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THE CLOUDS WERE ROLLING IN as the Keller Farms crew finished harvesting a field east of Wheeler. Stanley Keller said the wheat is looking good. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Harvest begins despite rain showers

By Karen Krien

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There have been some showers and high humidity which have slowed the wheat harvest in the St. Francis area. Saturday evening, Don Krien started harvesting around 5 p.m. in an effort to get the wheat out of the field. Other farmers are also impatiently waiting for the moisture content to get low enough to harvest.

Elevator managers in the area are reporting harvest has started but, could be several weeks before most of the wheat has been cut. Because of the late starts to cutting each day, elevators have been

open until late at night in order to accommodate the harvesters.

Yields have varied but, unlike several years ago when the country was in a serious drought, there have been reports from 30 bushels to 99 bushels per acre. Variances depended on when the field received rain or hail or both.

"It is good, good wheat this year," said Tim Burr, Frontier Ag, in Bird City.

Doug Ross, manager of Bartlett Grain Company, St. Francis, also confirmed that the wheat yields are looking good.

This year, hail wiped out a wide stretch of wheat northwest of St. Francis. On

Monday night when many people received only a trace to .10 inch rain, a field of John Lampe's south of St. Francis just north of the Sherman-Cheyenne county line received hail and .60 inches rain. Mr. Lampe was unavailable by phone on Tuesday so the damage was not confirmed.

Charilyn DeGood, south of St. Francis, said they had started harvest last week but the rain had stopped them. However, on Tuesday, Dwen had left for the harvest field that morning.

Shirley Zwegardt, elevator manager at the St. Francis Equity, said they had

wheat coming in last week but there are still green berries out there. She expects the rush to start as soon as temperatures hit the 90s and there is no rain.

As of Tuesday, the Haigler Equity had just started taking in wheat.

Dale Weeks, manager of Wheeler Equity, said Sunday and Monday in that area had been very busy at the elevator. He said the wheat is ripe to green with the green just now turning. Harvest, he said, could be strung out this year. However, for the most part, the wheat in the Wheeler area is getting cut out now.

In the Bird City area, Mr. Burr reported

harvest was off to a good start last week but they fought the moisture all weekend. He was expecting the trucks to start rolling in late morning and this afternoon.

Across Kansas, the Kansas Wheat Harvest Report found harvest in the state to be in the 13th day as of Tuesday.

Following the Independence Day weekend, farmers in the northern part of the state have their

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Commissioners deal with complaint about cattle feedlot

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the June 30 meeting, once again were discussing a feed area for cattle.

Bill Dungan, St. Francis, was mad because Dave Yost, who owns the land in front of Mr. Dungan's home on East Fourth Street, was again feeding his cattle in that area. He had brought in his military service medals and a trash sack filled with flies and rotting cattle feed. The stench filled the room.

He said what was in this sack was what he lives with. He feels it is a health hazard to him and the surrounding neighbors.

If Mr. Yost would move his feeding operation, Mr. Dungan said, he would be happy and the commissioners would never hear from him again.

However, if he didn't move the operation, he would press criminal charges.

Attorney Kari Gilliland said the matter was a civil case, not a criminal case.

She said she had talked to Mr. Yost about the location where he is feeding his cattle and she was waiting for his response. The situation, she said, is being investigated.

Earlier, she had told the commissioners that she felt Mr. Yost was willing to work with all parties involved.

Communication director's report

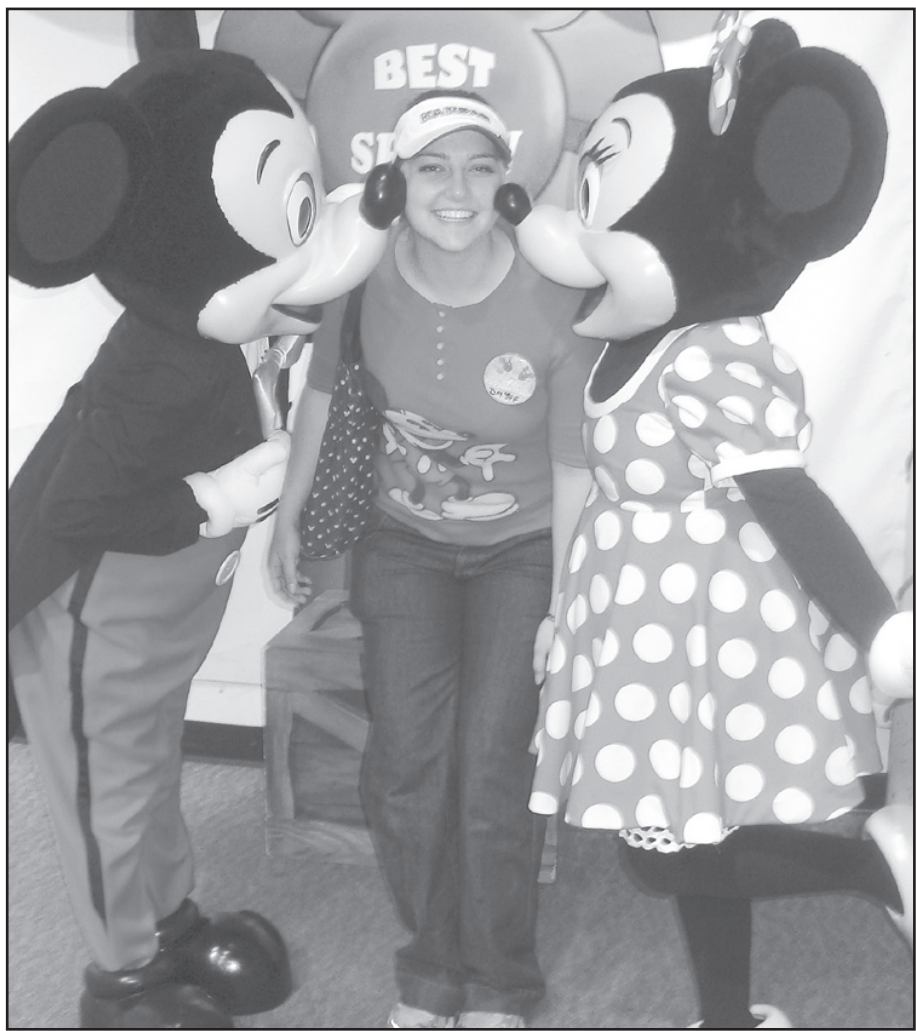
Carol Gambelin, county communications director, presented a grant support letter for the commissioners to sign. The grant is for the year 2010 wireless 911 phone line maintenance. It could also go toward the purchase of a new console for dispatch. The cost would be 50/50 with the total cost being \$18,500.

The letter of support was signed.

She asked for executive session to discuss public safety. After 10 minutes, the executive session opened and Ernie Ketzner, chairman, said no decision would be made.

Appraiser's report

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SHERYL MILLER gets a kiss on each cheek from Mickey and Minnie Mouse at Disney World.

Sainty girl interns at Disney World

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People, especially the younger generation, going to Disneyland or Disney World, would love to know what goes on behind the scenes.

Sheryl Miller, St. Francis, has lived that life and said it was the best experience of her life.

A student at Kansas University, Lawrence, Sheryl did an internship at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., for five months. She recently returned with her Disney shirts, purse and a life-time of memories.

She, along with her parents, Terry and Mary Beth Miller, and siblings, Sara and Marvin, have been going to Disney parks since she was born. When she applied to be an intern at the park, she said she thought it would be easy.

I soon found out that it was hard work, she said.

Sheryl, never having been so far from home and family, said she found the first few weeks difficult but, after learning the ropes and meeting people, she soon found she loved her new job.

She first had to "earn her Mickey Ears" by attending the "Traditions Orientation." This, she said, was two days of learning about the Walt Disney World company and on-site training. She learned about Walt and Roy Disney, the founders of the company; and about Walt's vision for the theme park — a place where people of all ages can escape reality while spending quality time with one another.

Essentially, she said, the theme parks become a giant story or play. Therefore,

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Lawn and garden tour set

Tired of looking over the fence to see what your neighbor is up to?

Now, everyone can see what is on the other side of the fence for two days of the Cheyenne County Conservation's Landscape Lawn and Garden Tours. The tour will be held both July 18 and July 19 starting at 1 p.m.

Stops will focus on economical and innovative ways property owners are incorporating water saving practices in their landscapes. These tours are a culmination of water conservation activities hosted by the local advisory board to the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Area council.

On Saturday, July 18, the tour will kick off in St. Francis at the home of Eric and Debbie Fiala. Mr. Fiala will explain his automated lawn watering system that he designed for economy and ease of use.

Sunday's tour begins at the home of Stan and Dee Dorsch in Bird City. Mr. Dorsch's yard features native plants and is designed for minimal care.

People will have an opportunity to learn from home owners who have reduced water usage in their landscapes, tour their lawn or garden and ask questions. Each stop will be approximately 45 minutes, with a mid-tour refreshment break.

Participants will need to provide their own transportation and are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Each tour will have its own unique aspects. For example, speakers will be discussing buffalo grass lawns in both cities; however, each will be from a different perspective on maintenance. The sites were chosen to highlight different water conserving practices so that participants who attend both days will learn something new at each stop.

Tour stops for St. Francis, July 18:

- Eric Fiala, 415 Birch—Surface automated sprinkler system.
- Lisa Gibson, 402 E. Jackson—Landscaping.
- City park—Buffalo grass lawn care (Roger Orth) and refreshment break.
- Cliff Semler, 622 E. Third—Rain barrels.

Tour stops for Bird City, July 19:

- Stan Dorsch, 217 W. Sixth—Buffalo

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People encouraged to start parade entry

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The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is just a month away, Saturday, Aug. 8 — Plenty of time to plan an entry, whether it be a float, an individual entry, horses, antique and derby vehicles, just to name a few.

This year's theme is "Family Traditions."

"With this theme, people will be able to create amazing floats," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator.

The parade is organized by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. The floats will be judged by three people. Criteria for judging floats include: 1) unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material; and 3) originality.

There is a grand champion overall

winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/Church; and Commercial.

"We are encouraging every individual, family, business and organization to make a float," Mrs. Lampe said.

"People enjoy seeing the kids on bikes, four-wheelers or their own special creative float. They also like the horses, antique vehicles, derby cars and 4-H winners, just to name a few."

There is no pre-registration — just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis. The map showing the line up for divisions will be printed in the newspaper closer to parade time.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lampe at 785-332-2145 or 785-332-2913 or Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, at 785-332-2961.