

Opinion

# Cowley County museum recalls agriculture's prosperous history

**Best of the Buzz**

By **BILL SPIEGEL**

**A**RE you into farm memorabilia? If so, you may want to take a day trip to Winfield. According to the *Winfield Courier*, the Cowley County

Historical Society, located at 1011 Mansfield in Winfield, has a number of items from about 20 different farm dealerships that were in Cowley County at one time. ...

■ Treasures on display include pens, pencils, hats, signs, banners, photographs, sale bills and the like from a

time when these dealerships were commonplace. ...

■ The museum will have the items on display until Oct. 30. Its hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday. ...

■ That Japan has agreed to accept U.S. beef is good news. The Kansas

Livestock Association estimates the Japanese beef market was \$1.4 billion per year prior to the country's ban on U.S. beef in late 2003. ...

■ Kansas ranks first in the nation, processing 22.6% of the U.S. beef supply in 2005, the KLA reports. ...

■ Ground was broken in early August on Kansas' newest ethanol plant, a 110 million-gallon facility located eight miles northeast of Liberal. The \$160 million plant is actually closer to the small village of Hayne. ...

■ The facility had come under fire earlier this year from Hayne residents who expressed concerns about increased traffic and the ethanol plant's use of already limited groundwater resources. ...

■ The plant will be finished by September 2008 and will employ about 50 people with an annual payroll of about \$2 million. ...

■ Another ethanol plant will break ground in December, if all goes well. Investors plan to build a 55 million-gallon-per-year facility near Lyons. It will convert grain sorghum and corn to ethanol and will take about a year to build, according to officials with Kansas Ethanol LLC.

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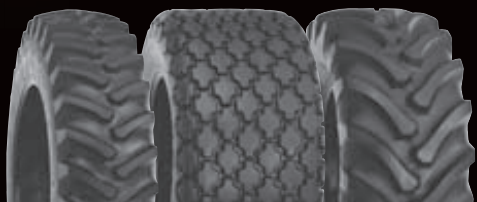
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