



Jace Mosbarger showed his steer that was the champion in cross breeds and the reserve champion overall in the Sherman County Spring Show this month.

Photo by Aaron Duell

16 towns in spring livestock show

The annual livestock Spring Bonanza was held Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, in Goodland, drawing enteries from 16 towns from two states.

Goodland youths earned two grand champion awards, three reserve champions and a junior champion. The grand champion heifer belonged to Clay Schilling of Goodland, and the grand champion market swine to Ross Townsend.

Reserve champion market swine was Ryan Taylor's, reserve champion steer was Jace Mosbarger's and intermediate reserve showmanship went to Ryan Taylor. Junior champion showmanship in swine

went to Garrett Taylor.

Other results in the **beef show** were: showmanship: senior champion, Tucker Stewart, Washington; senior reserve, Kaylee Lee, Garden City; intermediate champion, Coby Buck, Wray, Colo.; intermediate reserve, Lauren Gassman, Grainfield; junior champion, Laura Brunk, St. Francis; junior reserve, Garrett Brunk, St. Francis.

Grand Champion Steer went to Chase Reitcheck of Oakley, and reserve champion heifer to Lane Reitcheck of Oakley.

Other results in the **swine show** were: showmanship: senior champion, Jett Eder, Sharon Springs; se-

nior reserve, Bryan Weber, Burlington; intermediate champion, Tiana Lausch, Scott City; and junior reserve, Tatym Rudel, Colby. **Sheep Show** results: Showmanship: senior champion, Malaree Jacobsen, Burlington; senior reserve, Amber Havel, St. Francis; intermediate champion, Mirannda Jacobsen and intermediate reserve, Tyrel Jacobsen, both of Burlington; junior champion, Tatym Rundel, Colby; and junior reserve, Chelsea Jacobsen, Burlington.

Grand champion market lamb went to Malaree Jacobsen of Burlington, and reserve champion market lamb to Brady Cox of Weskan.

Stripe rust showing up on wheat

Wheat is finally entering the home stretch of its development, and now we are seeing yet another problem to deal with.

Stripe rust is showing up in a big way in fields, especially as you move further south into Wallace and southern Sherman counties.

Last week, there was a big change in some of the wheat in the area. If you look at the variety trials in Wallace County, you can see these changes.

Stripe rust is hitting almost all of the wheat in the area, and some of the wheat varieties are being hit very hard.

Stripe rust is characterized by elongated orange pustules that are parallel to the veins on the leaves of the wheat.

Stripe rust outbreaks occurred as recently as 2001 and 2003, so why are we seeing such big problems this year? In the previous two out-



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breaks, over half of the acres were planted to a variety that was resistant to stripe rust.

Much of these acres were planted to Jagger, which has been a stripe rust resistant variety. The races this year, however, appear to be different than during those outbreaks, so Jagger's and other varieties' ability to fend off this race of stripe rust is not fully known.

As I have looked at fields, I have seen that both Jagger and Jagalene are exhibiting stripe rust pustules, but the outbreaks on these varieties are not nearly as severe as on others. One variety that stands out as

being hit very hard is Stanton.

Treatment for stripe rust is possible, but time is of the essence. Most fungicides can be applied up until heading, but must be

on before flowering.

Be sure to check the label for the individual fungicides for stage restrictions before applying. Fungicides should be applied if it is economical and the upper two leaves are infected with stripe rust.

If 50 percent of the flag leaf is infected by the stripe rust, then you should save your money and not spray.

If you have any questions, give me a call at the Northwest Research and Extension Center in Colby, (785) 462-6281 or at the extension offices in St. Francis, Goodland or Sharon Springs.

Fru Ngunjoh, 37, Kansas City, Mo., \$150 for improper parking.
Joel Alanis-Lara, 36, Goodland, \$80 for no child restraint and \$10 for no seat belt.

Chad N. Stewart, 32, Casper, Wyo., \$102 for speeding.

Troubled kid target of program

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

The Sherman County Community Partnership for Prevention and Education made plans for launching a Communities That Care initiative for area kids.

At its regular meeting Tuesday, May 10, the partnership scheduled a planning meeting for 7-9 p.m. Monday, June 13, and batted around ideas on who to invite. The Regional Prevention Center in Colby will be mailing invitations, and the partnership will provide cookies and drinks.

There will be a fun game at the meeting to demonstrate how the initiative works, said Cris Riebel, a teacher at Creation Kids Preschool, and the results of this year's Communities That Care survey will be revealed.

With a core group of people saying, "These are the statistics, and this is what can be done," Riebel said, surely the community will be receptive. Without the core group,

she said, people won't know what is going on.

The partnership discussed who they might invite to fill certain roles in the process, including elected officials, youths, parents, law enforcement, schools, public health officials, agencies serving youths and families, churches, the business community, residents and the press.

Those who attend will be asked to participate in a role-playing game that demonstrates how the process works.

The Communities That Care system gives a survey to students in sixth, eighth, 10th and 12th grades to find out what teens say is going on in their schools, homes and communities.

The questions cover drug, alcohol and tobacco use, family history, exposure to violence and dedication to school. Students are asked for their experiences and perspectives and their parents' views.

The goal of the local initiative is to apply the information to promote the positive development of chil-

dren and to prevent teen problem behavior.

The planning meeting will replace the partnership's monthly meeting for June. Dennis Daise, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman County, was appointed to find a location.

In other business:

• The partnership talked about the turnout for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect's event to raise awareness of child abuse. Twelve people were there, and the Motivation, Achievement, Success youth group came to provide child care. Since that wasn't needed, the youths participated in the event. There was a pre-test, post-test, presentation, question and answer session and seven door prizes.

• Daise updated the group on upcoming events, including a Big For a Day on an area farm and the Youth Skills Day planned at Bellamy Farms Saturday, June 11. He said the Wallace County organization made its first match Monday, May 9.

Kansas Sampler attracts 6,600

Kansas Sampler Statistics

Set up: Three to 18 volunteers each working about seven hours a day since April 28, including nine volunteers Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, for a take-down that lasted until Wednesday, May 11. Organizers estimated a total of 205 four-hour shifts for the weekend festival and 2,200 hours of work.

Transportation: Six shuttle buses, five golf carts.

Parking spaces: 4,000.

Bathrooms: 32 permanent, 16 portable.

Trash: 40 trash cans, 40 recycling bins and two dumpsters

Tents: 18 set up by an independent firm (including one, 40-by-200 foot, one 40-by-120 foot, three 40-by-100 foot, five 40-by-80 foot and four 40-by-60 foot).

Electricity: Six rented generators.

Miscellaneous: 400 rented chairs, 350 tables, 200 20-pound bags of ice and about 200 Newton hotel rooms filled during the festival.

2006 and 2007.

Wendee LaPlant, special events director for the Finney County Convention and Tourism Bureau and the coordinator for the next festival, told *The Garden City Telegram* the planning has been on in some form since Garden City was picked in August as the 2006 and 2007 host.

The festival began in 1990 as a chance for Kansas communities and businesses to show off their talents, products and attractions. After the first seven years in Inman, it has moved in two-year rotations since 1998. Garden City will be the farthest west the festival has moved.

Some preparations will be with the assistance of the outgoing hosts. Shelley Black, marketing director for the Newton Convention and Visitors Bureau, has been one of the

planners for the festival's two years in Newton.

As in past festivals, she said, the Newton organizers will hand over their directory of vendors and community contacts to Garden City and sell some of its festival equipment to the next host at a discount.

LaPlant said Sunday afternoon that about 80 percent of the people she talked to were at least interested in coming to Garden City. For those who don't make the trip, she said, others in northwest and southwest Kansas are interested in a festival that will be closer than ever.

In fact, she said, she expects to tap into groups like Wild West Country, a tourism alliance of 22 southwest Kansas counties.

"Those gaps will be filled by people who have never come before," LaPlant said.

Will plants cross with each other?

"Will my _____ cross with my _____ in the garden?" is a question I have given thought to several times over the years with a variety of plants in the blanks.

Ward Uphan from Kansas State University recently sent out the answer to that question, and I thought I would pass it along for those interested.

"You can fill in the blanks with questions we receive about the potential of garden crops crossing with each other," Ward said.

In general, he said, garden crops do not cross with each other for two important reasons.

First, crossing can only occur between plants of the same chromosome number, which is usually between plants of the same genus and



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species. Therefore, cucumbers and muskmelons will not cross with each other, watermelons and muskmelons will not cross and tomatoes and peppers will not cross because all are of a different genus and/or species.

When it comes to pumpkins and squash, it gets a little confusing because the species of pumpkins and squash are mixed up; some pumpkins and squash are in the same species and some are not.

If any crossing does occur, however, the fruit on this season's growth is not affected.

Only by planting the seed from this year's crop and growing it next year would you see the impact.

Mutations and oddities develop in many plants from time to time. Many of these are not stable. You will probably be able to repeat them if you save the seed.

So plant away without worrying about whether something will cross with something else nearby. Chances are it won't.

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:
April 14 — Jose O. Morales, 27, Indianapolis, Ind., \$177 for speeding.
Daniel J. Bradley, 25, St. Louis, Mo., \$168 for speeding.
Richele D. Pahmahmie, 22, Mayetta, \$120 for speeding.

Timothy J. Robertson, 22, Yale, Okla., \$186 for speeding.
Tasha L. Webb, 29, Jefferson City, Mo., \$10 for speeding.

Dana A. Ulrich, 25, St. Louis, Mo., \$144 for speeding.

April 15 — Vincent Johnson, 35, Union City, Calif., \$130 for overweight limits on wheels and axles.

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