

St. Francis News

Recent house guests of Victor and Darlene Zwegardt were their daughters, Susan and Jerry Pierce of El Jon California, Cathy and Dan Gleason of Anchorage, Alaska. Their son, Don Zwegardt and grandchildren Max, Dylan and Chandler of Sioux falls, South Dakato, Timothy and Jennifer Steinbeck of Atlana, Ga., and Jeremy Steinbeck of San Diego, Calif. While here they enjoyed the Fair and parade, the Isernhagen 100th Reunion, and attending service at their home church a Salem. One evening was spent with a bowling party and pizza supper. The younger children enjoyed that. Kira Steinbeck and Sandy Zwegardt were unable to join them.

All enjoyed their vacation to St. Francis. Debbie Grizzell of Macksville was a guest of her parents, Milton and Betty Lampe from Wednesday, Aug. 1 to Tuesday, Aug. 7. They enjoyed the fair and potluck dinner on Saturday at the home of Elmer and Dorothy Kellner and also a family dinner on Sunday. Saturday evening guest of LaVera Beringer was Sylvia Queen. Larry Beringer, Sharon Springs, was a Sunday guest. He helped his mother with fixing things around the house, then they enjoyed the Zwegardt potluck at the Senior Center.



THE 2007 TRI-STATE Antique Auto Club Queen, Connie Squires, was escorted through the Cheyenne County Parade last Saturday. The new queen is a member and past director of the board. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

2007 auto club queen honored at show

By Karen Krien
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Connie Squires was honored as the 2007 Tri-State Antique Auto Club Queen at the Thresher Show held July 26-29 in Bird City. She was officially recognized on Thursday of the show.

Mrs. Squires was born on April 28, 1958, at Burlington and now lives in Goodland. She was the younger of two children both to Eugene and Zadine Noel. Her brother, Terry, lives in Aurora, Colo. She was raised in northeastern

Colorado and graduated from Yuma High School in 1976. She is married to Marshall Squires. Her daughter Kary (Erskin) Meyer and granddaughter Audrey, live in St. Francis. She has two step children, Kimberly Millet, Catoosa, Okla., and

Marshall Squires, III, Aurora. Marshall's children, Millet and Bryson also call her "Grandma." The Auto Club Queen is a member and past director of the board of the Tri-State Antique Auto Club.

Ag Talk with Jeanne

Test soil for nitrogen before planting wheat this fall

By Jeanne Falk



Just as wheat growers take a breather from this year's wheat harvest, the time is drawing near for them to take soil samples from fields that will be planted to wheat this fall. In addition to a 6-inch sample for a routine test for phosphorus, potassium, organic matter, and pH, it would be a good idea to take a 24-inch sample for a profile nitrogen test, said Dale Leikam, K-State Research and Extension nutrient management specialist. "In eastern and central Kansas, many fields had very low wheat yields this year," he said. "These fields could have significant amounts of residual nitrate-nitrogen

remaining in the soil, which would reduce the rates of nitrogen fertilizer needed for next year's wheat crop." But don't assume residual soil nitrogen levels are high, Mr. Leikam said. "Nitrogen taken up by the wheat earlier this spring and remaining in plant residues this summer will be in an organic form - and unavailable for plant uptake until mineralized by soil microbes." Also, with the unusually wet weather this spring and summer, part of that unused soil nitrogen may have been lost to denitrification on medium- to fine-textured soils, or leaching on sandy soils, he said.

Weed growth is another factor. "Broadleaf and grassy weeds require significant amounts of nitrogen, just like crops. Where fields are dense with weeds and grasses, nitrogen uptake by weeds will be high and residual soil nitrogen levels may be very low," the agronomist said. "Nitrogen utilized by weeds will be in an organic form, and unavailable for plant uptake until mineralized by soil microbes." In western Kansas, where wheat yields were unusually good this year, soil nitrogen levels are likely depleted more than normal, he added. In those cases, lower residual soil

nitrogen will result in higher-than-normal required rates of fertilizer nitrogen for the wheat crop this fall. The only way to know for sure is to take a profile-nitrogen soil test, Mr. Leikam said. "This should be done about two to four weeks prior to wheat planting," he advised. "If fields have a dense stand of weeds, producers should make sure the weeds have been controlled before sampling the soils. As long as weeds are still alive and growing, they will continue to take up nitrogen."



WITH SCHOOL just around the corner, fun days of summer linger. Above Kobe Tice especially enjoyed T-Ball held the first of the summer. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

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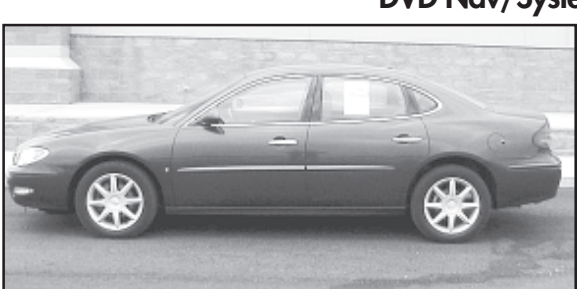


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