

# Horse show results

Thirty contestants participated in the 4-H Horse Show held at the fairgrounds in St. Francis on Sunday.

Horsemen from Nebraska came from Max, Benkelman, Wauneta and Parks while Kansas had entries from Bird City, Goodland and St. Francis.

All-around winners in the three age divisions are as follows: 7- through 9-year-olds: Colby Duvel of Max; 10- through 13-year-olds: Laura Brunk of St. Francis; and 14- and over: BreAnna Nemechek of Goodland.

Jordyn Doetker of Wauneta had the Grand Champion Mare while Ashley Beall of Benkelman was Reserve Champion.

In the gelding division, Garrett Brunk of St. Francis was Grand Champion and Brady Hansen of Max was the Reserve Champion.

The 12 riders from St. Francis who entered the competition were Emily Elfers, Shakotah Blanka, Garrett Brunk, Laura Brunk, Allison Grice, Jandy Dunn, Dillion Straub, C.J. Douthit, Margo Douthit, Kaycee Williams and Alecia Zimbelman.



**DILLION STRAUB** was one of many that participated in the 4-H Horse Show held in St. Francis on Sunday. Photo courtesy of the Extension Office!

## Introducing

### Gabrielle Madeline Pochop

Gabrielle Madeline Pochop was born to Levi and Bridget Pochop of McDonald on June 7, 2007, at Wray Community Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Dave and Deb Flemming of Bird City and Gerard and Anita Pochop of Atwood. Great-grandparents are Wes Donohue of Benkelman, Neb., Nadine Flemming, Bird City, Ray Stehno, Stratton, Neb., and Frank and Elizabeth Pochop of Atwood.



**Pochop**

## Student Graduates

Melissa Zweygardt received an associate of applied science degree in business technology during Northwest Kansas Technical College commencement exercises in late May.

Melissa participated in many campus activities while a student in Goodland including being selected as a member of the



Ambassador Club, National Technical Honor Society inductee, and being honored as the 2007 Business Technology Student of the Year.

She has accepted a full-time position in the loan department at First National bank in Goodland.



**Zweygardt**

## Ag Talk with Jeanne

### Hail damage effects on corn fields

**By Jeanne Falk**  
K-State Agronomist for Cheyenne, Sherman, and Wallace Counties

Hail damage always makes corn look bad and can make for some sleepless nights.

While the physical damage is apparent, the actual effect on yield is not as obvious. Potential corn yield losses from hail gradually increase as the crop gets more mature, up to the silk stage, when peak yield loss occurs.

After silking, yield losses from hail damage normally decline. According to Kraig Roozeboom, K-State crop production and cropping systems specialist, there are several reasons for this decline, all based on the growth and development of the corn plant.

From emergence up through the five-leaf stage of growth, the growing point of corn is below the soil surface. At the worst, hail damage would remove all five leaves, but typically does not damage the growing point.

A corn plant has 24 to 26 leaves at tasseling. If the plant loses five of those leaves early on, it will still have the potential to have 19 to 21 leaves at tasseling. Yield will be reduced but much less than one might expect from the appearance of the plant.

The growing point begins extending above ground by the six-leaf stage, although it is still protected by several layers of leaves and sheaths. The number of rows that will be in the ear is established by the 12-leaf stage.

Stress during V8 to V11 can reduce row number. The number of kernels per row is not determined until about V17, just before tasseling.

Hail damage and loss of leaf area during these stages of growth can cause increasing potential for yield loss. Hail can also cause stalk bruising during these stages of growth, but it is hard to determine the amount of damage from stalk bruising until later in the season.

At VT to R1 (tassel to silk), the corn plant is more vulnerable to hail damage than at any other stage. The tassel and all leaves are exposed at that time. No more leaves will be developed, and the corn cannot replace a damaged tassel.

Furthermore, the stalk is exposed,

with only one layer of leaf sheath protecting it. Unlike wheat, corn cannot fill from the stem if leaves are lost at this stage of growth. The six to eight leaves above the ear are the most important, and provide most of the grain fill.

The four-week period centered around silking is critical to corn, and not only in regard to hail damage. Drought stress, excessive moisture, extreme heat, diseases, and even high winds can all stress the plant at this critical stage of growth and reduce yields.

Early in this period, stress can reduce kernel number by limiting potential ear size. Stress right at silking can reduce the number of kernels fertilized. And stress just after silking can cause fertilized kernels to abort.

By **Jeanne Falk**



## AUCTION

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# ALUMNI

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On Saturday, they will meet at Main St. Coffee, 216 W. Washington Street, for lunch. Then go to Jeneva Northrup's home, 604 S. Benton, for an afternoon of visiting before going to the high school for photos and dinner.

She said that there were 62 graduates in the class and 20 are coming back.

### Class of 1947

The class of 1947 has no specific plans but will meet at the Cheyenne Manor, 200 N. Ash, and they plan to attend the open house for classmate John Kite between 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Arlene Peter said the class may make additional plans after the classmates have arrived.

### Class of 1952

On Friday, the class of 1952 will meet for a barbecue in the backyard at Marvin and Donna Zimbelman, 419 S. Quincy.

Saturday, they will head for the senior center, 322 W. Washington, for donuts and coffee, then lunch at noon. Many of the class want to tour the Cheyenne Theater at 11 a.m.

"We were juniors when the theater was built," Mr. Zimbelman said.

At 2 p.m., they will tour the high school with superintendent Carl Warner as their guide. They will attend the banquet and the senior center will once again be open for visiting.

On Sunday at 8:30 a.m., they will go to Ye Ole Country Church, U.S. 36, to have church and a memorial service honoring deceased members. Then they will have brunch at Main St. Coffee, 216 W. Washington.

There were 34 students in the class. With spouses and friends, there will be 43 coming to the reunion.

### Class of 1957

The class of 1957 have been making plans for the last six months. They have contacted former teachers, Maynard Skinner, Frank Brown, Roger Lewis and Fleda Raile, to attend their gatherings at the Gun Club, south of St. Francis on River Street.

They will meet on Friday at the Gun Club, then again on Saturday morning for coffee and rolls. That afternoon, there will be a come-and-go reception so people can visit with the teachers.

They plan to attend the church and memorial services with the class of 1952 at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday at Ye Ole Country Church, U.S. 36.

Elaine (Goodell) Owens said there were 37 members in the class and three have died. However, there are around 29 class members planning to attend.

### Class of 1962

The class of 1962 will meet at the St. Francis Firehouse, 407 S. College, both Friday and Saturday. On Friday, there will be a potluck starting at around 5:30 p.m.

No definite plans have been made on Saturday until 3 to 4 p.m. when they will meet for visiting. However, there has been some interest in touring the Cheyenne County Museum on U.S. 36 earlier in the afternoon.

On Sunday, they will meet at Riverside Recreation, west of St. Francis on U.S. 36, where they will have brunch.

### Class of 1967

On Friday, the class of 1967 will meet at the home of Dale and Sherry (O'Leary) Weeks, 604 S. College. The picnic will start at 6:30 p.m.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, the class will again meet at the Week's, then go to the high school for the photo session and dinner. The Week's home will again be open for visiting after dinner.

### Class of 1972

The class of 1972 will meet in the backyard at the home of Tim and Robin Burr, 422 W. Jackson. They plan on attending the dinner Saturday evening. Other plans may be made after the classmates have met.

### Class of 1977

Class of 1977 will meet at Diamond R Bar and Grill, 118 W. Washington, at 8 p.m. on Friday.

On Saturday, a morning brunch will be held at the home of Kelly and Penny (Andrist's garage, 416 N. Francis.

## MEET

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other students they have taught will come to the gun club and visit with them," said Elaine Owens, coordinator for the class of 1957.

Shirley Zweygardt, Alumni coordinator, reported that registration will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. and all alumni are to meet in the high school gym by 6 p.m. in their designated areas. The *Saint Francis Herald* staff member and another photographer will be on hand to take honor class pictures.

As class pictures are taken, members will be dismissed to go to the high school cafeteria or wrestling room where the banquet will be served. Most of the honor classes have made plans for the evening after the meal.

Honor classes this year are: 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 1997.

"An e-mail address for the Alumni Association has been established for the convenience of alumni having any questions, comments, request or address changes. The address is sfchsalumni@hotmail.com (all lowercase letters)," Ms. Zweygardt said, noting that any address changes would be greatly appreciated.

## WHEAT

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plot tour.

During the program, Mike Brown, Kansas Wheat Commission, and Herb Mattson, Kansas Wheat Growers Association, will be discussing changes in the wheat checkoff and changes in KSU variety release mechanism.

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