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Catching Up

In a land as wide as the territory served by Great Plains Ag Credit there are as many fascinating stories as there are miles of horizon. It's our mission not only to serve you but get to know you better as well.

The gate to your home is a welcoming place. From there you can observe cattle grazing in the pasture, or see two pickups parked side by side as busy neighbors take a moment to catch up. Beyond the gates to your homes and lives is where we'll find stories to share. This month we will open the gate to discover some thoughts about a favorite recipe and the significance of a pair of small boots.

And while we're at it, in each issue we'll tell you what *your* association has been up to, how to support a local commodity organization, and tips or products that can benefit your finances and operation.

Your feedback on this first edition is appreciated. Stop by your local Great Plains office and tell us your thoughts or suggestions, offer us a story or recipe, or send us a digital photo for publication in the next issue of the *Gate Post*.

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This month's featured members are from Gruver and Tulia.

Easy Breakfast Pizza

Recipe from the kitchen of Cynthia Finck

- 1/2 lb. sausage, browned & drained
- 1 pkg. crescent rolls
- 5 eggs
- 1/4 c. milk
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 1/2 c. tater tots, crumbled
- 1 1/2 c. grated cheese

Preheat oven to 375°. Grease a 9"x9" pan. (A 9"x13" pan is just too big) Unfold crescent rolls and press together in pan to form crust. Whisk together milk, mustard and pepper. Sprinkle the sausage, tater tots, then cheese on top of crescent rolls. Pour egg mixture over all. Bake 40-45 minutes until there is no liquid in center.

A Finck Family Favorite

Cynthia Finck's mother gave her this recipe when her children, Derrick, Ty and Hillary, were small. Mornings in the family's Tulia home can be a hectic time, trying to get everyone out the door for school, work, appointments, etc. This dish freezes well, so she usually makes several at a time to have on hand. (Foil cake pans work great for this, or go ahead and cut into individual portions and store in a plastic bag.) "We always have breakfast pizza as part of our Christmas morning breakfast so we can all enjoy playing with what Santa left and not spend too much time in the kitchen," says Cynthia.

She has found that this is a great dish to take to families with new babies, those recovering from surgery, or even for times of bereavement. "Friends I have shared this dish with have said that after long, sleepless nights they appreciated having a breakfast dish on hand that was easy to reheat and serve."

Since this has very few ingredients, its easy to remember the ingredients when you get to the grocery store without your list! For those of you who just have to have hot sauce or catsup on your eggs – this is for you. Enjoy!

Ag Banking Online

Association customers will now have the ability to transfer funds from their home computers simply by visiting GreatPlainsAgCredit.com.

Last fall, Great Plains was chosen as the pilot association by the Farm Credit Bank of Texas for the new software. Testing is complete and we are excited about offering Ag Banking Online as another cash management solution.

The online enhancements detailed below are just one more example of our dedication to offering borrowers competitive products and

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Little Boy Boots



*“Even when you
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someone is
watching you.”*

Little Michael loves to visit his papa and nana’s house in Gruver. He and cousin Pratt are frequent visitors. Boys being boys often find all sorts of mischief to get into but Papa and Nana just smile because it reminds them of when their own children were young. One of the best things about being a grandparent is realizing how much you enjoy the very behaviors you might not have tolerated in your own children. Parents may call it spoiling but we know that it’s just loving – unconditional and all-important grandparent love.

One day Michael was spending the day with his nana, and when it was time to go home they were gathering his belongings. Michael’s boots were nowhere to be found. Nana asked, “Michael, where are your boots? You need them so you can go home.” Michael had no recollection of where his boots might have gone. An hour of time to a three-year-old boy might as well be a week; much had happened since he last saw his boots.

That evening when papa came home he went to his closet to change his clothes. There he found little boy boots lined up straight in a row with his great big boots. He wondered why they might be there and Nana told him the story of Michael’s missing boots.

Papa thought about these boots placed so carefully in his closet. As he thought, he understood that even when you don’t realize it, someone is watching you; the kindness you show others, how you live your life, the decisions you make. Knowing that Michael wanted to be like him made him feel very humble, and he vowed he would never let Michael down.

We know something about the example that this man sets for little Michael and Pratt and his granddaughters, too. We watch the leadership he provides Great Plains Ag Credit every day, as he has for the past 23 years, four as its chairman. Mike McLain knows that the best way to treat people is how you’d wish to be treated yourself, that sound business decisions are best for employees and stockholders alike, and that leadership is not about a title – it’s about being the type of man your grandson wants to become.



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If you would like information on how to purchase a *Beef Gift Certificate*, you can contact your local bank or call Dianne Buckingham at 806-256-3633.

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