



**SHOWING THE WRESTLERS A MOVE.** Coach Bruce Swihart demonstrates with Adam Guthmiller. The junior high wrestlers winning championships in their weight class are from left: Trevor Reed, Brendan Finley, Garrett Figgins, Brooks Hobrock, Cody Sherlock and Isaac Schiltz.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

# Deadline close for assistance with utility bills is Jan. 31

The sign-up deadline for help with winter utility bills is Wednesday, Jan. 31. Priority Oil and Gas and Energy Outreach Colorado is offering assistance to Cheyenne County residents by subsidizing their winter utility bills from Nov. 1 through April 30 but those wanting help need to contact:

- St. Francis - Cheyenne County Treasurer's Office, city office and St. Francis Equity Co-Op.
  - Bird City - City office and Frontier Equity.
  - Social Rehabilitation Service agents in Goodland and Colby.
- People may also request an application by contacting Priority Oil and Gas LLC at (303-296-3435) or e-mail "priorityog@aol.com" or send to P.O. Box 27798, Denver, CO 80227-0798.
- Robbie Gries, Priority Oil and

Gas president and owner, realizes the rising energy costs have created difficulties for some families to meet their winter heating costs. Assistance with part of their energy bill is now available for qualified applicants.

To qualify, a person's combined income (before deductions) of all people living at the address may not exceed the guidelines on the chart below. An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for purchasing heating costs incurred at the residence (payable either to the landlord or to the fuel vendor).

The resident must also be a permanent and legal resident of the United States and Cheyenne County.

Household income limits:  
Size-1 person; income per month \$1,440

2 people; income per month \$1,930  
3 people, income per month \$2,420  
4 people, income per month \$2,910  
5 people, income per month \$3,400  
6 people, income per month \$3,890  
7 people, income per month \$4,380  
8 people, income per month \$4,870

Each additional person, \$500 income per month.

\*This is an estimate of qualifications for energy assistance.

The Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program does not guarantee energy assistance will be provided.

The program is sponsored by Priority Oil and Gas LLC and Energy Outreach Colorado.

# Pastor to speak at church

Peace Lutheran Church is sponsoring Pastor Dennis McKeever who will be presenting evidence for the Christian faith at 10:30 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday,

Feb. 4. The presentation is titled "FaithSearch." Pastor McKeever says the presentation includes eye-opening discoveries that demonstrate the his-

torical validity and value of Christianity that is relevant to people all over the globe.

"Wherever I go, not just in the western world, people are amazed to hear the compelling details about the accuracy and integrity of the Christian scriptures," he said.

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"My desire is that when people understand the intellectual integrity of the Christian faith, they will freely embrace the historic person of Jesus Christ. It is He who offers to transform their lives — just as He did mine!"

Pastor McKeever will detail the forgiveness and new life that he has found in Jesus. The presentation also includes answers to some of the most important questions in life: Why am I here? Can I believe the Bible? Is Jesus really God? Are all religions the same? and How can I experience God?

A long-time resident of Taiwan and Russia, Pastor McKeever is now director of International Ministry at Faith Studies International in Minneapolis. He recently returned from a tour of southern India.

# Children theatre to present musical

The Wichita Children's Theatre Professional Touring Company will present KANSAS CAN at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Gateway in Oberlin. The program is sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association with admission by season ticket or at the door.

This musical show will chronicle the history of Kansas through the eyes and words of some of its more famous (and infamous) participants. Since its earliest days, the fine state of Kansas has been blessed with Movers and Shakers who have often been unmovable in their determination and unshakable in

their courage. These, along with Kansas people and events which have impacted the nation and the world, will be highlighted in the presentations. In the usual custom of Wichita Children's Theatre, the performance will be complete with professional sets, costumes and props.

The group will also present a special program at Oberlin Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. on Monday.

This event is made possible in part by the Kansas Arts Commission or the Mid-America Arts Alliance, a regional affiliate of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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# Extension Notes

## Pruning Storm-Damaged Trees

Winter storms may cause serious tree damage. Often a decision must be made on whether a tree may be saved or not.

Here is a checklist on care of a storm-damaged landscape.

1. Be safe: Check for down power lines or hanging branches. Don't venture under the tree until it is safe. If large limbs are hanging precariously, a certified arborist has the tools, training and knowledge to do the work safely.
2. Clean-up: Remove all debris so you don't trip over it.
3. Decide whether it is feasible to save a tree. If the bark has been split so the cambium is exposed or the main trunk split, the tree will probably not survive and should be removed. If there are so many broken limbs that the form of the tree is destroyed, replacement will be the best option. Topping, where all

the main branches are cut back so that there are only stubs left, is not a recommended pruning procedure.

Though new branches will normally arise from the stubs, they are not as firmly attached as the original branches and will likely break in subsequent storms. Also, the tree must use a lot of energy to grow new branches, leaving less to fight diseases and insect attacks. Often, the topped tree's life is shortened.

4. Broken branches should be pruned back to the next larger branch or back to the trunk. If cutting back to the trunk, do not cut flush to the trunk, but make the cut at the collar area. The collar area is the transition area between the branch and the trunk. Cutting flush with the trunk will leave a much larger wound than cutting at the collar and will take longer to heal. Middle-aged or younger vigorous

By Tye Faulkender  
Ext. Director



trees can have up to 1/3 of the crown removed and still make a surprisingly swift comeback.

5. Large limbs should be taken off in stages. If you try to take off a large limb in one cut, it will often break before the cut is finished and strip bark from the tree. Instead, first make a cut about 15 inches from the trunk. Start from the bottom and cut one-third of the way up through the limb.

The second should be made from the top down but started 2 inches further away from the trunk than the first cut. The branch will break away as you make the second cut. The third cut is made to remove the stub that is left and is made at the collar area. Note: This can be dangerous! Consider hiring a trained arborist to do major work such as this. Also, a good arborist knows how to prune trees so that storm breakage is less likely to occur. Preventing damage is better than trying to fix it once it has happened.

The Arbor Day Foundation has an excellent web site that contains more detailed information including images showing examples of trees that can be saved and trees that cannot. The URL is: <http://www.arborday.org/media/stormindex.cfm> Another good publication is out of the University of Illinois at [http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/vista/pdf\\_pubs/ICESTORM.PDF](http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/vista/pdf_pubs/ICESTORM.PDF)

# Roses have their language

Nearly everyone has been given roses at one time or another. Depending upon the color rose chosen, your bouquet could be offering a hidden message. Here is the meaning behind each color.

- \* red — love, desire, courage, good job
- \* dark red — unconscious beauty
- \* pink — perfect happiness, admiration
- \* dark pink — appreciation, gratitude
- \* light pink — admiration, sympathy, grace, joy
- \* yellow — joy, friendship, de-

light, gladness

- \* coral/orange — desire, enthusiasm
- \* black — death
- \* lavender — love at first sight, enchantment
- \* peach — let's get together, closing of the deal
- \* white — purity, innocence, secrecy, silence
- \* pink and white — I will always love you
- \* red and yellow — congratulations
- \* orange and yellow — passionate thoughts
- \* white and red — unity

# Club Clip

## Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

The Pleasant Hills 4-H members began their January meeting on the 10th. Roll call was "what is your New Year's resolution." There were 14 members present.

The song was "Frosty the Snowman" led by Reagan Beims. The minutes were approved by Laura Brunk, president.

In new business it was moved and

seconded that the members do a club skit for 4-H Day.

Demonstrations were done by Ashley Orth, Trista Orth and Garrett Brunk. The game was "Snake Tag."

Refreshments were served by the Jones family.

Christina Schoenrogge, reporter

# Thoughts to Ponder

- That money doesn't buy class.
- That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?
- That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

- That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

*In Memory of*  
**Dale D. Raile**  
1-27-43 ~ 1-25-04

**In Our Hearts**

*We thought of you with love today  
But this is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday  
And days before that too.  
We think of you in silence  
We often speak your name  
Now all we have is memories  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake  
With which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping  
We have you in our heart!*

**AUCTION** (Public) **10:00 a.m. CST**  
Location 4-H Building, N. Hwy 25, Atwood, KS

**SELLER: PHILIP SPRAGUE & ET AL**

**VEHICLES & TRAILER:** 2001 F150 Cargo Van, auto Trans, new Brakes, A/C • 1979 GMC Suburban, 350 V8, Auto. trans. • Utility trailer, 16" tires (single axle) **GUNS:** Sears 12 ga., Bolt action Shot gun, w/choke tube, (1950's) **SHOP & LAWN EQUIPMENT:** Push Mower (6hp) • 2-pressure Washers • Port. 1/2" Drill Press • Dewalt 3/8" Cordless Drill • Makita 3/8" Cordless Drill • 1/2" Electric Drill • Reciprocating Saw • New & used Hand Tools • 2-Hydr. cylinders • Radson Moisture Meter • Composer on Wheels, (homemade) • Portable Camping Grill • Folding Camping Table • Binoculars • Bike Rack • 2-steel animal Cages • 4-K9 Condo Dog Houses • 4-265/70r17 Goodrich Tires, (New) • Dempster Grain Grinder **FURNITURE & APPLIANCES:** Rattan 3 pc Bedroom set • Loveseat • Couch • Recliner • 3- Full Size Beds • 3 pc Bedroom Set • Dresser w/mirror & Headboard • 2- Chest of Drawers • Coffee table w/glass top • solid Oak Book Case • End tables w/glass top • Curio Cabinet w/light • Baldwin Piano • Roper Refrigerator • Cook Stove (gas) • Whirlpool Washer & Dryer • Maytag Washer & Dryer • 2- Bar Stools **OFFICE EQUIPMENT:** Compaq EVO Laptop • New Laptop carrying case • Office Chair • Metal Safe • Computer Desk **HOUSEHOLD & MISCELLANEOUS:** 2- Ext. Doors w/jams • Aluminum Storm Door • 32" x 80" Int. Door • Exercise Bike • Lamps • Pots & Pans • Assort. of Dishes • Wall Hanging • Pictures • Gold Club Cart **ANTIQUES:** 2-Orange Crates • Wooden Cheese Boxes • Bushel Basket • Phone Ringer • Kansas License Plates, (1950 & 1959) • Tire Pump • Model T Wrenches • Harnesses • Head Stalls & Hames • 1-set of Wooden Pont Hames • Dbl tree w/2-Single Trees • Dbl Tree • McCellen Calvary Saddle • 4-steel Wagon Wheels • Wagon Parts • Porcelain Wash Pans • Military Radio Back Pack • Buffalo Hide Mittens • 2-Kerosene Heaters • Kerosene Camp Stove

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