her great-grandparents include Hertha Kelley of St. Francis, Dolores Wiley of St. Francis and Jim and Dorothy Brophy of Yuma.



Oestman



Jolie Jamison picks up her bouquet. Jolie had the highest poker hand.

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Arrie Cox has the second highest hand. Both bouquets were donated by Goodell's Greenhouse.

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