



WORKING on their art projects are Cade Bracelin and Shakotah Blanka. The boys are in the fifth grade.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Youth conference a must for growth

By Mary Holle

Rawlins County Square Deal

Want to learn how to help this area's rural communities survive and grow? Engaging youth and entrepreneurs in their hometowns can be the start to rebuilding rural America.

The eighth annual Ogallala Fall Conference, "Rebuilding Rural Communities...Engaging Youth and Entrepreneurs to Create Change," will include youth activities, tours, high-caliber speakers and hands-on workshops to provide a learning experience for youth and adults interested in keeping rural communities vital and growing.

The conference will be held from 8 to 3, Oct. 10, in Atwood.

"A huge problem facing towns on the Great Plains is the emigration of youth...high school graduates leaving for college and never returning, or young families moving away due to a lack of economic or social opportunities," said Darryl Birkenfeld, director of the Ogallala Commons. "Even as rural communities pour great resources into our school systems, we never seem to instill in our youth a vital message that we want them to

come back home and that we will help them to build careers to be able to live at home.

"Instead of accepting the myth that our youth need to leave home to find opportunities, now is the time to engage youth and youthful entrepreneurs to see the great potential that exists right here at home."

Workshops include: Farm and Community-Scale Wind, Bio-Diesel, Hydrogen and Solar; Service Learning and Youth Councils; How Schools Create Community Change; Local Foods; The High Plains Food Co-op; Nurturing the Arts and Sense of Place in Your Community; Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Your Town.

Early bird registration must be received by Monday, Oct. 1. To register and pay online, go to www.rawlinscounty.info or registration may be made by mail by making checks payable to and sending name, address phone and e-mail to Rawlins County HTC, 112 S. 4th St., Atwood, KS 67730.

For student group registration and additional conference info, call Chris Sramek, 785-626-3640

Extension Notes

Baling corn or milo stalks for winter feed

Want to stretch your winter forage supply? Maybe baling corn or milo stalks could be your answer.

Most stock cows graze crop residues or stockpiled range during winter. But rarely do they make it through the entire winter without some hay. With supplies short and prices high, feeding much hay is not very attractive.

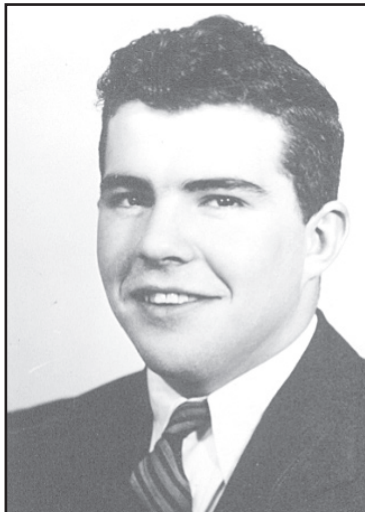
One alternative might be to bale corn and milo stalks just like other hay crops. Baling some of your crop residues instead of grazing them often will increase the number of cow-days worth of feed by three or fourfold. This can really help stretch hay supplies.

Make your stalk hay as soon after combining as possible to minimize nutrient loss from your crop residues. Weathering after combining, especially rain, can really lower the energy value of stalk hay. This may mean

cutting while stalks still are partially green, especially milo stubble, so be sure to let it dry long enough before baling for safe preservation.

Stalk hay will have fair nutrient value, but some supplements will be needed in most cases. Average stalk hay could have anywhere from 4- to 7-percent protein with TDN somewhere in the 50s depending on the percent leaf and husk you get in your bales. You can increase both protein and TDN quite a bit if you remove the stalk chopper from the combine and just bale the two rows where the tailings drop. Be sure to do a forage test for protein and energy to guide your feeding options. Also test for nitrates from fields that were moisture stressed.

You probably won't eliminate hay feeding entirely, but using stalk hay might just help.



Raile

Card shower requested

Edwin "Smiley" Raile will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Oct. 1. His family is requesting a card shower from friends and relatives. Smiley's mailing address is 6925 E. State Hwy. C, Strafford, MO 65757.

Odd Facts

- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."
- The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time television were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.
- The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters.
- City with the most Rolls Royce's per capita: Hong Kong.

Family wants to give memorial to city park

By Karen Krien

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Cathy Bandel and Marsha Zion, daughters of Bob and Joyce Wiley, attended the St. Francis City Council meeting on Sept. 15 to talk about giving a memorial gift in honor of their parents, Bob and Joyce Wiley. After discussing projects, the council put the matter on hold until more information could be obtained.

Since Mr. Wiley served in World War II, they had thought about giving a flag pole with several flags as the wind wears them out so quickly. But, they realized the park already had a flag.

So, they decided that, if it were agreeable with the council, they would give cement benches which would be attached to a cement slab. They said their parents had enjoyed the park and went there for special occasions, especially for the fair parade. They also noted that their uncle Bill Carmichael said he walks in the park for exercise as do other people.

"It would be nice to have benches to rest on," they said.

The council noted that there are some benches near the band shell. However, they were also concerned that, since they had applied to the Kansas State Historical Society to put the band shell and fountain on the state Historical Register, that they needed to be careful about making any changes.

The council asked that the matter be tabled until some calls could be made to see if there would be a problem setting the benches near the band shell. The women said they wanted the gift to be given before too long as their mother had died over a year ago. However, they also wanted it to be a gift that would be something needed for the park. They have between \$2,300 and \$2,400 to give.

Emergency building

Dale Weeks, councilman, said the work on the new emergency building is moving along again. They had started the forms for the concrete approaches. Ron Krien, contrac-

tor, and his crew will be putting on the roof on Oct. 6 and 7, weather permitting.

Mr. Weeks said this is a busy time for volunteers as fall harvest is just starting. However, the roof needs to be put on before cold weather sets in.

Ordinance adopted

The council adopted the ordinance which regulates operation of four wheelers (all-terrain vehicles) and work-site utility vehicles and their drivers on city streets. The council had adopted a similar ordinance earlier which basically forbid the operation of these vehicles on city streets but, there was so much concern expressed by residents, that the council went back and changed some of the wording.

People driving either the four wheelers or utility vehicles cannot drive them on the highway (U.S. 36), the access road or on Washington Street (Main Street). The driver must have a valid driver's license, follow the same laws and ordinances set for regular vehicles, and the driver and rider must wear a helmet with eye protection.

Drivers must keep to a speed limit of 20 miles per hour or lower and drive between sunrise and 10 p.m. If it is dusk or dark, then the vehicle must have and use lights.

For more information, check the Ordinance 548 printed in this week's Saint Francis Herald.

Pool report

Bruce Swihart, Swimming Pool Committee member, said the pool had not been used by the sixth graders as there was a scheduling problem.

"It simply didn't work out," he said.

The committee will try to secure someone to teach Red Cross lifeguard recertification class for next year. Mr. Swihart said that people 15 years and older can take the class. He noted that the city ordinances will not allow lifeguards to work at the pool until they are 16 but, those interested can take the class

as future lifeguards. He had talked to personnel from the Cheylin Rec program and they indicated that there was interest in sharing the expenses.

Lauren Ross, pool manager, had made a list for improvements at the pool for next year's season. Among the suggestions were: painting the pool, installing a new water fountain, paint the office floor, install a new speaker system and a new rope separating the deep end from the shallow end.

Mr. Swihart said that the pool and staff had a good summer. There were several favorable comments on the staff and, attendance had been better this year than in the past two or three years.

J.R. Landenberger, city supervisor, said there is air space beneath the deck of the pool and it is something that will need to be looked into. The council agreed that this project should be moved to the top of the list of improvements to be made.

In other business

In other business:

- The council continues to interview candidates for the chief of police position. However, as of the meeting, there had not been a chief hired.

- The Historical Society had asked that the city take over possession of the Cheyenne County Museum. The council said "no."

- Roger Jensen, councilman, said the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling organization with the central facility in Colby, had received a \$288,262 grant.

- A building permit was given to Dwight Rose to pour a cement porch and sidewalk.

- The council discussed the budgeting proposal, Viaero Wireless tower proposal and the Sunflower Wind contract. See related articles elsewhere in this issue.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the council has been set for Oct. 2 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the council room in the city hall on Washington Street.

Club Clips

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club July meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was July 14. It was the club tour.

Members traveled to several homes to see livestock and then met at the city park for everyone else to share what they would be taking to the fair.

A short meeting was held and then everyone enjoyed pizza and swimming.

Allyson Northrup, reporter

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club August meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was Aug. 5.

Members met at the fairgrounds and had burgers and chips.

The club discussed changes, if any, that needed made for next year's fair.

Everyone then helped with after-fair cleanup.

Allyson Northrup, reporter

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club September meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was Sept. 23. Kattie Ford called the meeting or order and members sang "Old McDonald Had A Farm."

There were 10 members, three leaders and six parents present to answer roll call of "What is your favorite animal?"

Dale Harvey Northrup read the previous minutes and they were approved. There were reports of officers.

In new business, members made nominations for special award as follows: Kevin Wright Award, Taylor Archibald; Dale Shoemaker Award, Kattie Ford; Friend of 4-H - United Methodist Thrift Store

and 4-H Family - the Bryan Ford family.

The members then had election of officers. Officers are Heidi Yonkey, president; Gaten Cooper, vice president; Dale Harley Northrup, secretary; Bailey Merklin, treasurer; Val Wurm, reporter; Taylor Archibald and Gavin Cooper, historians; Dale Harley Northrup and Kattie Ford, Council Representatives; Caitlin Northrup and Ally Northrup, song leaders; Tristan Archer and Kattie, Ford, Recreation leaders; Penny Archibald and Ericka Wieck, club leaders.

The program was a club achievement banquet. The committee passed out pins to this year's officers and gifts to every member.

The meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served by the Merklin and Archibald families.

Allyson Northrup, reporter

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