

# Problem: scammers posing as grandchildren

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Imagine getting a call about one of your grandchildren. The caller says he or she is traveling overseas, has been arrested, and needs money for bond.  
Many grandparents would be sympathetic to this situation and would want to do what they can to help their grandkids out in a crisis. Only after wiring several thousand dollars to a foreign account do these

grandparents find out their grandson or granddaughter has been safe at home the entire time.  
They have just fallen victim to a common scam.  
This scam has been around for a long time, but the scam artists are becoming more sophisticated. Information available on Internet sites, such as Facebook, makes it easier for scammers to find out enough information about someone to sound believable to a grandpar-

ent – just another reminder to be careful about what you share on social networking sites and whom you share it with.  
The best way to avoid becoming a victim of this scam is to be very skeptical of the caller's story. While it can take a few different forms, the basic idea is the same. A grandchild is in a foreign country, and has been arrested, mugged or otherwise lost his or her money. He or she needs some wired right away so he or she


can get home.  
Often the caller will ask the grandparent not to tell other family members because he doesn't want his or her parents to find out. However, it is always best to check with another family member to make sure the caller actually is the grandchild he claims to be.  
Another way to verify the identity of the caller is to ask personal information probably not available online, such as the name of a pet or

favorite dish they have when they visit your house. In the unlikely event a grandchild really is stuck in a foreign country and needs money, he or she will probably be more than willing to answer a few personal questions.  
Grandparents want to be there to help out their grandchildren in emergencies and times of need, and the scam artists know that. They have long sought to take advantage of good-natured people, especially

our senior citizens. Unfortunately, once money is wired to a foreign bank account, it is usually untraceable and almost impossible to get back. So be cautious and verify the caller actually is the grandson or granddaughter he or she claims to be.  
You can report a scam by calling our Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-432-2310 or visiting us online at [www.ksag.org](http://www.ksag.org).

# Farmers need to consider how much nitrogen in soil

Where row crops are just now being harvested and moisture is adequate, producers may still be planning to plant wheat. There are several important factors to consider when planting wheat into sorghum, soybean, or sunflower residue.  
First, how much nitrogen should be applied? Ideally, this should be based on the results of a soil profile nitrogen test. But there's often not enough time to do this before



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planting the wheat. As a result, the nitrogen rate to use is usually based primarily on yield goals.  
For wheat being planted into soy-

bean residue, producers should use their normal rate of nitrogen. For wheat following grain sorghum or sunflowers, add an extra 30 pounds of nitrogen per acre to the normal nitrogen rate. If previous crop yields were severely reduced, it would be good if at all possible to take a profile nitrogen test to as-


sess potential carryover nitrogen, which can be significant after a crop failure.  
If the wheat will be no-tilled, an additional 20 pounds of nitrogen above your normal rate is suggested. In any cropping system, it's a good idea to use some starter fertilizer (such as 18-46-0, 11-52-0, or 10-34-0) if equipment is available. The remainder of the nitrogen needed can be applied during the late fall

or winter months.  
Second, what seeding rate should be used? Wheat double cropped after soybeans or sunflowers should be planted at the rate of at least 90 pounds per acre. For wheat double cropped after grain sorghum, producers should use 120 pounds of seed per acre.  
Third, what's the best variety to use? Use the same variety you would use for full-season wheat.

Finally, one other note: Producers should make sure the sorghum crop has died before planting wheat, since living sorghum will continue to take up water and nutrients, and produce allelopathic toxins. If a freeze hasn't killed the sorghum, it may need to be sprayed with glyphosate prior to planting wheat.

# November good time to fertilize cool-season grasses

November is the time to give cool-season lawns the last nitrogen application of the season. Why November? While top growth slows in response to cool temperatures, grass plants are still making food (carbohydrates) by photosynthesis.  
A November nitrogen application helps boost the photosynthesis rate. Carbohydrates that are not used in



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growth are stored in the crown and other storage tissues in the plant. These carbohydrate reserves help

the turf grass green up earlier in the spring and sustain growth into May without the need for early-spring (March or April) nitrogen.  
Those early-spring nitrogen applications are less desirable because they can lead to

excessive shoot growth and reduced root growth.  
Other benefits of November-applied nitrogen for cool-season grasses include improved winter hardiness, root growth and shoot density.  
How much should you apply? One to 1 1/2 pounds actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn area is

sufficient. In order for this application to be effective, the nitrogen must be readily available to the plant, because the growing season is nearly over. Therefore, for a November application, use a soluble (quickly-available) nitrogen carrier such as urea or ammonium sulfate. Many turf grass fertilizers sold in garden centers and other retail out-

lets also contain soluble nitrogen. Avoid products that contain water-insoluble nitrogen (slow-release) for this application. As always, sweep up any fertilizer that gets on driveways, sidewalks, or streets and reapply it to the lawn.

## rotary

Goodland Rotary Club met Friday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College Student Union meeting room with 21 members and two guests present. Nicole Hendrich, daughter of John and Kelly Hendrich, was the Rotary honor student of the month.  
Rotarians were reminded that next weekend, Nov. 12 and 13, is the second annual Ringneck Roundup pheasant hunt. Proceeds from the hunt will help fund local and international humanitarian projects. All club members are asked to help in some capacity with this event.  
Rotarian of the Day was Marvin Selby. Selby's guest and program was Goodland High School head

boy's basketball coach, Donald Raymer. Raymer told the group that he hopes to improve on the 11 win 11 loss record of a year ago. He sited five goals for the upcoming season: win a tournament, beat Scott City and Holcomb, develop a winning attitude, play in the sub-state finals and develop depth at all positions.  
Raymer said he has six seniors returning from last year's team and will rely on them to set the example and lead the team. The Cowboys will participate in two regular season tournaments this year, the Top-side Tip-off December 2nd and the Hillsboro tournament in January. Raymer invited the Rotarians to join them for their first practice of

the season at 5:45 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 14 at Max Jones Fieldhouse.  
Perhaps as a good omen for a good season, Raymer was the lucky winner of the weekly cash drawing. Next week the Goodland Rotary Club will welcome Dr. Ed Hammond, president of Fort Hays State University. Dr. Hammond's program will be on the Fort Hays State/China connection.  
Goodland Rotary meets every Friday at noon at the Northwest Kansas Technical College meeting room of the Student Union. Prospective members and guest are always welcome at the weekly Rotary meeting.  
*Dick Liess*

# Simple best answer to stay clear and focused

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Are you making things too complicated? I see it all the time...  
We think it's not sophisticated if it's simple, so we make our business plans full of big words and no meaning.  
Keep it simple.  
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es if you can say it in one sentence. Simple isn't unsophisticated. It's clear and focused. Keep it simple.  
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## School calendar for November 9-15

**Goodland High School • Grant Junior High School**  
**West Elementary School • Central Elementary School**



Wednesday: Gold day  
FCCLA Wiffleball Tournament  
Fall Athletic Buffer Week  
4 p.m.: Central Site Council

Thursday: Black day  
FHSU Math Relays  
FCCLA Wiffleball Tournament  
Fall Athletic Buffer Week  
3:30 p.m.: Girls 8th grade Basketball at Colby  
Girls 7th grade Basketball, here, vs. Colby

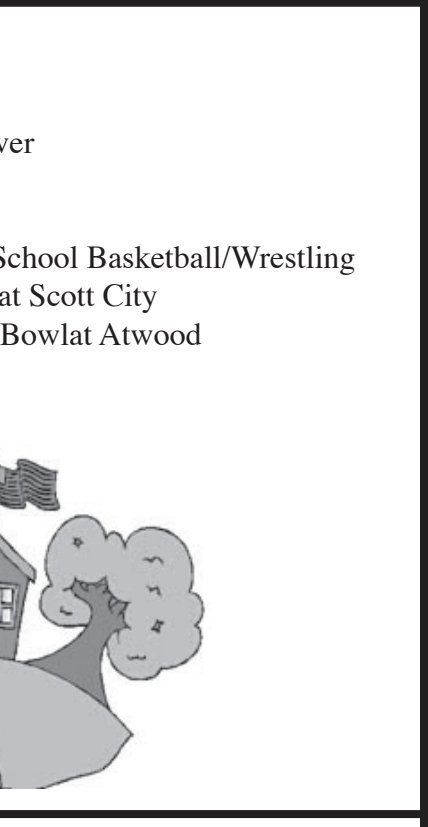
Friday: Gold day  
Fall Athletic Buffer Week  
West School picture retakes  
Central School picture retakes  
FCCLA Cluster Meeting, Denver  
High School Musical

Saturday: FCCLA Cluster Meeting, Denver  
High School Musical  
Fall Buffer Week

Sunday: Fall Athletic Buffer Week  
High School Musical  
FCCLA Cluster Meeting, Denver

Monday: Black day  
Board of Education meeting  
First day of practice for High School Basketball/Wrestling  
3 p.m.: Junior High Wrestling at Scott City  
Junior High Scholar's Bowl at Atwood

Tuesday: Gold day





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