



READY, SET, GO!! Cub Scouts positioned their derbies for the race. Pictured (l to r); Taryn Zwegardt, Jerry Whitmore, track manager; and Connor McBride. Elmer Kellner, one of the leaders, is in the background.

Derby provides lots of excitement

Cubs and their families had worked together for days to build their cars to compete at the Pinewood Derby Sunday afternoon. Family and friends gathered with the St. Francis Cub Scouts at the grade school to watch the annual Derby.

Connor McBride was the overall winner and Alex Queen claimed second. Aaron Blair took third.

Webelos winner was Connor with Taryn Zwegardt taking second. Alex was the Wolf Cub winner followed by Aaron. Kiegan Taylor was the Tiger Cub winner with Isaiah Lee claiming second.

The Judge's Choice winners were: Isaiah, first; Kiegan, second; and Connor, third.

Every one present had the opportunity to vote in the People's Choice. Winners were Aaron, first; Kiegan, second; and Alex, third.

Siblings of the Cub Scouts also participated. Ian Taylor claimed first; Lucas Zwegardt, second; and Cade Lee came in third.

Even the dad's, Dan Blair, Brandon Lee, Marlin Queen and Gary Taylor joined in the fun by racing their own cars.

Track managers, Scott Carmichael, Jerry Whitmore, assisted by Logan Whitmore and Matt Stuchlik, district executive, gave each participant the opportunity to race many times.



FUTURE CUB, Ian Taylor, was excited with the races. Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick

E-waste collected on Tuesday

E-waste is coming to Cheyenne County on Tuesday.

The Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling organization will soon be making a stop in St. Francis with their new e-waste collection trailer. The trailer will be located at the recycling center behind the museum in St. Francis on Tuesday. The collection will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The recycling service is free to households, government offices and educational institutions located in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Scott, Sheridan and Thomas counties. Recycling fees apply to all businesses and organizations.

Anyone located outside the listed counties may use the e-waste recycling service but recycling fees will apply.

The fees are \$2 per microwave oven; \$5 per computer monitor;

\$10 per television; and 10-cents per pound (maximum \$20 per item) for all other e-waste.

Items that may be brought to the collection include: desktop computers, laptop computers, personal data assistants, CRT and LCD computer monitors, computer accessories and parts, printers, scanners, copy machines, fax machines, telephones, cellular phones, answering machines, pagers, televisions, DVD and VCR players, satellite receivers (no dishes), stereos, radios (any type), iPods, MP3 players, speakers, tape recorders, calculators, adding machines, hand-held and console game systems, game cartridges, toner and inkjet cartridges, rechargeable batteries and microwave ovens.

Future collections will be announced. For more information, call 785-460-1840 or 332-5011.

Board concerned about building rent and upkeep

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The Cheyenne County Fair Board were concerned with the building which is rented out at the fairgrounds. A good deal of their meeting was spent discussing the rent, upkeep and contracts for the building.

Gary Cooper, secretary, said the gas bill from 2008 was \$1,953, not including other utilities or the maintenance needed. The rent money taken in on the building for the same time was \$2,435.

"I am hoping with Karol (Lohman, board member) taking care of the renting, that a separate building rental records could be kept of the utilities used," Mr. Cooper said.

He went on to say he was not making a motion. It is community-

owned and one of the few building the fair board has that can provide the space for large events. Brian Hobrock added that he was concerned the money received from renting the building would not cover the basic costs.

Dick Bursch, board president, mentioned that when he recently took the contractors over to measure the door that was being replaced, the building door was opened and the furnace was on. He said on other occasions he had inspected the building after an event and found the same situation — door was open and furnace was on.

He suggested that someone should check all the doors after each event. John Finley, member, said that he could walk by the buildings to check the doors.

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Fair board has new member

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The meeting opened last Thursday with Dick Bursch, president, welcoming the newest member, Joe Hoffman to the group. Mr. Bursch added that he would soon be on a committee with plenty to do.

The members were told how much money events had taken in during the 2008 fair. Wednesday evening, the kid's rodeo and barrel racing, grossed \$135. Thursday night was rained out. Friday night with the four-wheelers and lawnmower races brought in \$1,131, and the demolition derby on Saturday brought in \$15,761.

Extension office

Joe Leibbrandt, extension agent, said the Spring Livestock Show will be May 23, at the fairgrounds. Participants will be arriving early and dropping off their animals the day before at the livestock barn. Mr. Bursch asked him to inform Mrs. Lohman of the schedule.

Mr. Leibbrandt wanted to "plant a seed" with the fair board in the possibility of purchasing new

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Legislators talk with concerned residents

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Last Saturday a legislative town hall meeting was held at Main St. Coffee in St. Francis. Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Rep. John Faber spent an hour giving updates as to what is happening in Topeka and fielded questions.

Mr. Faber spoke first about the economic stimulus plan from Washington, D.C.

"We really don't have a good handle on how the money will be spent," Mr. Faber said.

What is known, he said, is some of the funds will go to transportation, prisons, public safety and education.

Sen. Ostmeyer thanked the Farm Bureau Association for organizing the event.

He talked about the federal government's spending to get out of the current recession.

"The bail out might sound good, but it scares me," Mr. Ostmeyer said. "It could really be a disaster."

He voiced his concern about the direction the country and Kansas are going. Mr. Ostmeyer commented about what he has heard at other town hall meetings and that most of his constituents are against raising taxes.

"Only one person has said, 'We have to raise taxes,'" Mr. Ostmeyer said.

Mr. Faber also stated concerns about increased spending



SEN. RALPH OSTMEYER and Rep. John Faber were in St. Francis Saturday morning to talk about happenings in Topeka. Pictured are (l to r) Elmer Kellner, Rodney Shay, Mr. Ostmeyer, Rick Reeser and Mr. Faber.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

by the government.

"The problem with budget spending is that money will have to come from one of two places, either borrowing from China or printing new money."

Mr. Ostmeyer was asked about the nomination of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius to the position of Health and Human Resources secretary under the current administration.

"My first concern is with her pro-life stance," Mr. Ostmeyer said.

Gov. Sebelius is facing opposition due to her pro-abortion stance.

The question of prisons came up. Recently the prison was closed in Stockton, putting close to 300 people out of work.

"Norton right now is sitting

pretty solid," Mr. Ostmeyer said.

Another topic was legislation relating to home-owned carnivals being regulated more.

After looking at the small-town carnivals the legislators realized that they were okay.

"We are exempted since they found out we have something unique," Mr. Ostmeyersaid, "We're safer than the big carnivals."

Mr. Ostmeyer touched on the issue of whether papers should continue to publish legal notices for their towns. Being against the change he said, "We're protecting small town newspapers."

After the hour-long meeting the two men left for similar gatherings in Atwood, Oberlin and Norton.