

## Students present musical

The Cheylin Music Departments under the direction of Rose and Dennis Hengen produced their annual dinner theater production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" on Nov. 11.

A full house enjoyed the dinner consisting of Mandarin orange salad, roast beef and gravy, parmesan potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, chocolate berry dessert, coffee and tea.

The cast consisted of Jessica Turner as Milly Bradon, Noah Jones as Adam Pontipee, Nakita Schneider as Dorcus, Marlene Dehn as Sarah, Susannah Jones as Ruth, Allie Frisbie as Alice, Shayla Hubbard as Liza, Stephanie Busse as Martha, Tristan Archer as Benjamin Pontipee, Eddie Frisbie as Caleb Pontipee, Ty Carmichael as Gidion Pontipee, Joshua Keltz as Daniel Pontipee, Connor Hazuka as Ephraim Pontipee, Walker Janicke as Frank Pontipee, Jessie Smith as Mrs. Hoallum, Daniela Possamai as Mrs. Fielding, Manda Barnett as Mrs. Jones, Elizabeth Pochop as Mrs. Sanders, Grant Shrader as Mr. Heallum, Heath Churchwell as Mr. Sanders, and Jacob Brubaker as Preacher.

Seven suitors were Shawn Pochop, Heath Churchwell, Jacob Brubaker, Ruben Razo, Casey Vandike, Grant Shrader and Jeremiah White.

The crew that was not seen or heard, but the show could not go

on without was the stage crew consisting of Mary Anne Orten, Adam Orten and Wil Orten.

The artist who painted the backdrops was Mike Boyson.

The performers were to be commended for their good job in performing, and the actors who sang did an excellent job. The songs and singers were: Noah Jones, who sang "Bless Your Beautiful Hide," the full cast sang "Gallent and Correct," Jessica Bradon and the women sang "Wonderful Day," Jessica Miller sang "I Married Seven Brothers," Jessica Turner and the Pentipee brothers sang "Goin Courtin'." "Love Never Goes Away" was sung by Jessica Turner, Noah Jones, and Ty Carmichael, "Sobbin Women" was sung by Noah Jones, and the Pontipee brothers, "Where Were You" was sung by Noah Jones, Walker Janicke and the Pentipee brothers sang "Lemme Out," "You've Got To Make It Through The Winter," and "Through Your Eyes," was sung by the seven brides, "Love Never Goes Away" was sung by Adam and Millie, and the full cast ended the performance by singing "Wonderful Day Reprise."

Mr. and Mrs. Hengen and the cast offered a special recognition and thanks to Janice Churchwell who accompanied all these songs on the piano.



**HUNTERS** Erick Bush and Robin Ray, El Dorado, Ark., John Steinbaugh, Boulder, Colo., Michael Paddack, Fort Collins, Colo., and Gary Paddack, Ada, Okla., were in Bird City hunting for pheasants. The dogs are Newt, Sally, C.J. Sadie, and Sophie. This is the second year

the men have hunted in Bird City. The men had just finished lunch when the photo was taken. At that point, they only had one bird and were thinking maybe the weekend hunters had cleared out the birds.

*Times staff photo by Norma Martinez*

## Benefit dinner planned to help family

A benefit dinner and bake sale has been planned from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20, at the St. Francis high school cafeteria.

The week before Thanksgiving, the community is invited to be thankful and help the family of David Sowers. The benefit is

to help the family raise funds to help with medical expenses which occurred while Dave was hospitalized in Denver. He died suddenly on Sept. 27.

Teresa Sowers, wife of Dave, works as a resource paraprofessional at the St. Francis grade school. Members

of the school staff and other volunteers are coordinating the meal. The PTA and Thrivent members are holding a bake sale in conjunction with the dinner. There will also be a quilt given away.

Meals can be delivered to homes within the city limits by

calling Carla Schiltz at 332-3017 or e-mailing Robin Burr at rburr@usd297.k12.ks.us. Please make arrangements for home deliveries by Friday.

People are urged to come enjoy the meal and buy some baked goods for the holidays in support of this worthwhile cause.

## Grammy singer hunts in county

By Karen Krien

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Ricky Skaggs, Grammy Award winning country-bluegrass singer, spent several days at Ringneck Country hunting lodge. He was hunting pheasant and deer as well as being part of the filming of Spiritual Outdoors Adventures, an award-winning national television show.

Rex Murray, owner of Ringneck Country, picked up Mr. Skaggs at the airport in Denver on Sunday. They met Dr. Jimmy Sites, producer and host of Spiritual Outdoors Adventures, and the filming crew.

They arrived at the hunting lodge where they had a welcoming group, friends and family of the Murrys. They ate supper, then Mr. Skaggs sang several hymns, accompanying himself on the guitar. The last song, "You Can't Shake Jesus," is featured on his newest CD.

Dr. Sites commended him on the quality and depth of the words of the song. The CD, he said, tells a story of Jesus. You are using your music as a platform for God's glory, he said.

Mr. Skaggs, in between songs, told about listening to a radio program which was talking about the statistics of abortion. God, he said, is love but he hates the shedding of blood of the innocent. But, he said, our nation turned a blind eye on abortion.

We have kicked God out of our lives and out of our services. But, he said, we have got to have a Christ awakening - it is the only hope we have for America.

In a summary of his life, Mr. Skaggs said that he was just trying to make a living by playing the music he loves.

Following Mr. Skaggs' performance, Dr. Sites then held a brief religious service, noting that they had spent the day traveling and didn't have time to go to church that morning.

Mr. Murray met Dr. Sites at a hunting show. They talked about advertising on the television



**RICKY SKAGGS** entertained for a small group Sunday evening at the Ringneck Country lodge. One of the songs, 'You Can't Shake Jesus,' is on his newest CD which has just come out. Mr. Skaggs was at the lodge to enjoy some hunting and be part of the television show, 'Spiritual Outdoors Adventures.'

*Times staff photo by Karen Krien*

program but Mr. Murray said it was pretty expensive. However, as they talked, they worked out a plan to have someone come to the lodge and film them hunting. Dr. Sites lined up Mr. Skaggs.

Mr. Skaggs and the film crew were hunting at the Murray's on Monday and Tuesday. They left Wednesday.

Spiritual Outdoors Adventures is an award-winning national television show for the whole family. To find out more about the show and to find dates and channels where it can be watched, go to www.

SpiritualOutdoorAdventures.org or www.JimmySites.com.

**Ringneck Country**

Ringneck Country is a hunting lodge located between Goodland and Wheeler. Mr. Murray and his wife, Sandi, not only provide lodging for hunters but Mr. Murray, with his Vizslas hunting dogs, is a hunting guide.

Four years ago, the lodge was burned to the ground. At the time, Mr. Murray was discouraged and questioned whether or not he would rebuild.

A year later, he had erected a

new lodge and they were back in business. The Murrys have a variety of hunters ranging from celebrities to local hunters, young and old, men, women and children.

We are doing what we love, Rex said. And, guests and hunters will enjoy the special attention they get while there. National calling contests are also held at Ringneck Country.

For more information on Ringneck Country, go to the web at www.ringneckcountry.com.

## Congressman's staff in St. Francis

The Kansas staff of Congressman Tim Huelskamp will be in St. Francis from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Friday at the Cheyenne County Courthouse.

The staff routinely host office hours in satellite locations throughout the First District of Kansas. During these satellite office hours, a constituent services representative will be available to hear constituents' opinions, ideas and concerns about issues being debated in Washington.

A representative will also be available to help constituents who need assistance with

federal agencies and programs, including Social Security, Medicare, Veterans' Affairs, and Visas. Constituents with questions should contact Congressman Huelskamp's Salina office at 785-309-0572 or visit <http://huelskamp.house.gov/events>.

Congressman Huelskamp is a freshman representing the First District of Kansas. He serves on the House Budget, Agriculture, and Veterans' Affairs Committees, and he is a member of the House Republican Study Committee.

## Christmas promotion begins on Thursday

The Christmas On Us promotion has begun and with it is the excitement that builds each week as people accumulate tickets, hoping they have the lucky number to win \$1,000 in scrip.

There are nine St. Francis businesses participating in the Christmas On Us promotion: Bella's Super Market, Bier's Hometown Store, Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts, Hilltop General/Uptown Market, Owens True Value, Republican Valley Auto Parts, Schultz's Limited, St. Francis Tire and Service, Saint Francis Herald and the United Methodist Thrift Store.

With every \$10 spent in these businesses, the customer receives a ticket. However, it is not necessary to make a purchase in The Herald office as once a week, people can come in and get a free ticket.

Each week, in the B section of The Herald and Times, numbers will be listed. The numbers without a "\*" will receive \$50 in scrip.

Some numbers will have an "\*" and these numbers mean the lucky person will receive a gift in one of the businesses. When matching the \* numbers, cards will be drawn at The Herald office and the winner and a photographer from The Herald will go to the business where they will be photographed receiving the prize.

The first drawing for tickets will be Monday and the numbers will appear in the Nov. 24 issue. There will be a drawing for four weeks. The big drawing for \$1,000 and \$100 scrip, along with any leftover \$50 and gift prizes will be held on Monday, Dec. 19. The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce will also give away two \$100 prizes in scrip. The Chamber will be announcing the winners of the coloring contest and the Christmas Lighting Contest and awarding the prizes.

Everyone is urged to collect their tickets and mark Dec. 19 on their calendar and plan to win!