

Former resident assumes agent job

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Former Cheyenne County resident, Joe Leibbrandt, moved back to St. Francis to assume the duties as Sunflower District Livestock and Cheyenne County Extension agent. He arrived just in time for the county fair on July 30.

He knew exactly what he was getting into as he was born and had lived much of his life in the county. He attended the St. Francis schools, graduating in 1992. Most of all, he had been a 4-H member for as many years as he could and attended every county fair, participating in the livestock showmanships as well as helping in the food booths.

He went off to college, graduating in 1996 from Kansas State University with a degree in animal science. Following graduation, he worked for the University of Arkansas. Wanting to move closer to home, he took a position in the Post Rock District (Beloit), then went to Thomas County and this last year, was in Logan County working as an Extension agent.

However, he said he is glad to finally be back home!!

"I want to make a positive difference in the county," he said. "I love working with kids and promoting 4-H."

Mr. Leibbrandt will also be available in other areas helping in the District as the livestock agent. He will be working with producers on grazing management practices, various health concerns they may

have in cattle and marketing of cattle. He said there is increasing interest in grass-fed beef and "niche" marketing.

"There are opportunities for the small producers to be successful if they know where to look," he said, noting that is another area in which he will be working with ranchers.

He said with today's aging farmers, some may want to look at leasing their herd. This is a way that a farmer can help a younger rancher get started while still providing the older farmer with income.

He would like to see the 4-H program continue to grow. He noted Tye Faulkender, former director, had done an excellent job and it was a good situation to step into.

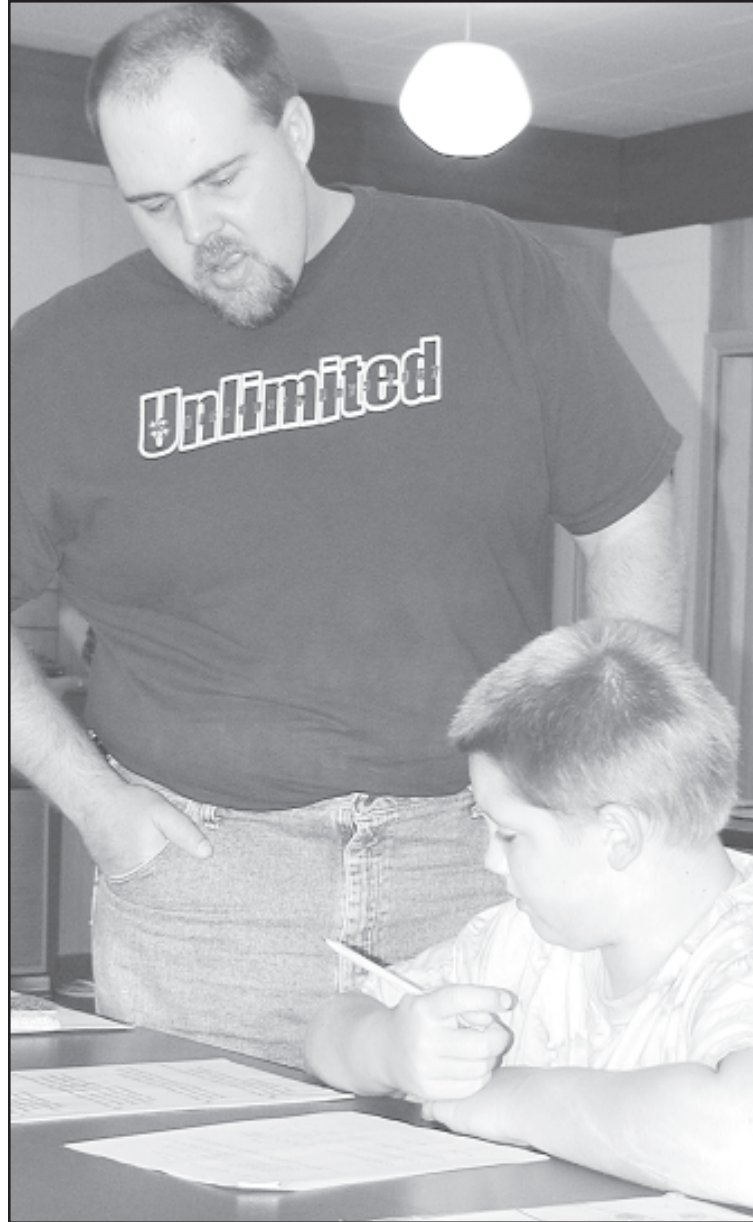
"I want the program to do well and help the kids see success," he said. "Giving young people the opportunity to succeed is important and 4-H can help them through public speaking and leadership."

"The 4-H program has something for everybody."

Working in other counties, he said he often heard positive comments about Cheyenne County.

"We (the county) have a lot to offer and sometimes, we undervalue what we have," he said.

Among his goals are, through Extension, helping the county be a better place to live and helping producers be more profitable. There are many services Extension can offer including answering questions about lawns, gardens and trees as



EXTENSION AGENT Joe Leibbrandt observes Shakotah Blanka and his Life Skills judging. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

well as crops, livestock and pets. Call the office at 785-332-3171.

Mr. Leibbrandt grew up on the family farm northwest of St. Francis. His parents, Ben and Pat

Leibbrandt have a hog and cow/calf operation which he and his brother Chris were an active part. Chris and his wife moved back to Cheyenne County about a year ago.

Beecher Island reunion set to draw hundreds

By Karen Krien

There will be musical entertainment, races and games, a black-powder shoot, craft booths and lots of visiting at the 108th Beecher Island Reunion the weekend of Sept. 15 and 16. The activities will be held at the battle grounds located 22 miles west of St. Francis on U.S. 36 and then north 8.5 miles on Rd. LL.

The reunion draws hundreds of people. Some come for the history of the battle fought between Indians and about 50 civilian scouts led by Lieutenant Fred Beecher. Others come for the entertainment, food and the black powder shoot and others just come to get away from the busy life and camp down along the river bottom under the

huge cottonwood trees.

Musical entertainment will be provided by "Call of the West," with Tex and Mary Schultz and the Swinging Seniors.

The black powder shoot, games including the pedal tractor pull and turtle races are held on Saturday. The Swinging Seniors will be playing in the afternoon and the evening, the musical program will start at 7 p.m.

Pancakes will be served Sunday morning. A church service will be held along with a flag ceremony. For a full schedule of events, turn to the advertisement on Page 5 of this issue. There will be additional information in next week's *Saint Francis Herald*.

Wedding planned

Ashlyn Ann Kite and Cody Paul Hartwich are planning a Sept. 29 wedding at Sunset Zoological Park in Manhattan.

Parents of the couple are Tim and Cindy Kite of Onaga and David and Susan Hartwich of Wamego.

Ashlyn is the granddaughter of Wendell and Dulcie Kite of Junction City and Bob and Marilyn Johnson of Manhattan.

She is a 2003 graduate of Onaga High School and a 2007 cum laude graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor of science degree in park management and conservation. Ashlyn cur-



Hartwich - Kite

rently works at Curves in Manhattan.

Cody is a 2002 graduate of Wamego High School and a 2004 graduate of Beloit Vocational Technical College with a degree in diesel mechanics. He is employed in his family's business, Hartwich Brothers Construction.

Excitement surrounds Homecoming

By Karen Krien

Starting Monday, the St. Francis junior-senior high school will be buzzing with activities and excitement as it is Homecoming Week. Friday, Sept. 21, marks the highlight of the week when the Homecoming King and Queen are crowned during an afternoon assembly and the football game with Colby is played at home on Greene Field.

Throughout the week, there will be special activities. People visiting the school may be greeted by students dressed as nerds, or twins or maybe like students in the 1980s. Monday is Twin Day and win-

ners will be announced during seminar starting at 3:20 p.m. Just so students don't get carried away with their costumes, they are reminded to stay within the school dress code requirements. That evening, seniors will paint Main Street from the school to the west end of the courthouse. The junior varsity football team has a game with Goodland on Greene Field.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m., Bankwest will be hosting a hot dog feed behind the cafeteria. Then, one of the highlights of the week — the burning of the old outhouse bonfire. There will be cheers, the band will play, coaches and team members

will speak as the fire blazes in the background. The public is urged to attend.

Following the bonfire, employees from First National Bank will be serving ice cream in the cafeteria. "It is a great way to start off the week of activities," said Scott Carmichael, principal.

Tuesday is Volleyball Appreciation Day and students are urged to wear their good "dress up" clothes. The varsity and junior varsity Lady Indians will be playing volleyball at Rawlins County, Atwood, with game time starting at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, students will wear their T-shirts for signing. So the younger students are not left out, cheerleaders will go to the grade school to teach cheers.

Thursday is "Activity for the Day." Seniors will enjoy camouflage Day while the juniors will be dressing to the 80s theme. The sophomores will dress and perform as rock stars and the freshmen will dress as "nerds." The junior high students will be dressing up as they have volleyball and football games in Oakley.

The high school Ladies will be playing volleyball at Wray.

Friday is "Green and Gold Day." A pep assembly will start at 2:30 p.m. and the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced. The royalty will be announced in next week's issue of *The Herald*.

That evening, there will be a soup supper before the game. The half-time ceremony will find the queen and candidates being escorted onto the football field by their fathers.

The Homecoming Dance will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, ending a long week of activities and excitement.

First birthday celebrated with several older friends

At the Wednesday, Aug. 29, Red Hat coffee get-together at Captain Hook's Restaurant, Julianna Gardner celebrated her first birthday with her older friends.

After the group sang *Happy Birthday*, Julianna, treated them

to ice cream.

Present were Arlene Walz, Charlsie Rogers, Valjean Schultz, Mary Lou Munn, Betty Winston, great-grandmother, Ruth Reynolds, and grandma, Colleen Gardner.

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