

County fair fun starts Wednesday

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Cheyenne County 4-H'ers are busy getting ready for the fair this week and many of the projects will be judged prior to the fair.

On Wednesday, the 4-H'er's arts and crafts conference judging was held at the fair building and then the items were put on display.

The archery contest was held at the gun club at 1:30 p.m.

On Monday, July 30, the fashion revue and buymanship judging, along with Life Skill judging will be held at the Methodist Church. That evening, the fashion revue, which is open to the public, will be held at the theater in St. Francis. See related article in this issue for more information.

On Tuesday, July 31, the 4-H Dog Show will be held at 9 a.m. in Jenkins Hall at the fairgrounds. At 2 p.m., the 4-H conference foods judging will be held and those foods will be sold from 4 to 5 p.m. in the



courthouse.

Wednesday, Aug. 1, open class horticulture and floriculture entries should be entered at 8 a.m. in Jenkins Hall. The flower show judging will be held at 9 a.m. Horticulture judging will start at 10 a.m. Note, the date for flower entries in the fair book open class division is wrong.

The 4-H gardening judging will also be held at 9 a.m. but will be held at the fair building.

Rabbits and poultry judging will start at 8:30 a.m.

The horse show will start at 9 a.m.

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SIGNS GOING UP — Geri Lampe, left, and Mary Ruth Burkett carry one of the signs to be put up. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Volunteers work to get ready for fair

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Every year, the Cheyenne County Amusement Authority starts planning for the fair in January. By May,

they are already working at the fairgrounds and when it starts to heat up, the crew speeds up. This year is no exception.

The Prize Committee actually

started several months ago, ordering items out of six different catalogs. They have a variety of ages picking out prizes so there are prizes for every age.

This year, besides the banjos and canned snakes, there are lights, pen-guins and other stuffed animals, along with games and swords. That

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Sainty woman claims \$1,000

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The \$1,000 Christmas In July Shopping Spree came to an end Saturday morning when the winning ticket was drawn.

It just took three times and Cathy Ritchey, St. Francis, was named as the winner. Other names drawn were Keely Loyd, St. Francis, and Tony Pham, Bird City, but they were not present to claim the prize.

"I couldn't believe he (Casey McCormick) was saying my name," Mrs. Ritchey said. "I was so surprised."

Her daughters, Mercedes and Tasha, were also there to help her claim the prize.

"We had many, many entries and I was happy at the interest in the contest," said Mr. McCormick, Herald advertising manager.

The contest started in June and

was sponsored by seven businesses. There was no rule that an item had to be purchased in the businesses. The only rules were the winner had to be 18 years of age and agree to let a member of The Herald staff follow them around while they spent the scrip money.

Mrs. Ritchey said she had a great time spending the "green money." She spent the bulk of the money at Owen's True Value and St. Francis' Supers. The daughters, including Kalin, had fun helping her spend the money.

It was just like Christmas, she said.

They had looked at the items in the stores on Saturday and Mercedes carried the shopping list so they didn't forget anything. She said she had chosen a CD player, the other two girls, sleeping bags.

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\$1,000 WINNER — Cathy Ritchey, left, talks to Betty Winston, Herald staff, and Casey McCormick following the drawing on Saturday. Herald staff photo by Leslie McCormick

4-H'ers model clothing at theater Monday evening

By Karen Krien

The 4-H Fashion Revue will be held at the Cheyenne Theater in St. Francis. The revue will start at 8 p.m. on Monday evening.

This year's 4-H Fashion Revue will have the theme "Winds of Change."

"The judges have always been very pleased with clothing construction, the buymanship and modeling skills of county 4-H'ers," said Karen Jones, one of the coordinators. "I am certain this year, after looking through the entries, the judges will be pleased again."

Each 4-H'er will have the opportunity to show off their garments by modeling across the theater stage. There are 124-H'ers with construction projects; seven boys and 21 girls entered in Buymanship Strategy projects. Those in Buymanship will be wearing clothes they have

selected for school, church and special events and activities. In all, there will be 16 construction garments and about 56 different buymanship outfits presented at the revue.

Master of ceremony for the evening is Holly Keller, Cheyenne County Young Miss.

Everyone is urged to support the 4-H'ers. There is no admission.

Judging

Earlier on Monday, the 4-H'ers will be presenting their 2007 clothing projects for judging at the Methodist Church in St. Francis. The 4-H Fashion Revue judging will start at 8:30 a.m.. The 4-H Life Skill Judging contest will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Methodist Church. The 4-H Clothing Construction and Fiber Arts judging will start at 9 a.m.

Man found guilty in other cases

A St. Francis man, who confessed to stealing tractors in three western Kansas counties has pending guilty pleas to theft at the Cheyenne Bowl and burglary at the Frontier Equity Co-op in Bird City.



Stephens

A case against him alleging he used someone else's debit card was dismissed, but he was ordered to pay restitution.

John L. Stephens, 20, St. Francis, pleaded guilty to breaking into Frontier Equity about Saturday, Feb. 3. Nothing was taken, but Stephens was sentenced Tuesday, May 8, to serve 24 months on probation and pay \$88 restitution for the door he broke.

He pleaded guilty to theft at the bowling alley of money, signs, quarters and tokens on Sunday, April 9, 2006. The neon beer signs and tokens were recovered by police and returned to the bowling alley.

He was sentenced Tuesday, May 8, to 24 months probation with an underlying 21-month prison term. If he messes up once

during the two years, he could serve up to 21 months in prison and have 12 months of post-release supervision. That sentence would run at the same time as sentences from the Frontier Equity break in and the tractor thefts.

The cases were taken into account with the tractor theft case, said Cheyenne County Attorney Justin Barrett, with the sentences being served at the same time.

Stephens was ordered to pay \$1,648 restitution to the bowling alley, \$1,334 for the cash and \$300 for the quarters taken from the token machine.

He was charged with using a debit card belonging to Troy Zwegardt of St. Francis at about 30 different Bird City and St. Francis businesses in January, mostly for non-taxable diesel fuel. The charges were dismissed without prejudice (meaning they can be refiled) on Friday, March 30, and Stephens was ordered to pay \$822 restitution.

The guilty pleas are pending in the Cheyenne County District Court. Paperwork has been filed with Judge Jack Burr and is waiting for his signature to be final.

Two arrests made in tractor thefts

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Two St. Francis men have been arrested for stealing tractors in Sherman, Wallace and Cheyenne counties and selling them as junk in Denver, getting just pennies on the dollar.

One of the tractor rustlers has pleaded guilty, and charges are pending against the other.

Authorities say the men loaded the tractors on a flatbed truck at different times between November and March and hauled them to Western Metals Recycling, where they got \$1,000 for each. A gas station security camera caught them on tape hauling a tractor from Wallace County through Goodland.

Another tractor apparently was driven right out of the diesel department at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

John Stephens, 20, a former student in the diesel technology department, took a plea bargain and entered guilty pleas to theft charges in all three counties. He was sentenced Monday, June 4, in Sherman County; Tuesday, June 5, in Cheyenne County; and Thursday, June 7, in Wallace. Stephens is the son of Dan and Rita Stephens, farmers south of St. Francis.

In Sherman County, he will have

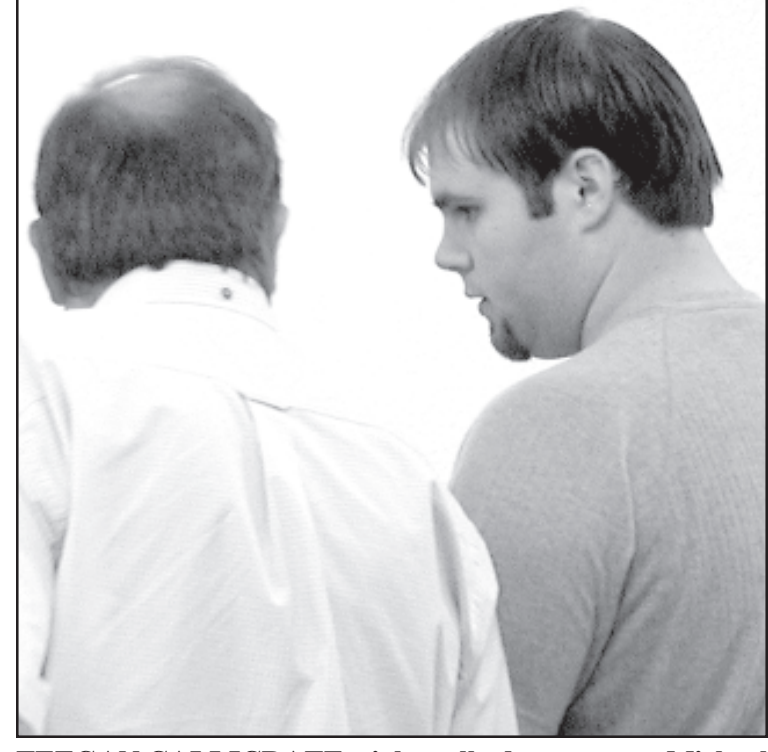
to pay \$19,099 restitution to the victim, \$163 court costs and \$50 probation fees. In Wallace, he will have to pay restitution to the victims of \$6,500 for the tractor taken there plus court costs and attorney fees. In Cheyenne County, he will have to pay \$25,000 restitution.

That is with joint liability, said Cheyenne County Attorney Justin Barrett; he could be responsible for the total, but if they get some from other defendants, it will be split between them.

In all three counties, Stephens was sentenced to 12 months of supervised probation with an underlying prison term of 10 months, meaning if he messes up just once during the year, he could be sent to jail for the entire 10-month sentence, but the three sentences run at the same time.

Stephens was expelled from the college, though not specifically for stealing the tractor. Once he was arrested, said College President Ken Clouse, he was not able to attend class. Students have a certain number of hours they can miss, he said, and once they exceed that, they are expelled.

The policy is patterned after a job, Clouse said, where you have a certain amount of sick leave and vacation, and if you miss more than that,



TEEGAN CALLICRATE, right, talked to attorney Michael Day before the preliminary hearing at Sherman County Court-house. Callicrate waived his right to the hearing, and an arraignment was scheduled for Sept. 10.

Herald photo by Sharon Corcoran

you probably won't have a job. Each program is different, he said, but it's about 40 hours per semester.

Tegan Callicrate, 21, son of Vicki Callicrate and Mike Callicrate, owner of Callicrate Feed Yard in St. Francis, and Stephens were arrested on burglary and felony theft charges on April 9 in Sherman County. The complaint in Stephens' court file says they stole a 1976 4630 John Deere tractor owned by Brent Cook of Edson

sometime between Nov. 1 and March 19.

In Cheyenne County, they were charged with taking a 1984 Allis Chalmers 8070 tractor valued at \$20,000; a 1963 930 Case propane tractor, \$5,000; and a GMC truck, \$3,000; a total of \$28,000, all belonging to Sam Goodale of St. Francis.

Goodale's truck and tractors were stored in a building south of

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