**Video Project Reflection**

For my video, I was really excited. I chose a topic that I was interested in and contacted someone right away to set up a time.

I felt like I had everything planned out. I contacted someone about helping me with this project the day it was announced and got a draft of a script to them later that day so they knew what the plan was. And he seemed really excited to be a part of this.

The original plan was to go out to a ranch in Western Nebraska and film out there. The person I was supposed to be working with really likes to talk about the “cowboy way of life” and tell their story. He told me they would keep me updated on when they would be going out to the west ranch since they have two locations. I was in constant contact with him and we finally settled on a day time, which was Sunday the 24th. It was a later date than I had hoped for, but it was a short video so easy peasy, right? I was going to leave with him in the morning. So that morning I called him to double check the plan, with no answer and I left him a message. I knew with the rain that we might have to go to the east ranch, but he just dropped off the face of the earth and I have not heard from him since. I was really stressed because I did not see this coming and I had done projects with him before.

My second plan, a very last minute plan, was to get some b-roll of harvest and talk to my friends who have been helping with harvest, but no one is harvesting because of the rain. I drove around after I got out of class and off work for a few hours calling all the people I know that could help me and came up with nada.

When I got off work today it was too dark to film, so I ended up taking some video clips from an old project about calving season (starring the same guy who blew me off) and some free copyright-free b-roll and tried my best to put together a short clip about working on a family farm which was was more difficult than I thought it would be and I don’t really have time on my side.

So overall, the entire thing was challenging and I know what I would never like to experience again. BUT I did learn a lot from this experience like having multiple back up plans and how difficult it is to make a new video from old clips eve if it is on a similar topic.

