



**My Turn**  
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# Name-calling tires early in campaign

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lady whose mouth is best saved for talk over a few drinks.

Are you getting as tired of hearing everybody calling everybody a liar as I am?

Some people think it's cute. "She's speaking her mind," they say. I don't buy it.

There is nothing — absolutely nothing — being said politically today that isn't being challenged by someone with the 'liar' argument. Of course, you have to be one to know one.

Her use of "shove it" and "hell" are not meant for the public stage and especially by someone who wants badly to be our first lady. If she does become such, the dictionary of "First Lady Lingo" will have to be completely rewritten. No, it's not acceptable language in my opinion.

I don't care how Sen. John Kerry did or did not get his medals, or if he threw them away, or burned them, or if he flip-flops like an unruly pancake, or how he voted a billion years ago on an issue. Or issues.

We have a vice-president who has gone beyond the tainted language and reached into the bottom of the garbage can to express his disdain for a senator's comment on the floor of the United States Senate.

I don't care if President George W. Bush did or did not drink too much when he was younger, or if he served or not served in the Air National Guard, or if he wears his religious beliefs on his sleeve, or if he is a Bible thumper.

There is no place for this vulgarity on our public stage. It's a common word that finds its way into conversation when someone can't think of any other word to use. It'll never find its way in print in this newspaper.

I just don't care.

Sen. Edwards can smile all he wants. Looks can be deceiving. And as this fight goes on, I'm sure the smiles will become less obvious. His battle scars from the spring's primaries are nothing next to what he's going to endure in the final months of the campaign.

But I do care that figures in both these camps continue that 'liar' drumbeat, and as much as Kerry and Bush try to distance themselves from the "corps of liars," I do care that they just don't come out and in good old-fashioned English and tell their liars to quit lying.

And Sen. Kerry's awkwardness could be a hint of his discomfort even with himself.

In other words, tell their surrogates to butt out!

What's wrong with MY America? It is being ruled and governed by a four-letter word — LIAR.

They — Bush and Kerry — look into the television cameras daily and disavow any knowledge of the creeps that crawl the land telling one lie after another. They can't fool me, and I know they aren't fooling you because in the background, they are smiling every time an apparent 'hit' is scored by their liar.

Bush and Kerry could put an end to it — just like that. But cleaning up politics would be akin to making the landfill suitable for an evening meal. It just isn't going to happen.

Those sneaky television commercials that impregnate our homes with lies do little to convince watchers that this is still the greatest of all lands on the planet. If we want to gauge ourselves based on lies told by those who guide or want to guide our fortunes, then hope is shedding itself much like leaves fall from trees at the change of seasons.

I wonder if the ballot allows for a write-in in the presidential box. If it does I will pencil in "God." At least the poll workers will know how I voted.

This is fast becoming one of the trashiest campaigns in this nation's history. We have a wannabe first

MY America deserves better. And it has deteriorated so much that God may even find it almost impossible to repair.

Sad, isn't it, that in MY America, the choice is the lesser of two evils.

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people passing checks, certificates and the like. (We will always try to make room for a story about any of these events, however.)

Please be sure to allow a couple of days' notice so we can arrange to be there.

We do run wedding and engagement pictures and "mug" shots with stories and obituaries, when they are provided to us. Please remember that we need a clear, sharp picture. Dark or fuzzy prints will not work.

Space in the paper is limited and so is the time of our staff, so we may not be able to get to every event, but we will try.

We cannot return photos unless you submit a self-addressed, stamped envelope with clear instructions for return. Other photos submitted may be picked up at our office within two weeks.

Because space is so limited, we cannot run team or group photos, any pictures of people lined up or of

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Hi-Plains Co-op Customer Appreciation Supper  
 Leoville Parish Center  
 August 19 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



# Fall Field Day 2004

August 19, 2004 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.,  
 1/2 mile east of Quinter, KS on old highway 40

### A Great Opportunity For Producers!

Where else can you see strip-till machines from six equipment manufactures running through wheat stubble ground and learn about the pros and cons of strip-till? This field day is setup to provide producers with balanced information about strip-till. Strip-till should not be thought of as a replacement for no-till. Instead, producers who are using conventional-tillage to plant their row crops or for those producers who have a soil compaction problem after grazing their cattle on stalks, strip-till may be a good option for them. Strip-till will provide some of the benefits associated with no-till, while allowing more residue to accumulate on the surface compared to conventional-till. Producers will be able to view various strip-till treatments in dryland corn, grain sorghum, and sunflower with a comparison to no-till. In addition, there will be a skip row corn comparison to non-skip row corn. The plot has received over 9 inches of rain in recent weeks, so the crops are looking good. Please come and join us.

The agenda is as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. - Registration
- 9:00 a.m. - Discussion of strip-till plots and viewing of tillage treatments in the crops by Dr. Kent McVay and Dr. Brian Olson
- 10:15 a.m. - Skip row corn by Dr. Dale Fjell
- 10:45 p.m. - Industry demonstration of equipment (each company will have approximately 15 min.) DMI from Hoxie Implement, Quinstar, Orthman, Yetter, Twin Diamond Industries, and Remlinger from Taylor Implement
- 12:00 - Noon meal
- 12:30 - Noon speaker - Dr. Mitch Tuinstra, grain sorghum developments
- 1:00 p.m. - Producers meet with industry professionals.

Sponsors for this event include: Pioneer, Monsanto, NC+, Hoxie Implement, Quinstar, Orthman, Yetter, Twin Diamond Industries, and Remlinger from Taylor Implement with assistance from T & T Chemical and Midwest Coop

A meal will be provided at noon for free. To guarantee a meal, please call 785-462-6281 by August 17 ( maximum - 200 meals). In the case of a rain postponement, the field day will be held on August 23.



# STOCK REDUCTION & CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Lunch will be served. **ABSOLUTE AUCTION**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2004 10:00 A.M. CDT**

CONSIGNMENTS  
 ACCEPTED  
 UNTIL FRIDAY,  
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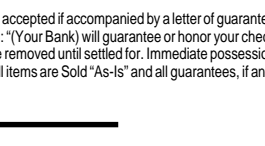
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 708 E. B St. McCook, Nebraska**



**TILLAGE EQUIPMENT**  
 Kent 25' Discovator w/harrows  
 Miller 32' Rod Weeder  
 Blue Jet Sub-tiller 5 shank ripper  
 Sunflower 6331 26' Land Finisher w/harrows and baskets  
 Flex King 5x5 blade plow, fertilizer and pickers  
 Wil-Rich 1400 19'6" seed bed conditioner  
 Cammond 10' Scrapper  
 Best Field Pro 111 1200 gal. 80' boom  
 Kent 26' Discovator w/harrows and baskets  
 Kent 28' Discovator w/harrows  
 John Deere 724 Land Finisher w/harrows  
 Blue Jet 8-shank ripper w/strip till  
 Blue Jet 7-shank ripper w/ strip till  
 Kent Field 25' cultivator  
 New FMC Sidewinder 216  
 Sunflower sweep frame w/bedder  
 Flex King 5x5 Blade Plow  
 New Hiniker 12R30 Cultivator  
 New Cammond Scrapper 10'  
 New Cammond Scrapper 12'

Vermeer WR24 12-wheel rake  
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 MacDon 5010 16' mower conditioner  
 MacDon 9350 16' SP windrower  
 MacDon 5000 14' mower conditioner  
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 Tonutti Gyro rake, pull-type  
 Atchison 12-bale mover-New  
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 Hesston 1365 mower-conditioner  
 John Deere 507 Gyramor 3-pt. mower  
 New Holland 490 12' mower conditioner  
 John Deere F935 Mower, zero turn w/ blades & snowblower  
 Hesston 565 Round Baler  
 New Rhino 15-4 Flex Mower  
 John Deere 2420 14' diesel SP windrower, cab w/air

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 Donahue Mach, Trailer 9x28  
 Donahue Swather Trailer HD  
 Trash Trailer w/hoist  
 DCT Trailer 18'  
 1989 GMC Pickup 1500, 4x4, 350 auto trans., new motor  
 1989 GMC Pickup 3500, 4x4, 1 ton, 364 4 sp. trans., new motor, live hydraulics  
 1973 Chevrolet 65 5x2 w/tag, 20' box & hoist, new brakes, trans., tires good, power steering



**PLANTERS & DRILLS**  
 2002 Crustbuster drill 4030, 48x7.5  
 IHC 950 8 row planter  
 IHC 14 x 10 drill  
 Great Plains 30'x7.5" double disc drill w/ markers  
 John Deere 455 30' drill, 10" w/markers, new blades & bearings  
 Sunflower 9433-40' Notill drill, 10" w/markers & fertilizer  
 IHC 150 10 x 10 drill w/dry fertilizer  
 JD LZ Drills 3 - 8' 12" spacing  
 JD 9300 Hoe Drills 2-8', 10' spacing  
 JD 8300 Drill

**MISC**  
 New LX 277 JD Riding Mower  
 LT 155 JD Riding Mower  
 3 Arctic Cat 4-wheelers  
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 New Rhino HPHD Post hole digger  
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 9N Ford Ferguson  
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 John Deere 1971 4020D 3 pt WF dual valve syc.  
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**GRAIN EQUIPMENT**  
 Feterl Easy Roll Auger w/electric motor  
 Westfield 10' x 71' auger  
 Orthman 797 Grain Cart w/scale  
 Orthman grain cart  
 New Rhino 9' auger  
 New Rhino 12' auger

**TRAILERS, VEHICLES, TRUCKS**  
 Vinkel flatbed 7-1/2 x 9'  
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