## Extension agent recommends checking, testing seed wheat

If you haven't already checked your seed wheat, make sure it has been germination tested. With the poor wheat quality in the past year, this is critical.

Also, the 2004 wheat variety results are in, and available at the extension office. Additionally, we have certified seed directories, wheat variety disease ratings, and many other useful publications as you prepare for wheat planting.

#### Forage Concerns and Considerations

There are many factors to con-



sider when deciding your forage options. some of those factors include: Do you want to hay or graze the forage? Do you need extra fall grazing, spring grazing or both? Wheat, rye, triticale and oats can provide good fall and spring grazing. Rye is winter grazing, if ad-

equate moisture is present. If you weather conditions and time of harhave forage sorghum, grain sorghum, sudangrass or millet, beware harvest, cut high, leaving 8 to 10 of nitrate and prussic acid toxicity. Weed like kochia and pigweed are commonly high in nitrates, but under certain conditions wheat, corn. alfalfa and oats can be as well.

Prussic acid is primarily a concern for grazed forages. Once a forage is cut for hay, the prussic acid usually dissipates as the forage dries. Nitrate toxicity can be problems in both haved and grazed forages. Nitrate levels are affected by

vest. Regardless of when you do inches of stubble.

Tall stubble pays off three ways - it helps plants begin regrowth quicker, it holds hay off the ground so air can help dry underneath, and it keeps many nitrates out in the field rather than harvesting them all in your hay.

Also, remember to always have forage tested for nitrate levels prior to feeding to livestock.

**Tomato Fruit Disorders** 

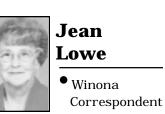
There are several fruit disorders foliage usually prevents sunscald of tomatoes that may be caused from happening. Yellow-shoulder from soil nutrient imbalances in (as the name implies, the top part of addition to blossom end rot that the fruit never develops pigmentadevelops earlier in the season. tion) can be traced to excesses of Many of these problems have been seen by many local gardeners. Greywall, as the name implies, results from excessive nitrogen or potassium and is somewhat similar gen. All of these disorders indicate to blossom end rot. When tomato fruit are directly exposed to bright sun they many develop sunscald - a a good tomato crop. Excess fertilwhite to pale yellow patch on the izer can lead to problems in fruit

nitrogen or potassium. It seems to be worse on some varieties of tomatoes. Finally, blotchy ripening is a similar result of excesses of nitrothat balanced, moderate levels of fertilizer are necessary to produce exposed side of the fruit. Adequate development and ripening.

### Summer Show Choir entertained full house in Winona **Babies**

We'd like to teach the world to sing was the message Susanna Smith, Rachael Smith, Fred Schertz and Jess Schertz, from this community, successfully conveyed to a full house Friday evening, along with 61 other performers.

The summer show choir, under the direction of co-directors Arla Homburg, Andrew Homburg and Holly Acton, entertained parents, sanctuary of the Community Christian Church. The children and youth cently moved from Winona to house which earned a grand cham- don't put this in the paper." Oh well,



#### ranged in ages three years through 17.

Aaron and Nichol Homburg's grandparents and friends in the children KaiLee, August and Terran were members of the cast. They re-

Natoma. Fair time is a special time for grandparents who have grandchildren in 4-H. Roger and Marge Ausmus have enjoyed observing their grandsons, Wyatt and Layton Werth, show their cattle and seeing their creativity in arts and crafts. They boys are members of the Brewster 4-H club. Wyatt won grand champion on his entry in pho-

tography. Layton entered a unique bird-

pion title. Both boys won awards on their steers and bucket calves. Layton is a beginner in water color and received reserve grand champion on his water color entry. That's encouragement for a budding artist.

Candice and Ashley Latham were weekend guests of their grandparents, Brad and Linda Latham.

Winona may be only a speck on the map but it is always buzzing with activity.

Many of my contacts say, "But

this column would be too lengthy for the editor to accept anyway. The diversity of interests and hospitality of the WRSPC area have made the summer of 2004 a busy one. One such story is Denise Shoff's

interest in music and motivation to continue her education which took her to Kansas City for a week to attend a workshop on teaching guitar. IT was held at Blue Valley Middle School in Overland Park.

A classroom peer was a choir teacher of Denise's when she was a student in Great Bend High School. Denise also went to Wichita to meet with the Kansas Band Master's Association.

Hospitality has been extended to another foreign exchange student from Germany.

Dennis and Denise Shoff are opening their home to Britta Werners who arrived Thursday to spend

She will attend Oakley High School where Denise is a band instructor. A former exchange student from Germany, Anne Mantel, will arrive next week for a two-week visit with the Shoffs.

#### Lear Ev Eicher

Eric and Vanessa Eicher announce the birth of their son, Lear Ev Eicher, on Thursday, May 19, 2004 at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Antonio and Catherine Vera of Liberty, Mo. and Curtis and Beverly Eicher of Colby. Sister Sabrina, 3, welcomes Lear home.



#### She is always doing dishes, even Dear DEAR ABBY: That letter from the school year. though I have repeatedly requested "Needs More" could have been Abby that she not do so. written by me 20 years ago. I mar-When she does the dishes, more ried my best friend, who also had than half of them are still dirty. What very little interest in sex. During should I do about this? Continue to our six-year marriage we argued rewash them? It seems like a waste frequently and I felt more and more of effort and water. undesirable. When I finally found -FRUSTRATED the strength to leave the marriage, **DEAR FRUSTRATED: Try** it broke both our hearts.

him.

**DEAR BEEN THERE:** Thank you for sharing your experience. The mail I have re-

ceived from readers has been divided on this issue. About onethird came from women, like yourself, whose husbands turned out to be gay. Another third said the problem had been caused by a hormonal or chemical imbalance or depression. which had been successfully

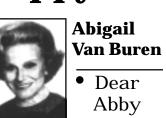
# Woman unhappy with boyfriend's affection

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, 'Ron," and I have been together for six years and have lived together for two. We are planning to be married. I work close to home and sometimes Ron meets me for lunch nearby. When he drops me off, he insists on kissing me in the car in front of the building, a long, linger-

ing tongue kiss. I think it is inappropriate, because my bosses and coworkers have windows right there, and there are often clients outside.

When I try to pull away, or explain why it makes me uncomfortable, Ron gets upset and says I must be ashamed of him or something. That's not true! I would simply rather keep such displays of affection confined to our house, or at least away from my workplace. Am I wrong?

EMBARRASSED **DEAREMBARRASSED: You** are right to be embarrassed. What your boyfriend is doing isn't showing affection; it is displaying the extent of his insecurity. By kissing you in such an inappropriate way, he is trying to show others the control he has over you. To insist on doing it after you have told him it makes you uncomfortable is insensitive, immature and disrespectful of your marriage on "hold" until your



started dating the following July, and by August, my 6-year-old told me that Mom's "friend from high school" was sleeping in her bed and taking showers in the morning.

I was furious. I told Erin that what she did when I had the kids was her business. But when the kids were with her, her boyfriend should not spend the night. She told me her bedroom was no longer any of my business. The sleepovers continued, and in November, Erin informed me that her boyfriend had officially moved in. She claims that this is a loving and committed relationship—but they have broken up twice that I know of in the past six pointment. She, a nurse, said, "Off months.

I am legally powerless to fight this, but I think that in addition to being confusing and unsettling for our daughters, Erin is setting a bad example. What is your opinion, Abby?

LEGALLY POWERLESS feelings. Please consider putting not. Your ex-wife is setting a bad solved. Thank you for pointing example and sending a poor message to her impressionable daughters. When the girls are older, Erin may come to regret her stance on this. Although you are legally powerless in this situation, I hope that you will continue to be a stabilizing influence in your daughters' lives, because it appears they are going to need one.

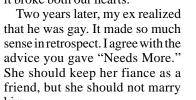
DEARABBY: I am married, with a 12-year-old daughter. We share a three-bedroom apartment with a lem. lady who is a friend of the family.

this: Assign another chore to this well-intentioned but vision-challenged lady. That way she will feel like she's doing something useful and you won't have to worry about sanitation.

DEAR ABBY: My second wife found herself with a far stronger libido than I could match. This, of course, left me with a lot of disapto the doctor with you!" The doctor said, "Let's do some lab work." Sure enough, there was a little brain chemistry issue I needed to deal with. I am now on medication. which solved our problem.

- HAPPIER NOW **DEAR HAPPIER NOW: I'm** DEAR POWERLESS: No, I do pleased that your problem was re-

out that a low sex drive may be an indication of a medical prob-



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boyfriend grows up, which may be never.

DEARABBY: I am divorced and the father of two girls, ages 6 and 5. I am actively involved in their lives. My ex-wife, "Erin," is a teacher, so I pick the kids up from school and watch them until dinner every night. Erin and I separated in 2001. She

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