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Harvest contest ends



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The Harvest Countdown contest ended Thursday when the first load of wheat came in at 5:35 p.m. at the Wheeler Elevator.

Ken Rice, St. Francis, was the first place winner, guessing the time to be 5:31 p.m. on Thursday. He received \$50 scrip money.

Second place went to Royce Gienger, St. Francis, with a time of 4:13 on Thursday. He received \$35 scrip money.

Taking home \$15 scrip was Amy Busse, St. Francis, who guessed 4:10 p.m. on Thursday.

"We had 12 people out of the hundreds of tickets guess the cutting date to be Thursday," Casey McCormick, ad salesman for *The Herald*, said.

The winners picked up their scrip money at *The Herald* office and will be able to spend it in the following participating businesses: Pizza Hut, St. Francis Equity, St. Francis Super's, Hilltop General Store and *The Saint Francis Herald*.

First load

Bringing in the first load were Kenny Bracelin and Cade Bracelin. The wheat had been cut off the Bracelin Brothers-Chic Wilber dryland field east of St. Francis on the curve. The moisture was 13.5 percent and the weight was 60.2 pounds.

The wheat, while he hadn't cut but one load, was looking good, Kenny said.

Last year's first load

Last year, the first load of wheat was brought into the Wheeler Equity on June 25. The load, harvested south of Wheeler, was brought in by Harvey Neitzel.



LOUDS WERE LOOMING as Kenny and Cade Bracelin brought in the first load of wheat on Thursday at 5:35 p.m. It was brought to the Wheeler Equity. Test weight was 60.2 pounds, moisture content was 13.5 percent. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Authority gears up for the fair

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The fair is about five weeks away. The members of the Amusement Authority as well as other volunteers are starting to get the carnival grounds, equipment and game booths ready for opening night on Wednesday, Aug. 5 (the fair runs Aug. 5-8).

The carnival is one of the main attractions of the Cheyenne County Fair. It is a home-owned carnival, with rides and booths being run by volunteers. Because of these volunteers, rides are still 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults. This was the original price 28 years ago.

Winners of games receive tokens. These tokens can be collected and exchanged for great prizes.

At the end of the season, work lists are made for the coming year. In year's past, members and volunteers met once, maybe twice a week, to work on projects but, this year they are meeting Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

There is so much to do, said Connie Wilger, Authority member.

There is painting to do. The fences, booths and rides need paint. The painting, she said, needs to be done two weeks before the fair because they don't want any wet paint left on people.

A new high striker has been ordered. Those strong people, both male and female, put the old striker out to pasture last year. It is one of the more popular entertainments in the game booth area.

The Authority members are building a new arbor which will give people a cool place to sit during the fair.



The big swing ride will have new cables which will be done by fair time.

People are welcome to join the hustle and bustle and fun of being part of the carnival. Come to the fairgrounds in the evenings and there will be something to do.

"We need all the help we can get," said Greg Walz, member.

For more information on getting the carnival ready to go, talk to Bill Ehrman, 785-332 2748, or Greg or Susie Walz, 785-332-2968. Or, just show up to work.

Running rides and booths

Volunteers are needed to run rides and booths during the fair. These jobs are only for two-hour shifts (more if the volunteer requests). Not only do local residents volunteer to run these events but people coming to visit at that time often sign up. People can call DeEtta Knorr, 785-332-2551, to volunteer or get more information.

"It is best to sign up early so we can make sure you get the ride or booth you want to help with," Mrs. Knorr said.

If people are not sure of their plans until closer to the fair, they are encouraged to call anyway.

"We just want to make sure all the games and rides have people running them," she said.



GETTING IT FIXED before harvest — Garry Knorr is repairing a part on the 1964 Gleaner while his dad, Junior, looks on. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Cheyenne County farmer prepares for wheat harvest

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Today, many farmers are harvesting their wheat crop with 30-foot header combines that will clean off a field in a half a day. However, Junior Knorr, Cheyenne County farmer, is planning on harvesting his 160 acres with smaller 1964 and 1965 Gleaner combines.

Mr. Knorr grew up on a farm, so farming and harvest was nothing new to him when he and his wife, Deloris, began farming in 1958.

When asked if he liked harvest, he said, well, that's when it is time to collect for what you have been doing all year.

His first combine was a 1927 Massey with a 14-foot header. It had a fan and an umbrella to keep him cool. He then purchased the 1964 Gleaner with a 16-foot header from Gilbert Stasser in the 1970s. Later he purchased the 1965 combine with a 18-foot header from Vernon Dankenbring. For almost 40 years, he has been harvesting wheat with a Gleaner.

He keeps them in good repair but, getting ready for harvest on Monday, there was a breakdown and his sons, Garry and Dan, were on hand to help. Mr. Knorr knows how to fix just about anything that breaks down, having owned Knorr Repair Service on U.S. 36 for the

last 35 years. Before opening the shop, he worked 10 years for an implement dealership owned by Billy Lampe.

He and the boys plan to head for the fields 9 miles south of Wheeler and 1 mile east on Wednesday. There are two 80-acre fields and Mr. Knorr figures it will take about five days to harvest the wheat — barring there are no breakdowns or rain.

Rather than hire a harvest crew, Mr. Knorr said he is content to harvest with his Gleaners and give that extra money to his kids.

"We should have a good wheat crop," he said, crossing his fingers, "if there is no hail."

St. Francis girl claims title

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St. Francis girl, Dale Northrup, took home the title of 2010 Cheyenne County Young Miss at Saturday's program. She was one of three girls performing.

Held in the school auditorium in St. Francis, the first runner up was Amber Smull, and second runner up was Emily Mullins, both of St. Francis. Dale was also voted the Contestant's Choice Award.

Each contestant was judged in the following categories: Academics, Individual Interview, Performing Arts, Endurance and Grace and Elegance. The Performing Arts involved the individual talent performed Saturday night and the Endurance award was for the group dance. Grace and Elegance consisted of the contestants' evening gown presentation. The Academics category is worth 30 percent of the scoring.

Dale earned the Academics and Individual Interview awards. Amber Smull, dancing a lyrical dance to "The Climb," won the Performing Arts presentation. She also took the Endurance and Grace and Elegance categories.

The 2009 Cheyenne County Young Miss, Mandie Walden, presented the flag while Cara Hunt sang the national anthem. Mandie and Cara also performed several numbers during the evening. Emcee was Robin Petersen.

A slide show presentation of the week's activities was shown before the judges retired to make their decisions.

Young men escorting the contestants were Benjamin Neitzel, Marvin Miller and Zach Zwegardt.

Judges for the Young Miss program were Lori West, Fargo, N.D., Danielle McAtee, St. Francis, Janae Bloom, Arkansas City, Marilee Kruse, Sterling, and Tiffany Wiley, Westminster, Colo. The scholastic judges included a panel with educational backgrounds.

Dana Rose, director of the Young Miss program, said the goal of the Cheyenne County Young Miss is



DALE NORTHRUP was selected as Cheyenne County's Young Miss for 2010 at the program held Saturday evening. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

to boost self-esteem, build character, encourage educational value, motivate creativity and stimulate competitiveness in college-bound senior girls. The contestants are also awarded numerous scholar-

ships. The 2011 Cheyenne County Young Miss program has been tentatively planned for June. This year's juniors will be the participants.