



AROUND 65 PEOPLE attended the Yard and Garden Tour on Sunday. The photos were taken in the yard of Pete and Kay Jensen. Rachel Huffman looks at the pond surrounded by grasses and plants. Behind her is a vine-covered arbor. Right, Emily Elfers checks out the 'old man tree.'

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



Former doctor under investigation

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It has been 13 years since a former Cheyenne County doctor was convicted of second-degree murder and attempted murder. Now, Dr. L. Stan Naramore is back in the news again, this time for prescribing large quantities of powerful painkillers to patients.

The 62-year-old doctor had a small practice in Mount Healthy, Ohio. The Cincinnati *Enquirer* carried a story on Friday which told that the Ohio Board of Pharmacy began investigating the doctor after reports from suspicious pharmacists. Dr. Naramore's office was raided and records of 204 patients were seized. *The Enquirer* obtained a patient list

which showed seven of the patients living in the same trailer park near Auxier, Ky., a small town four hours away; 16 patients drove more than four hours round trip; eight patients had a nine-hour drive, and 29 other patients, a seven-hour drive. Other patients came from as far as Tennessee, West Virginia and North Carolina.

In the article, Dr. Naramore was said to be prescribing large doses of methadone, Oxycontin and other powerful painkillers. He said he was "simply trying to relieve the pain of hundreds of patients."

He said his office is now closed, probably permanently, after he had open-heart surgery last week. However, he told *The Enquirer* that he

was cooperating with the investigation and considers it "unethical" for a doctor to allow a patient to remain in pain.

He went on to say that the undertreatment of pain is a serious problem in America. Physicians are afraid of persecution and prosecution for adequately treating pain. No American should suffer pain, he said.

1994 trial
Many people still remember Dr. Naramore and his trial in 1994. He was prosecuted for trying to kill Ruth Leach, a



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Holly Keller - Cheyenne County Young Miss

Sainty girl named 2008 Young Miss

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St. Francis girl, Holly Keller, took home the title of 2008 Cheyenne County Young Miss at Saturday's program. She was one of nine girls performing.

Held in the school auditorium in St. Francis, the first runner up was Dara Loyd, St. Francis; second runner up was Colleen Shrader and third was Aryn Sturgeon, both of Bird City. Kattie Ford, St. Francis, was voted as

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Harvest is here; better yields this year

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Hot, dry winds have helped bring the wheat crop to harvest. It has been a touch-and-go season with cool temps late in the spring, rain in much of the county, lightning, a little hail and a tornado. But, when the combines rolled into the fields, farmers found that yields, for the most part, were much better than the last six or seven years of drought conditions.

Ken Bracelin, Bracelin Brothers Harvesting, brought in the first load of wheat to the St. Francis Equity. The wheat was cut on land south of St. Francis belonging to Craig Schoenrogge. Tim Burr, Equity manager, said he expected to see the harvest in full swing this week.

Dale Weeks, Wheeler Equity, said farmers are reporting some good 50- to 70-bushel yields with 60- to 64-pound test weights.

"There is still some wet wheat out there but the custom cutters should be in the area by mid-to-latter part of the week — about the time most fields are ready to go," he said.



WHEAT FIELD DAY, held south of Wheeler, had a good attendance, despite the hot weather. Jim Shroyer, crop production specialist, was one of the speakers talking about the different varieties. As he stood in the field, it was obvious that harvest was just around the corner.

Winners reported in harvest contest

By Karen Krien

The Harvest Countdown contest, sponsored by five businesses and *The Saint Francis Herald*, ended with the first load of wheat in the county being brought to St. Francis Equity on Wednesday, June 20, at 9:04 a.m. Bill Bracelin, Bracelin Brothers Harvesting, had cut the wheat on the Craig Schoenrogge field south of St. Francis. Tim Burr, Equity manager, said the test weight was 58.9 pounds and had 12.4-percent moisture.



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Gardner



Loudon

That same day, Iva Krien at the Wheeler Equity called to say Harvey Neitzel had brought in a load. Mr. Neitzel brought in the first load in 2006 on June 14, a week earlier than this year.

To qualify for the first load, the wheat must have 14 percent

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\$1,000 shopping spree ends July 21

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St. Francis businesses are getting ready for the Christmas A July celebration is to be held Saturday, July 21. To add a little fun, "Christmas In July" will be the jingle of \$1,000 scrip shopping spree which will be awarded to the lucky winner.

"There has been a great deal of excitement as people register in the seven St. Francis businesses," said Casey McCormick, *Herald* advertising manager. "We are busy keeping plenty of registration forms available."

Merchants have not officially

announced activities for the Saturday of the drawing. But a large crowd is expected for the drawing.

The winner, when his/her name is drawn, will be given the opportunity to spend their \$1,000 scrip in any one or all of the participating businesses. The money has to be spent by Monday, July 23, at 5 p.m. and they have to agree to let a member of *The Herald* staff follow them around and take photos during their shopping

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