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Cut 'em
down,
Swathers!

When the Hesston High football team storms the home field on Friday nights, a swather towers on the sidelines in all its big, red and intimidating glory. The swather mascot first came into play in 1970, says Clint Stoppel, athletic director at the Kansas school. School officials wanted to pay tribute to the AGCO Corporation plant (previously known as Hesston Manufacturing) and the crucial role the manufacturer played then and now in the town's economy. >>

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