

THE COWBOY WAY

3rd Quarter

August 2011

THE RODEO THAT ALMOST WASN'T

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In the week leading up to this year's rodeo, there was a serious question in my mind whether it would come to fruition. The most serious threat came in the form of the EHV-1 equine virus and the possible loss of contestants as a result for fear of exposing their animals to this potentially lethal virus. This was the first time of such a serious threat of this virus affecting IGRA sanctioned rodeos. Also of concern to a lesser degree was the scheduled rodeo announcer having to back out 2 weeks prior to rodeo for personal reasons, the high price of diesel and gas, tornadoes earlier in the week, countless emails and calls from contestants. I began to joke with other members that the only thing left was a swarm of locusts! Despite all, the 2011 Great Plains Rodeo proceeded as scheduled. Thanks to the help of many dedicated volunteers, the rodeo was successful and IGRA assessed no fines. There were many compliments which were truly appreciated!

This year also brought a new rodeo stock contractor. Willie Williams of Williams Ranch Rodeo, located out of Jones, OK, impressed everyone with his first IGRA sanctioned rodeo performance. He brought quality stock, an excellent crew, composed mostly of his own family, who worked very hard all weekend. In

particular his junior bulls were very much on point for IGRA's new stock specification for the new to this year's circuit, junior bulls event which replaced steer riding.

The 27th production of the Great Plains Rodeo for 2012 is already facing it's own threats! The Pride Committee for OKC Pride tried to move pride weekend to Memorial Day weekend which has traditionally been rodeo weekend in OKC. The 2012 pride weekend will be held the weekend BEFORE our rodeo. Speculation is that they are still determined to move their event to Memorial Day weekend.

The consequences of pride being the weekend before or worse the same weekend as the Great Plains Rodeo are yet to be known. It is most likely that the result will be harmful unless we can use it to our benefit. Another large threat is apathy from the membership. OGRA and the Great Plains Rodeo have a long and proud tradition both in our local community and the larger IGRA rodeo community and circuit. It would be a tragic event if we were unable to produce the Great Plains Rodeo! We are one of the longest running rodeos on the IGRA circuit. Please get involved and help ensure that OGRA and the Great Plains Rodeo will be around for another 25 years and longer!

FUTURE EVENTS

- Country Legends Fundraiser
Saturday, August 6, 2011
Finishline 9p-11p
- August Monthly
Membership Meeting
Sunday, August 7, 2011
2pm @ Ledo
- NMGRA Zia Regional
Rodeo
August 12-14, 2011
- MGRA Show Me State
Rodeo
Sept. 2-4, 2011
- OGRA 2012 Royalty
Competition
Sat., October 15, 2011
- World Gay Rodeo Finals
Oct. 7-9, 2011
Ft. Worth, Texas

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COUNTRY LEGENDS FUNDRAISER/SHOW

**JOIN OGRA THIS
SATURDAY, AUG. 6TH AT
THE FINISHLINE CLUB FOR
OUR FIRST FUNDRAISER
SINCE RODEO!
SHOW TIME IS 9PM**

**EVENTS PLANNED
INCLUDE A SILENT
AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLE,
JELLO-SHOTS BOTH
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
NIGHT.**

AUGUST MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THIS SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 2011 LEDO CLUB 2 PM

BRING A COVERED DISH

WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS

When you give a lesson in meanness to a critter or a person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.

Go after life as if it's something that's got to be roped in a hurry before it gets away.

Making it in life is kind of like busting broncos. You're going to get thrown a lot. The simple secret is to keep getting back on!

COWBOY COOKIE RECIPE

Ingredients

- 1 cup shortening (recommended: Crisco)
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 (6-ounce) package chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut

Directions

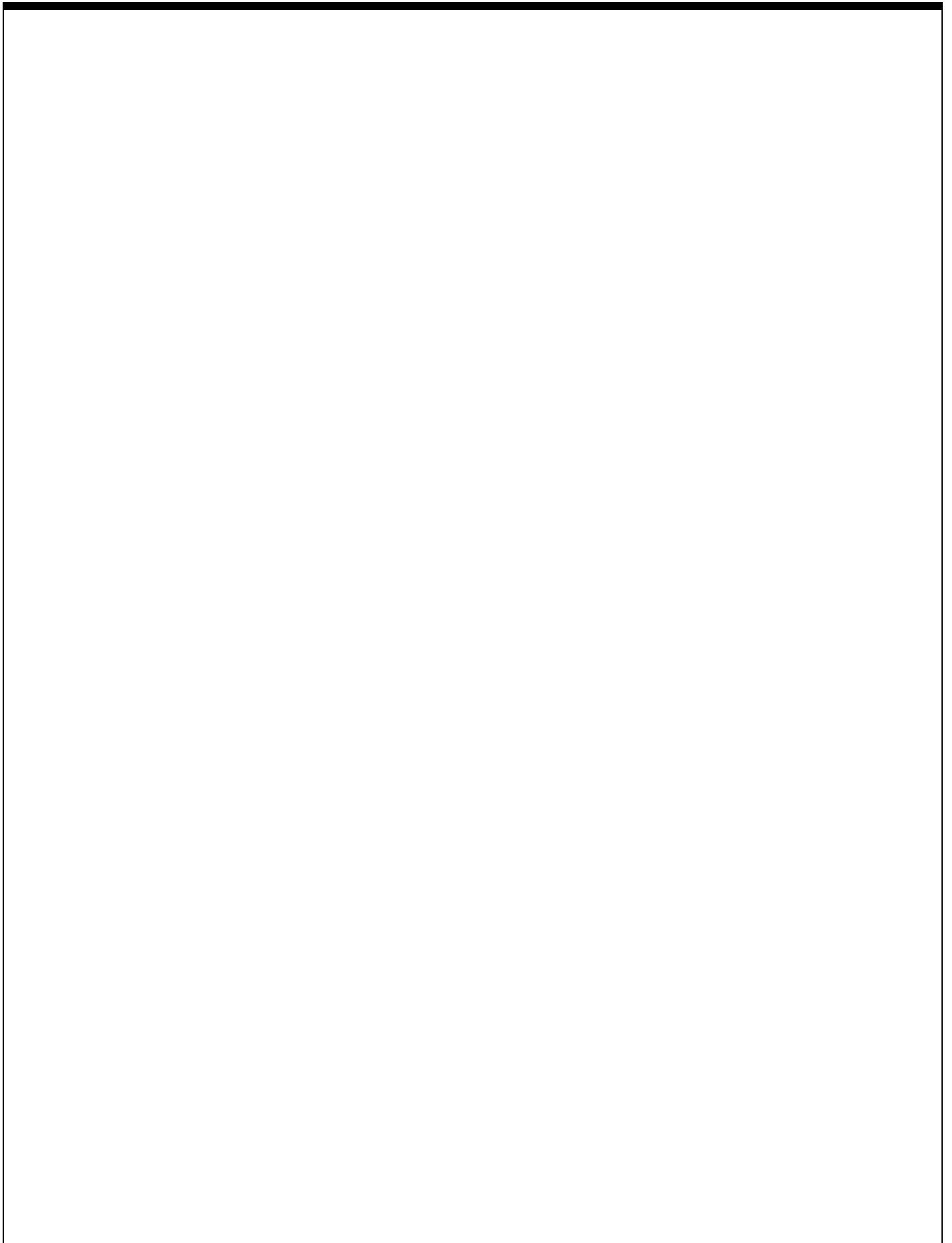
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large bowl, with an electric mixer, cream the shortening, granulated sugar, and brown sugar. Add eggs and the vanilla and beat until well blended. Stir in the flour, baking soda, salt, and baking powder. Add oats, nuts, chocolate chips and coconut, mix until combined. Spoon cookie mixture onto greased foil lined cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool.

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