UPCOMING CATTLE DRIVE TO COMMEMORATE NOVEL’S ANNIVERSARY

ORGANIZER HOPES THIS YEAR’S DRIVE WILL NOT REPEAT ‘LOST’ CATTLE DRIVE OF LAST YEAR

The Associated Press

LAWRENCE — It’s not quite the trek Robert Day envisioned for his novel, “The Last Cattle Drive.”

But given the way last year’s practice run went, that’s probably a good thing.

“We lost all the cattle and ran into a milo field,” Day said “It became The Lost Cattle Drive” rather than “The Last Cattle Drive.”

Day’s 1977 novel chronicles a modern-day drive from northwest Kansas to Kansas City, Kan. To commemorate the 30th anniversary of the book’s release, Day and a friend, O. Newton King, will reenact a part of the fictional drive.

King, a retired pharmacy owner from Lawrence, has spent three years planning and organizing the drive, set for Sept. 4-5 at the Dickinson Ranch in Gorham, near Hays in Ellis County.

“It was almost as crazy as the idea of the book,” Day said. “It will sort of be a real chapter of the book — a condensed version.”

The drive also will raise money for 4-H clubs in Ellis and Russell counties, with 50 riders each day paying $300 each to go along.

“I wanted to leave something more permanent than cow pies.” King said.

Day, who teaches at
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Washington College in Chestertown, Md., was born in the Kansas City suburb of Shawnee. He graduated from the University of Kansas and taught there and at Fort Hays State University.

He worked on the Ward Sullivan Ranch northwest of Gorham and drew on his own experiences there to create the humorous novel’s main character, Spangler Star Turkle.

Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway, who has taught the novel in an honors seminar, said students can relate to the

book because it appeals to their imaginations.

“We have such a rich history in Kansas,” he said. “I think it’s fun for students to imagine themselves as residents in the 20th century and imagine experiences of their forefathers.”

Besides the novel’s humor, Hemenway said, Day “evokes” so many questions that students can ask, such as “What happened to the West?: What happened to the cowboy?: Have we lost some of the values we associated with stalwart settlers?”

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OTHER VIEWS

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Happy Hour FCE

Happy Hour FCE met Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the Senior Center for a picnic supper. Eighteen members and 13 guests attended. Hostesses were Eleanora Glenn, Rae Tweedy and Joan Indick. Roll call was answered with a favorite vacation spot.

Kevin Shrade, Carrefil Meat Solutions' utilities and environmental manager, spoke on the company's efforts to promote food safety, conserve water and fuel, clean the air and manage waste. A Kansas University graduate, Kevin has worked in groundwater management and environmental quality for Ford County and has been in his present position for nine years.

The company has six wells to provide the 785 million gallons of water the plant uses annually. Each slaughtered animal requires 525 gallons to process in order to guarantee food safety, but 90 percent of those 525 gallons is used twice for washing, cooling and supplemental irrigation. Future plans include the installation of new machinery, which will involve a membrane that can clean up used water to drinking water quality before reuse.

Natural resources are conserved by utilizing waste products. Methane gas burned in the boiler system reduces the use of natural gas by 1/3. Burning tallow kept melted at 225 degrees in Canadian plants saves up to 90 percent of the natural gas that would otherwise be used. A future press will reduce organic waste moisture to 65 percent so that the waste can be converted to energy to use in a boiler.

New machinery will enable reclamation of 99 percent of the waste, leaving only ash which can be used in making concrete blocks. In addition, the company is a member of the Chicago Climate Exchange and will be working with that group for a minimum of 15 years to decrease greenhouse gasses.

The plant undergoes many extensive inspections by the federal government, state government, insurance companies and customers. Food safety education for the 2,600 employees is frequent. A 20 percent turnover rate means that there are always people to be taught.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, the treasurer's report was given and mention was made of upcoming events. Two members have exhibits on display at the Art Is Ageless show at the Carnegie Center.

The next meeting will be at the Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at 1:30. Hostesses will be Donitta Wiles and Jean Lantis.
Live broadcast from Eisenhower Center featured in series on the modern American presidency

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library will be one of the 12 Presidential libraries featured in a new C-SPAN series.

C-SPAN’s Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered is a 12-week series airing live on location from one of the presidential libraries, beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 7. Each program will then re-air the same evening at 10 p.m.

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, located in Abilene, will be featured during the Sept. 28 broadcast.

Series historical consultant Richard Norton Smith also has a local connection.

He has served as director of four National Archives Presidential Libraries: Hoover, Eisenhower, Reagan and Ford. He was founding director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Ill. and the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

The author of numerous political biographies, Smith is currently a scholar-in-residence at George Mason University in Virginia.

He will take part in all 12 programs in both live and taped segments.

The final program of the series will be broadcast Nov. 30.

As the nation prepares to elect a new president in 2008, C-SPAN — with extensive assistance from the National Archives — is introducing the series that offers a behind-the-scenes look at the modern American presidency.

Debuting Sept. 7, the history series demonstrates the evolution of the modern presidency with extensive use of never- or rarely-seen film, video, private home movies, sound recordings, photographs, documents and artifacts collected from inside the libraries’ vaults.

In addition, more than 1,000 rare recordings, identified for this series from the various libraries’ holdings, will be digitized by C-SPAN and made publicly available via the Internet.

“We believe we can bring some new perspectives to these 12 men and some historical context to the highly competitive 2008 presidential election,” said C-SPAN president Susan Swain.

“This is the latest example of a valuable and ongoing relationship between C-SPAN and the National Archives,” said Allen Weinstein, archivist of the United States.

“The National Archives is committed to providing the American public access to records concerning the actions of our government. C-SPAN’s Presidential Libraries series will be a meaningful contribution to this goal, giving viewers a new perspective on fascinating materials that tell important stories from American history.”

Among the sights and sounds from the libraries’ archives are:

• rarely-seen video of Herbert Hoover at Camp Rapidan, his Virginia mountain hideaway and where he attempted to fight the battles of the Great Depression;

• television outtakes where Harry Truman explains his nickname, “Give ‘em hell, Harry.” He also discusses his relationship with General Douglas MacArthur and his decision to drop the atomic bomb;

• Lady Bird Johnson’s home movies of Lyndon Johnson campaigning for his first Senate seat in 1941; and

• Ronald Reagan, in footage shot by White House TV, at a behind-the-scenes meeting with advisors at the 1985 Geneva Summit with Russia criticizing media coverage of the summit.

In addition to never- or rarely-aired archival materials, each program will feature interviews and viewer call-in segments with respected experts such as curators, archivists, historians and other “witnesses to history.”

Live segments will take viewers where the public cannot go — beyond the exhibit halls and into the archives of each library where rare artifacts are preserved.

The 12 Presidential Libraries are operated by the National Archives and Records Administration.

Not libraries in the usual sense, these centers are archives and museums, preserving the written record and physical history of our presidents, while providing special programs and exhibits that serve their communities.

Following is the program schedule:

• Sept. 7, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, Iowa;

• Sept. 14: Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, Hyde Park, N.Y.;

• Sept. 21: Harry S Truman
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Cabinet maker, equipment program honored

BY COLLEEN SURIDGE
PARSONS SUN

Grandview Products Co. and the Kansas Equipment Exchange Program were both honored Wednesday as recipients of the 2007 Pollution Prevention Awards by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at the Kansas Environmental Conference in Hutchinson.

Grandview Products has been producing kitchen and vanity cabinets and counter tops for 60 years. The company formerly sent all of its wood waste from its manufacturing process to the landfill. The disposal process was labor intensive and cost more than $194,000 a year with estimated weights of 5,000 tons.

The company decided to try a new approach to wood disposal that would be beneficial to the environment and cost effective.

Standley Milling of Lamar, Mo., wanted the company's wood waste. For the equipment to grind the waste down and convey it, initial costs were going to be considerable for Grandview, but there was a determination to start grinding the wood, so it could be made into wood flour and be used as a filler to make plastic wood planks for decking.

"This is something we actually started on a limited basis two years ago at our Cherryvale plant," Grandview owner E.F. "Sonny" Zetmeir said. "It worked so well, we decided to expand. When we bought the old Schoenhofer building, since we do panel processing there, we decided to start it there. Then we installed it at our main plant. It is quite expensive, so it is not something you can do all at once."

The result for the past year was 4,448 tons of wood going to reuse/recycling, not the landfill, and a net savings of $163,000 on transportation and tipping fees, cutting disposal costs to $31,000.

Even with the savings, Zetmeir said it would be some time before the company recoups the costs of installing the equipment, but he thinks it will be beneficial in the long term.

"Grandview has proven it significantly surpasses standards required by the National Association of Home Builders Green Home Guidelines," said Marsha Ogle, risk management manager for Grandview. "Grandview has been a leader in wood waste recycling at their locations in Parsons ... and their Cherryvale facility for many years and they are proud of their excellent efforts in working toward a cleaner environment."

This along with other environmental processes, such cleaner air emissions, using low or non HAPs stains and finishes, and being active in the community on environmental issues also enabled the company to become green certified under the Kansas Cabinet Maker's Association Environmental Stewardship Pro-

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The ESP seal has been awarded to Grandview for its outstanding compliance in air quality, resource management of products and processing, environmental stewardship, and community service,” Ogle said. “This certification recognizes Grandview for their active involvement in charitable endeavors and their numerous awards in both citizenship and community services, along with their superior recycling program and compliance with all air quality requirements. The certification guarantees Grandview is an environmentally proactive manufacturer providing the market with products in compliance with stringent criteria for sound environmental management and sustainable practices. With this award, Grandview Products is making sure more than just their cabinets last.”

“It makes us feel pretty good,” Zetmeir said. “Some people don’t believe we are environmentally conscious because we cut down trees, but you can do that in an environmentally conscious manner. We want to ensure we continue to have wood product, so we only deal with sustainable forests that are certified by the SFI program. We take it seriously. We’ve gone beyond compliance with regulations.”

The Kansas Equipment Exchange was also awarded the Pollution Prevention Award for its recycling efforts.

Kansas Health Care Policy (Medicaid) and the Assistive Technology for Kansans Program, coordinated by the University of Kansas, have worked together for nearly four years to collect, refurbish and reassign used assistive technology and durable medical devices to Kansans with disabilities and health concerns.

The Kansas Equipment Exchange Program (KEE) inventory includes items such as power and manual wheelchairs, scooters, electric hospital beds, patient lifts, electronic communication devices and other assistive devices.

Since March 2003, this program has collected 1,800 devices worth more than $1,941,414. Many of these devices would have ended up in trash bins and landfills. Instead, certified vendors have refurbished the items and they have been reassigned to Kansans with disabilities at no cost to the consumer.

The KEE program is working on expanding the collection and reassignment of electronic handheld devices such as personal digital assistants and navigational devices. Inclusion of organizations and navigational devices will not only help persons with disabilities, but help address the electronic waste problem facing the nation.
When the two friends got back to a computer, they began looking up fossils of extinct animals, such as dinosaurs. Horn said it didn’t take them long to recognize the tooth was used for eating trees and other plants, leading them to search for mammoths. A brief search brought up a picture that they thought proved what they’d found.

Just to be sure, Horn emailed photos to an archaeologist at K-State, as well as a paleontologist at the KU Museum of Natural History. Both confirmed the tooth as belong to the ancient mammal, a member of the order Proboscidia, like mammoths. Mastodons stood from 8 to 10 feet tall weighed from 4 to 6 tons as adults, and were named for their unique teeth. Horn said the KU paleontologist told him they’re rarely found in central Kansas, since it’s more of a grassland area and mastodons generally fed on trees and shrubs.

Spence and Horn went back to the fossil site the following day and scoured the area, hoping to find more bones, but they came up empty, which Horn said isn’t surprising, because the heads typically break apart from the teeth and float down stream. They are planning to put the tooth in a local museum. In the past few days it’s gotten plenty of attention on exhibit in stores around Linn, which has a population of less than 1,000.

“In our tiny little town, it’s been a big deal,” Horn said.

Trenton Horn is the son of former Logan resident Larry Horn and the grandson of Logan resident, Marguerite Horn.

The photo and story are from the Linn-Palmer Record.
Rock Chalk Roadshow visits local schools

On Monday the University of Kansas staff brought its fifth annual “Rock Chalk Roadshow” to Ellsworth County, visiting students at Ellsworth and Wilson high schools.

The two schools are among 60 high schools and community colleges in central and western Kansas the Roadshow visited.

“Our visits in these communities are an opportunity for students and their families to meet with KU early in the school year,” Lisa Pinamonti, director of the KU office of admissions and scholarships, said. “Although our office has had contact with many of these students through earlier visits or college fairs, the roadshow receptions allow time for families to meet us and to learn ‘why choose KU’ and the admission and scholarship application process.”
KU announces 52 graduates of Law Enforcement

Monte C. Strait, special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigations Kansas City, Mo., office, congratulated 52 graduates of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center at an Aug. 10 ceremony at the 4-H Encampment Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

The graduates, who began their training course April 30, represented 37 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies from across Kansas. They were the 191st basic training class of graduates.

The training center is a unit of University of Kansas Continuing Education. Established in 1968 as the central law enforcement training facility for the state, the center is near Yoder.

Graduates receive certificates of course completion and Kansas law enforcement certification from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training, the states law enforcement licensing authority. The training course fulfills the state requirement for law enforcement training.

Classroom lectures and hands-on applications help train officers to solve the increasingly complex problems they face in the line of duty.

The center trains the majority of municipal, county and state law enforcement officers in Kansas and oversees the training of the remaining officers at seven authorized and certified academy programs operated by local law enforcement agencies and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

About 350 officers enroll annually in the 14-week basic training program. The center offered continuing education and specialized training to more than 2,500 Kansas officers last year. Funding for the training center is generated from court docket fees from municipal and state courts. No funds from the states general revenue are used to operate the center.

Graduates who granted permission to release their names are listed below:

Cloud County Sheriff's Department Kevin L. Diers Deputy Sheriff Concordia, KS; Jesse W. Payeur Deputy Sheriff, Concordia, KS Clyde, K: