

# Museum open house held



LEA KELLER talks to Milton Lampe and Tobe Zwegardt during the open house held on Sunday at the museum.



CHECKING out the display is Bonnie Cram and Lucille Price. Right, Margaret Bucholtz receives a bird bath in appreciation from the Cheyenne County Museum.



SANDY BANDEL plays the organ at Ye Olde Country Church.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

# How cold temperatures impact the winter wheat

By Jeanne Falk, K-State Multi-County Agronomist

With the chilly temperatures forecasted for this week, there is concern for the impact on wheat. The degree of injury to wheat is influenced by the duration of the low temperatures along with the low temperature reached and stage of wheat development.

There are some guidelines in temperatures for causing damage to the wheat crop. At the jointing stage, 24 degrees for two hours can cause damage to the growing point of the wheat. At the boot stage, two hours of 28 degrees can cause injury.

A great deal of the wheat in the area has jointed and is between the jointing and boot stage, so it could sustain damage at 26 degrees for two hours.

Leaves are commonly affected by low temperatures with leaf burn. We have seen some of that already this year. However, if the growing point of a tiller is damaged in freezing temperatures, yield is impacted because growth stops immediately.

Directly on top of the growing point, the wheat head is forming. If the growing point is damaged, the head is also damaged.

All tillers will not all be affected the same way due to the location of the growing point in the stem. Therefore, some tillers may be severely damaged, while others are fine.

Damage is usually not detectable for at least a week after the low temperatures.

To examine your wheat, carefully slice the stem of the plant

to expose the growing point. If the growing point has a crisp, whitish-green appearance, then the growing point is healthy and has no damage. If the growing point has a yellow-brown, mushy appearance, then freeze damage has occurred.

K-State has a table that states the likelihood of 32-degree freeze at locations across Kansas. At Colby, the probability of 32 degrees on April 25 is 79 percent, on May 2 is 57 percent, and on May 9 is 33 percent. At Tribune, the probability on April 25 is 80 percent, on May 2 is 60 percent, and on May 9 is 37 percent.

If you have any questions about your wheat, please contact me at the Extension office, 332-3171.

# Program held to raise awareness

The American Society for Clinical Pathology has launched National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week by announcing a new program to raise awareness of the laboratory profession among high school students. The society's Ambassador Program will select up to 10 newly certified laboratory professionals to share their personal stories about why they became laboratory professionals.

The goal of the program is to expose pre-college students to the critical role that laboratory professionals play as members of the healthcare team and in delivering patient care. Ambassadors who make 10 presentations to high school classes will receive a \$1,000 award at the end of their one-year tenure.

The society's wage and vacancy report, published in the March issue of "Lab Medicine," shows that half of all labs currently struggle to fill laboratory science positions. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 138,000 new laboratory professionals will be needed by 2012, but fewer than 50,000 will be trained.

The workforce shortage is due in part to lack of awareness of the field. A 2007 survey by the Coordinating Council for the Clinical Laboratory Workforce found that the vast majority of high school students are unaware that the medical laboratory profession is a viable career choice. Of 3,960 people new laboratory professionals surveyed, 76 percent learned about the career option only after leaving high school. The lab workforce concluded that awareness and recruitment efforts should be directed to the high school level.

The program is sponsored by Roche.

To be considered for the Ambassador program, applicants must:

Be a graduate of an accredited laboratory science program.

Have graduated with a cumulative 3.0 grade point average (on 4.0 scale).

Submit a one page letter of recommendation from supervisor, hospital administrator, clinical director, or professor that speaks of the candidate's passion for the laboratory profession

Have become American Society for Clinical Pathology certified within the past five years.

Be a member of the society.

Submit 5-minute video essay that answers the question: "Why did I become a laboratory pro-

fessional?" This essay will serve as the template for selected Ambassadors' presentations. Video submissions should be on CD or DVD. A 1,000 word written essay may be submitted in lieu of a video essay.

Applications must be received by the society by July 1. The society will announce the Ambassadors in mid-July. For more information, go to [www.ascp.org/Ambassador](http://www.ascp.org/Ambassador).

# Area members attend seminar in Hastings

Jehovahs Witnesses from 18 congregations in the area attended a special one-day seminar in Hastings, Neb., on April 18.

The theme of the program was "Keep Watching the Ministry — That You Fulfill It." The featured speaker, Allen Doyle, is a staff member of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society in Brooklyn, N.Y. He gave talks dealing with subjects, "How We Recommend Ourselves as Ministers" and "Highly Esteem Your Ministry."

The program pointed to the ex-

cellent examples set by Christ Jesus and the Apostle Paul on how to spread the good news of the Kingdom, examples that Christians today do well to follow.

Some of the material presented dealt with young people and how they can be involved in the ministry. All were encouraged not to let other interests and activities interfere with preaching the good news.

Dan Lucas, coordinator for the Goodland congregation, said there were 936 delegates in attendance.

# Couple plans wedding

Megan Nichole Chaussee and Marcus William Mason are planning an August wedding.

Megan is the daughter of Pamela Chaussee of Fort Collins, Colo., and the late Larry Chaussee. Marcus is the son of Charlene Mason of Denver and Monte Mason, also of Denver. Marcus is the grandson of Leah Walter and the late Ruben Walter.



Mason — Chaussee



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