

County historical society to host meeting and tour

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will host their first annual meeting on Sunday. All those interested are encouraged to meet at the Cheyenne County Museum at 2 p.m. The group will then continue on to Heaton's Crossing for the tour.

Lucius R. Heaton was the first pioneer in Cheyenne County to stake out a homestead. Both he

and his wife, Nancy Jane Rouse Hill, were born in the east and were of English descent.

The couple had moved to Iowa and about 8-years later Lucius headed out to look for a homestead. He traveled about 500 miles with a team and wagon across parts of Nebraska and Kansas.

One night he made camp be-

tween what is now Benkelman and Bird City. He was looking for a place that had wood and water. During the night, his horses got loose, and as Lucius set out to find them, his wants were fulfilled. Not only did he find water and wood, but in the middle of it were his horses. This place was on what is known as the Big Timber.

He started a typical pioneer home — a dugout with but one door and two windows. He filed for 160 acres then went back to Iowa to get his family. They returned in 1877 and stayed on the Big Timber. Later they built a sod house and about the turn of the century they erected a two-story frame house.

Lucius freighted the mail and freight from Oberlin for the scattered homesteaders and Nancy kept a pioneer post office and some staple groceries.

They welcomed many pioneers as they journeyed south from Benkelman into the Bird City and surrounding areas.



UNCLAIMED PROPERTY — Derek and Dayton Fromholtz and Barb Fromholtz, with the help of Dennis McKinney, treasurer, claims what is theirs. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Rust outbreaks reported in state

There have been many reports coming out about stripe and leaf rust outbreaks to the south of Kansas. Erick DeWolf, K-State wheat plant pathologist, has been keeping a close eye on disease situation in wheat in Texas and Oklahoma.

This is due to the fact that both leaf and stripe rust move with the wind. At this time, reports are indicating that leaf rust and stripe rust remain at low levels in most fields.

Producers should keep up to date on the rust situation to the south. If additional reports of "disease hot spots" occur in Oklahoma, we need to be prepared to make economical decisions on fungicide treatments. Fungicide costs range from \$4 to over \$20 per acre, suggesting it could be important to start planning early.

The reports of stripe rust on varieties previously thought to be resistant to the disease have continued to flow from College Station, Texas. Many varieties grown widely in Kansas previously thought to be resistant to stripe rust are being affected, including Jagalene, Jagger, Fuller, Art, and Santa Fe.

At College Station, it appears that stripe rust has moved to the flag leaves and is still causing significant damage. Earlier reports indicated there may be increasing resistance when plants were infected at later stages of growth (instead of the seedling plants that were affected in Texas). These latest reports reduce the hope that the adult plant resistance will stop the spread of the disease.

— CheyCoDeveloping —

Did you know???
Did you know that you can buy socks at True Value Hardware, eggs at Bumper to Bumper and get computer service at the Equity?

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Wind power
Wind power opportunities may yet come to us. A project is in the works to expand high voltage transmission lines which would allow delivery of electricity generated here to be sold in high demand areas. We'll keep you posted.

New service offered
The Kansas Small Business Development Center, in cooperation with Fort Hays State University and the State of Kansas, with local cooperation from Century II Development Foundation in Bird City, has opened an outreach center in Bird City.

The center strives to increase economic prosperity in Kansas by helping entrepreneurs and small business owners start and grow their businesses through professional consulting, training and resources.

Services offered include one-on-one counseling, start-up assistance, strategic planning and marketing assistance, and more.

Interested parties should contact Dennis Fenner, business consultant, at defenner2@fhsu.edu or call 785-734-2592.

This service is free.

Meeting coming up
Cheyenne County Development Corporation will be con-

vening a meeting of LOCAL merchants to discuss what we can do to grow and promote existing business here in Cheyenne County. Give it some thought and watch for the meeting notice.

Back in the office
Chuck just got back from a month in Baja, Mexico. New agriculture is booming in what used to be a desert. Lots of innovative stuff is going on. Stop in and chat if you are interested.

— Weather —

Date	High	Low	Prec.
April 6	57	32	.45
April 7	50	31	
April 8	62	29	
April 9	69	32	
April 10	63	32	
April 11	74	36	
April 12	82	56	



State treasurer visits town

Dennis McKinney, Kansas state treasurer, was in St. Francis at the courthouse on Tuesday, April 6. His trip to this part of the state was to help residents receive unclaimed property.

"One of my favorite parts of this job is the opportunity to visit communities across the state meeting so many great people along the way," the treasurer said.

"Thanks to county treasurer, Dolores Jenik, and Deb Lindsten at the county courthouse for helping us to arrange the great location."

Treasurer McKinney and his staff returned property to the people who showed up to check for unclaimed property in their names or the names of family members.

For those who were unable to attend our unclaimed property return, they can still check to see if you have unclaimed property by visiting our website kansascash.com or call our toll free unclaimed property line at 1-800-432-0386.

There are currently 656 unclaimed properties valued at over \$66,603 in Cheyenne County alone being held by the state treasurer's Office.

"I would encourage everyone to take a couple of minutes to see if any of that property belongs to you or someone you know," Mr. McKinney said.

He reminded residents that claiming unclaimed property is free. Those contacted by a profes-

sional finder offering to return unclaimed property to you for a fee should be aware.

What is unclaimed property?
Typically, unclaimed property is generated when people lose or forget to cash a check, or forget to alert their bank or stockbroker when they move. Any company or

organization that writes checks, drafts or warrants has the potential to possess unclaimed property.

The state serves as a permanent custodian of the property until the rightful owner is found. The money is held in the general fund for the benefit of all citizens of Kansas.


Recycling meeting planned for Tuesday

The Kansas State Research Extension and the Cheyenne County Extension Office is presenting "It's Easy To Be Green" at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the County Extension Office. RSVP to the Extension Office at (785) 332-3171 by Monday, April 19.

Become an advocate for recycling; from cereal boxes to light

bulbs, or batteries to yard waste. Stop buying items that cannot be recycled. Take time to rethink, reuse and recycle and do your part to get others to join you. This program will share the alarming statistics of trash filling our landfills.

Ideas on how to start recycling in your home will be shared. For those who already are actively recycling,



David H. Biggs
April 27, 1951 - April 16, 2005

Miss you so much, Dave

Love you forever.

Kathy,
family and friends.

So what does all of this mean for Cheyenne County farmers?

Although it is really still too early to make a call on rust for our area, the rust to the south show this area still has a moderate risk for stripe and leaf rust. In most years, outbreaks of leaf or stripe rust at College Station will tend to move east; therefore the stripe rust at this location may not directly impact northwest Kansas or Kansas at all. It is also possible that "adult plant resistance," problems with wheat to the south or some other factor will slow the progress of disease.

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