



## Scouts sell cookies



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St. Francis Girl Scouts canvassed the community last month and ended up with 4,032 boxes of cookies. Top seller this year was Matthisen Witzel, who sold 490 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

This is Matthisen's second year in the scouting program. Last year, she sold 320 boxes of cookies. She, with the help of her mother, Lisha Hilt, and sister, Hadleigh were busy distributing cookies on Friday.

Matthisen said she likes selling cookies.

"I like meeting new friends," she said.

Every year, thousands of girls across the county gain valuable knowledge while providing the community with a special treat—Girl Scout cookies.

The Girl Scout Cookie program, an integral part of Girl Scouting's business and economic literacy initiative for girls ages 6 to 17, provides finance, marketing, and public speaking skills, along with valuable experiences that build girls' self-confidence and help them develop their own personal leadership style.

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**DELIVERING COOKIES** — Matthisen Witzel sold 490 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, making her the top seller in the local troop.  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Premium sales rules stay the same

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One of the main topics discussed at the Cheyenne County Fair Board on Thursday, Feb. 7, was the 4-H/FFA premium sale held each year at the fair. This matter has been discussed at prior meetings but, tabled until the Thursday night meeting when the extension agent was present.

Board president, Dick Bursch, said he had attended the Premium Sale Committee meeting and thought the committee was very attentive to the needs and concerns of the 4-H'ers and the public.

After taking into the consideration the needs of the

exhibitors and the desires of the buyers of the community, the committee members thought it would be best to keep the sale the same as the previous year.

Board member, Lacy Reed, helped by showing the previous year's entries and sale price totals, except for FFA enrollments, since those statistics were unavailable.

There was extensive discussion over whether leaving the sale the same was what is best. Mr. Weeks, manager of Wheeler Equity, a buyer of 46 years, attended the meeting to share his concerns and the general desire of the

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## Congressman comes to Sainty

Congressman Jerry Moran will visit Cheyenne County during his annual Big First Listening Tour. He will be in St. Francis at Main Street Coffee, 216 W. Washington, from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21. All area residents are urged to attend.

Congressman Moran is visiting communities in each of the 69 counties of the First Congressional District. During the tour, the congressman will travel more than 5,000 miles to visit with area residents and learn about issues important to Kansans.

## Employee is recognized in 'Spotlighting the Positive'

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The Feb. 6 St. Francis City Council meeting began with Spotlighting the Positive. This month, the award was given to city employee, Earl Hankins for his time and efforts he has given to the city for the past 20 years.

Mr. Hankins, they said, is always ready to tackle any job that needs done.

The city wanted to recognize him for his outstanding work.

### 911 communications

The Cheyenne County Commissioners and 911 board were asked to come to the city council to discuss the city police and sheriff departments. They were unable to come as their legal council couldn't be there and one member of the board was ill. The commissioners called to set a

date for the city council to come to their meeting.

"We have repeatedly tried to solve the issues of the law officers and communications board and it needs to be addressed," said Roger Jensen, councilman. "Each time we have tried it is without resolve and this shows no respect to our attorney, the city council and the citizens of our community."

"I feel that we each have made our decisions," said Carla Lampe, council woman. "We felt it would be better to have the two units separated. The sheriff's department has made changes and many of them are in their best interest. It is time to let bygones be buried and figure a way we can work together. It takes both of us."

The city council will go to the

Commissioners meeting on Feb. 15.

### Schoenrogge property

Craig Schoenrogge was at the meeting to discuss his property. About a year ago, Mr. Schoenrogge was going to expand his farming by putting in a pivot sprinkler. His plans included buying some cattle, putting up fences, and running water lines. He also wanted to plant spring oats.

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## Former Sainty resident publishes children's book

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Former resident, Leigh (Winston) Legere has published her first book. *Do Antelope Eat Cantaloupe?* is a hard-back, 36-page, colorfully illustrated children's book which is bound to capture the attention of children.

Children like to read about Noah and the ark. And the thought of all the animals gathered in one place has always inspired great illustrations.

However, Mrs. Legere's book presents a new twist to the Biblical story from a child's perspective. The pages show Noah asking himself what different animals from the ark might like to eat.



Legere

Written with humor, the book will appeal to children, as well as

adults. Readers will also enjoy the clever and colorful illustrations of each animal, paired with food in lilted rhymes.

"It didn't take long to write the book — maybe a month," she said, adding that she has edited it a little over the years.

"The story of Noah just seemed like a good fit for the rhymes about animals and food."

One page shows the antelope with a cantaloupe. Another page shows a pair of colorful parrots with carrots in the beaks. Another shows brightly colored snakes with a slice of cake.

The book ends, reminding children and adults that there is

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**JOLIE JAMISON** had four aces and claimed the top prize. **Shirley Marino** presents her with a dozen roses.  
Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick

## Four aces win the flowers

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This was the fourth year for the "Don't Gamble With Love" game and, again, it appeared to be a great success and lots of fun. The two people holding the top cards took home a Valentine's bouquet from Goodell Greenhouse and floral.

The high winner was Jolie Jamison, St. Francis, who turned in four aces with a jack high. Second place went to Arrie Cox, who had a full house, three 10s and two sixes.

Last year's winner was Dale Carpenter; second place went to Connie Wilger.

Participating businesses were given a deck of cards (or more when they needed them) and when customers made a purchase, they were given a chance to draw for a card. At the

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**A FULL HOUSE**, held by Arrie Cox took second prize which was a lovely bouquet provided by Shirley Marino, owner of Goodell Greenhouse and Floral.

## Sixth grader takes the win

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There were 29 students competing but, when it came down to the last two spellers, they went 21 rounds before Derek Queen spelled two words in a row correctly to beat his worthy opponent Erik Hart. Both of the boys are sixth graders in the St. Francis schools.

There were 15 students coming from Cheylin and 14 students from St. Francis. Some of the words were humble, average, hickory, decoy and dairy but, then the words became more difficult to spell and words like expertise, liverwurst, physique, filibuster, persimmon and incognito took out the best of the spellers.

Coming down to the end, Erik misspelled cinema but Derek spelled argument and wrinkle



Queen



Hart

correctly. Going out third from the end was Stephanie Busse from Cheylin. Her final word was incognito.

Derek will be going to Great Bend on March 8 where he will compete in the State Spelling Bee.

Derek is the son of Marlin and Kim Queen. Eric is the son of Pastor Ken and Karen Hart.

### Students competing

Those students competing from St. Francis were: Sidney

Sundstrom, Jude Faulkender, Lane Hobrock, fourth grade; Cade Bracelin, Shakota Blanka, Kalin Ritchey, fifth grade; Derek Queen, Erik Hart, Allie Schlepp, sixth grade; Foster Grant, Sarah Whitmore, Ally Northrup, seventh grade; Tilyn Bell, Christina Schoenrogge and Logan Whitmore, eighth grade.

Those competing from Cheylin were: Elizabeth Keltz, Reece Leonard, Devon Janicke, fourth grade; Jaime Davison, Mary Anne Orten, Allie Frisbie, fifth grade; Connor Hazuka, Zach Els, Shayna Johnson, sixth grade; Stephanie Busse, Heath Churchwell, Josh Keltz, seventh grade; Forrest Burr and Ethan Young, eighth grade.

Giving the words to the students was Bruce Swihart. Judges were Rosanna Underwood, Kari Gilliland and Scott Carmichael.