



**TAKING HER PICK** — Karen Krien picks out her favorite cookie brought in by the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club as a thank you for supporting them throughout the year.

*Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston*

## Club Clips

### Plum Creek 4-H Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Plum Creek 4-H club was held on Oct. 1. The meeting was held in the Equity meeting room at 7 p.m. Kaycee Williams, vice president, called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by responding to the question, "What has been your favorite Halloween costume?" eighteen members and two leaders were present.

The club held election of officers with the following results: Teri Walters, president; Courtney Douthit, vice president; Kaycee Williams, secretary; Kim Voeller, treasurer; Mikaela Grace, reporter; Courtney Douthit and Brianna Cooks, historians, and Thomas Douthit and Logan Lampe, parliamentarians.

The club elected junior officers with the following results: Shakotah Blanka, president; Kyla Bandel, vice president; Mariah Beikman, secretary, and Emily Elfers, reporter.

Mila Bandel, leader, reported on

the council meeting. She reminded the club about the Friends of 4-H Picnic on Oct. 11. The Corn Maze trip to Goodland will be Oct. 20. Mrs. Bandel reported on other upcoming events and dates.

Under new business, the club chose two games to lead at the Friends of 4-H Picnic. The club's junior leaders will put up the window display for 4-H Week.

For the program, Courtney and Mariah led the members in a scavenger hunt. The members had to find items for six different projects. Emily then led the members in taping a radio announcement. The members told what 4-H meant to them.

Refreshments of caramel apples and floats were served by the Elfers family and the Grace family.

Mikaela Grace, reporter

### Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met at the St. Francis Senior Center on Monday, Oct. 1, with 14 members present.

Susan Roelfs gave an interesting program on the duties of the Public Health Nurse.

Helen Burnham, president, opened the business meeting. She informed the members that Wilma Lampe had resigned as treasurer. The members named Dolores Kincheloe as the new treasurer.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, there will be an open house at the hospital. The Guild members will furnish the cookies.

A discussion was held about buying 24 blankets to be used as bedspreads on the new beds at the hospital and members voted to purchase the blankets.

The meeting adjourned.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Betty Loudon and Arlene Peter.

## Ag Talk with Jeanne

### To Redrill Wheat or Not?

With the heavy rains that our area experienced last weekend, wheat stands are being evaluated to decide on redrilling those acres. This decision is not always clear-cut, but some guidelines can help with the decision.

First, the existing stand needs to be counted and compared to the expected plant population. If the field was planted at 60 pounds/acre, the number of plants expected per foot or row would be eight, 12, and 14 for row spacings seven, 10, and 12 inches. This would be for mid-sized seed with the normal emergence of 75 percent of the planting rate.

According to Jim Shroyer, K-State wheat specialist, generally, if the average number of plants is about 50 percent or more of expected, the recommendation is to keep the stand. With less than 40 percent of expected, the recommendation is to replant the field. With a stand that is between 40 and 50 percent of expected, the decision

is more difficult.

There are two major concerns to consider other than yield potential in deciding whether to replant: the susceptibility of the ground to wind erosion and the potential for weed and grass infestations. Where stands are less than 40 percent of expected, these become major concerns, even if yield potential is not a concern. In fact, research in Colorado indicates that 260,000 to 320,000 plants per acre (or about six to seven plants per foot of row) can produce within 90 to 95 percent of expected yields—especially if the plants are able to tiller well. But if the soil is blowing or weeds and grass infestations become severe, the stand should probably have been replanted and thickened.

The approximated seeding rates for redrilling wheat will be a little higher than expected because of the late drilling time frame and the amount of the stand that may

be destroyed while redrilling. If 30-40 percent of the original stand is present, then the redrilling rate would be approximately 30 pounds per acre. For 10-30 percent of the original stand, the rate would be approximately 50 pounds per acre. Finally for 0-10 percent of the original stand, the rate would be around 75 to even 90 pounds per acre.

When cross-drilling into an existing stand, using a double-disc opener drill might be advisable. If a hoe drill is used, the seeding rate should be slightly higher than what was originally planted, because the hoe drill will destroy much of the original stand. If possible, replanting should be done at a 45-degree angle to the original stand to minimize damage to the existing stand.

If you need more in-depth information on redrilling wheat, please contact the Extension office.

By  
Jeanne  
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# Poet privileged to open for Riders in the Sky musical

Kathy Woodcox took Helene Landenberger and Cindy Wiley to Colby, Monday evening, Oct. 2, to see Riders in the Sky, the multi-Grammy Award winning cowboy-comedy singing group sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association. Having been slated to open for them since June 2, Helene said she felt privileged to carry out that obligation.

In the course of her program, she promoted the 8 Wonders of Kansas project, encouraging people to vote before the end of the year. The Arikaree Breaks in Cheyenne County is one of the candidates and she said to be sure and check

specifically "--8--" or the vote will not count.

She described The Breaks in location, miles and acres as well as in her own rhymes. She also told that ballots can be picked up at the museum and Chamber of Commerce or the voting can be done on the computer at 8wonders.org.

Several other people from St. Francis were in attendance at the Colby High School auditorium and enjoyed the "Centennial Celebration of Gene Autry" and the songs he sang performed by the internationally acclaimed group, Riders in the Sky.



Landenberger

## Former resident heads to Las Vegas

Former resident Jason Schliep, Grand Island, Neb., was featured in "The Grand Island Independent," and his team of four other men qualifying to attend the World Firefighter Combat Challenge, Nov. 4-8, in Las Vegas.



Schliep

In the article by Sarah Schultz, Independent writer, Mr. Schliep and his team are members of the Grand Island Fire Department and to qualify, they ran up five flights of stairs, pulling a firefighters' hose 75 feet or dragging a 175-pound dummy the length of a football field, all while wearing 50-pounds of bunker gear and a 19-pound air tank. The men pulled off this feat in 1 minute and 45 seconds.

Their time at the regional Firefighters Combat Challenge in Omaha earned them a spot at the Las Vegas world contest. They may even be seen on ESPN when the show airs.

The Firefighter Combat Challenge was first conducted in 1991 and usually attracts more than 650 fire departments from the United States and Canada. More than 3,000 men and women compete every year at the 18 regional events and there is just one world showdown.

The relay and the individual events involve the same challenges, only in the relay each thing is done by a different person.

The firefighters begin by running up the 63 steps of a five-story tower while carrying a pack weighing 42 pounds. After depositing the pack in a box, they have to hoist a 42-pound roll up to the top of the tower before running down the tower stairs to the beam drive. Each person then uses a 9-pound mallet to drive the 160-pound beam five feet. The next obstacle involves weaving in and out of cones for 140 feet before dragging a hose, with a resistance of between 140 and 240 pounds, 75 feet.

The final challenge is to drag the 175-pound "Rescue Randy" dummy backward for 106 feet.

The average time for the overall challenge is three minutes and three seconds.

Grand Island got involved in the challenge last year after Paul Davis Restoration became a national sponsor of the event. The group said five firefighters competed in both the

individual and team events last year in Sioux City, Iowa. This year there were 10 members, three of whom couldn't attend the Regional because of scheduling conflicts.

Jared Stockwell, one of the firemen qualifying for the Vegas competition, said firemen have gotten competitive with each other and their own times.

Grand Island fireman Cameron Calleroz put a course together at Station 4 for practice. However, the department lacked a five-story tower so the men have to run up and down a regular flight of stairs to condition for that particular event.

When one considers the relay team hadn't even practiced together prior to competing in Omaha last month, the fact they made it to Las Vegas is even more impressive. Mr. Calleroz said the men work different shifts and it was nearly impossible to get everyone together to train.

Bradley Jerman, fireman, said as the interest in the competition has grown within the department, the subject of hosting a challenge in Grand Island has come up. It would cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to be a host city.

But for now the men are concentrating on improving their time for the world competition and on raising the \$3,000 needed for travel and hotel expenses. The team plans to have some fundraisers and is seeking sponsorships, in addition to Paul Davis, to defray costs.

## Introducing

### Nyla Jean Gano

Nyla Jean Gano, daughter of Tori and Travis Gano, Hays, was born on Sept. 7, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and 20-inches long.

Grandparents are Gary and Vickie Gano, Hays; Patrick and Brenda Delano, Bird City; and Tim and Dena Halpin, Penrose, Colo. Great-grandparents are Gordon and Wanda Gano, Hill City; Forrest and Alice Paul, Morland; and Harold and Carol Connett, Bird City.

## Concert to be held

Western Plains Arts Association will host the First Infantry Division Band from Fort Riley at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Hoxie High School auditorium.

The concert is free and open to the public, no special ticket is required.

The concert band, which is the premiere ensemble of the First Infantry Division Band, will perform this event.

Musical selections will come from all genres of music from classical to popular, featuring traditional concert repertoire and marches. Featured soloists will include vocalists Sergeant First class Daniel Rhoads and Staff Sergeant Renatta Draper, performing patriotic songs.

Originally constituted in 1943, the band returned to Fort Riley on Aug. 1, 2006, after spending 10 years in Germany as ambassadors for diplomatic foreign relations and serving troops overseas.



## Livestock results

Kyla Bandel, Mariah Beikman, Martin Beikman and Dallas Reed, all of St. Francis, attended the 75th Kansas Junior Livestock Show on Sept. 21-24 in Wichita.

The 75th anniversary of the show added to the event's memorable history with a 20-year high in livestock numbers and stiff competition for auction premiums and scholarships.

A total of 700 Kansas youth exhibited 1,351 head of livestock.

Dallas placed third in class 1, Meat Goat.

Mariah placed fourth in class 4, Shorthorn Market Steer.

Martin placed 10th in class 28, Crossbred Market Barrow.

Kayla placed 13th in class 2, Hampshire Market Barrow and 14th in class 2, Crossbred Market Barrow.

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