



GARRETT BRUNK works with his heifer before the spring show to be held on Saturday at the Cheyenne County fairgrounds.

Barn alliance is sponsoring free workshop on May 31

The Kansas Barn Alliance is sponsoring a free workshop, "Old Barns-New Ideas," on Saturday, May 31, at the Stan Carman farm, south of St. Francis. There will be a morning and afternoon session. The morning session will begin at 10.

Robert Metzmer, a timber frame specialist from Ness City, will talk about the construction of old barns and renovation possibilities. Special recognition will be given to the 4-H photography group members who documented several area barns.

At noon the Cheyenne County Historical Society will provide lunch. Donations for the meal will benefit the Cheyenne County Museum.

The afternoon session will

begin at 1:00 and will feature a roundtable discussion: "Help pay the restoration bill. Find new uses for your old barn."

Barn Alliance president, Sally Hatcher, writes, "Many of the wonderful old barns across Kansas are a resource for memories and not much else. The goal of our May 31 workshop in St. Francis is to share ideas about ways these barns can be used again."

According to Ms. Hatcher, some old barns in Kansas are reviving as owners try unusual niche agriculture enterprises. One farmer is raising tilapia in concrete tanks in his old barn. Another is milking sheep for cheese making.

The St. Francis workshop will offer participants the opportunity to discuss some of these niche agriculture ventures that

might just help pay the restoration bill!

This workshop is for those who have an old barn and don't know what to do with it.

"If you have an old barn and have done something with it, come and share your story!" said Janet Carman.

"We are pleased that the Kansas Barn Alliance chose Cheyenne County for this workshop. We want to give them a warm welcome," said county Historical Society president, Lea Keller.

The Stan Carman's farm is located at 1625 Road G, from St. Francis, travel 7 miles south of U.S. 36 on Road 16. From K-27, travel 2.5 miles west on Road G: (Look for the two story farmhouse.) Please call Stan at 785 332 3569 by May 24 to reserve a spot.

Students attend festival

Fifth-grade students from St. Francis and Cheylin learned about the High Plains water cycle through science, art, creative writing and history during a two-day event. The students were accompanied by their teachers, Lynette Nolan, St. Francis, and Judy Poore, Cheylin.

Dr. Darryl Birkenfeld, executive director of Ogallala Commons, explained to the students the High Plains water system isn't always easy to see. Students visited a dry playa lake basin outside of Wheeler; a small artesian spring 3 miles north of St. Francis; a creek and the River Walk, in order to learn about the High Plains - Ogallala Aquifer.



DR. DARRYL BIRKENFELD talks to the students about the high plains water system.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Julie Boatright, conservation educator, Lubbock, Texas, and Andy Wilkenson, artist-in-residence, Lubbock, Texas, presented a session on bird identification and one on creative writing, which included song and poetry.

Bob Meiyer, Hendon, and Dr. Nick Parker, Lubbock, presented

a session on Global Water Situations. Some situations hit very close to home.

The presenters took the students on a visit to the local water treatment plant where they happily discovered a lack of odor and many close encounters with

geese and other birds they had learned about the previous day. That afternoon students traveled to a local spring; to a Republican Valley watershed area; and visited other examples of the Ogallala Aquifer.

"I think students will defi-

nately encourage the residents of this area to learn about the Playa Lakes and how they are needed to recharge the water systems," Mrs. Nolan said.

This is because, she said, they learned that as they grow up and live on the High Plains or in distant places, water use and conservation will be one of the greatest challenges they will face.

Animal control is topic at meeting

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The county 911 dispatch director had a letter from the St. Francis City Police concerning animal control to present to the Cheyenne County Commissioners when they met on Thursday.

Carol Gamblin, director, wanted to know what the dispatchers are to do when a call to remove a skunk, rattlesnake or other wild animals comes in. The letter stated that the city police would not be removing these animals due to limited resources and asked that the dispatch should limit the requests for these calls.

The letter suggested that the dispatcher call the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks or local resident Cliff Semler.

Mrs. Gamblin said she had contacted Mr. Semler and he traps for a charge of \$45 to \$100. She felt like if a person called in, they should be told they will be charged if Mr.

Semler removes the animal.

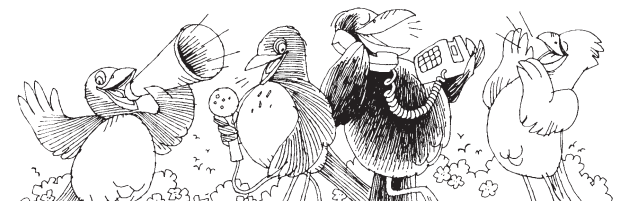
It was also noted that people are not allowed to fire a gun within the city limits so they can't shoot the animal. If they do shoot a skunk, there is a smell.

Justin Barrett, county attorney, asked if the city has an animal control officer. Their answer was yes, and the city police will continue to take care of domestic animals that are loose or being a nuisance.

Mrs. Gamblin said she was concerned that, if wild animals are allowed to run in the city limits, there could be a rabid animal which could bite someone. Who will be liable?

Andy Beikman, commissioner, as a city taxpayer, wondered what he was paying them (city officers) to do?

Craig Van Allen, sheriff, was present at the meeting. After discussion, the commissioners agreed that when there is a wild animal call, the sheriff or one of his officers, will take care of the animal.



St. Francis News

Visitors of Naomi Holliman on Friday, May 16 were Colleen Renk of Bismarck, N.D; Beth, Zach and Joel Schiel of Ellis.

Gaylen and Dorothy Weeden and Dennis and Sonja Weeden were among those attending the Spring Commencement at Kansas State University, Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17.

Three Grandchildren of Gay-

len and Dorothy were graduating. Allisha, Gabriel, and Karma Weeden.

Kyle Weeden had graduated on May 10, from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

A graduation party was held Friday evening at the Manhattan University Pacific Depot for these graduates and two other graduates, Christina Martin and Corey

Witzel, special friends.

Others attending were Terry and Rachel Weeden of Estterville, Iowa; Kyle and Katie Hahn of Kansas City, Mo; Dustin and Laura Weeden of Louisville, Colo.; Mary Glad, Lennea Tope and Tia Faras of Green Valley, Ariz.; Rod and Cara Weeden of Elkhart, Kan.; and Chelsey Weeden of Manhat-

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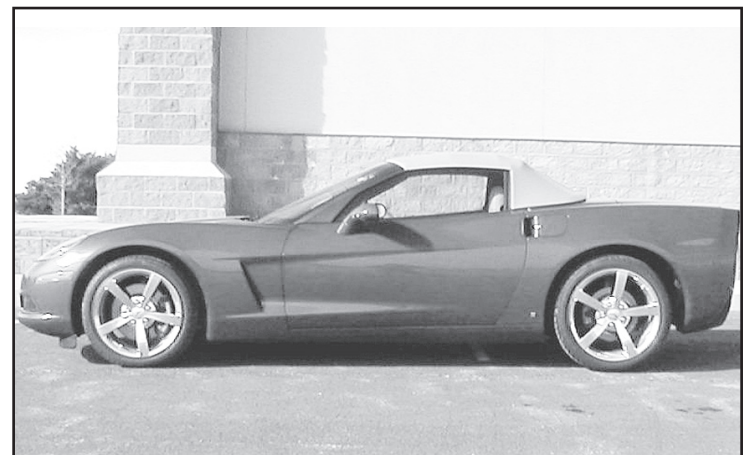
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