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DANCE RANCH students entertained the audience at the annual program dedicated to National Music Week. These kindergarten through first grade students are: (l to r) Emma Johnson, Kattie Wurm, McKenna Poling, Shadryon Blanka, Hadleigh Hilt, Jesse Baxter, Amanda Neitzel, Garin Cooper and Jordyn Faulkender. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Over 160 vehicles enter annual car show in park

By Karen Krien

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Saturday was cool and a little windy but that didn't keep people and cars away from the 10th Saturday In The Park Car Show. Held around Sawhill Park in downtown St. Francis, there were 165 vehicles including cars, motorcycles, pickups, trucks, street rods, antiques and one Stearman plane.

"It was a good show with 13 more entries than last year," said Scott Schultz, one of the organizers. "We were very pleased."

Those entering the show came from the Front Range, along with others coming from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. John Adams

traveled the farthest, coming 400 miles from Topeka. He won a free registration to the 2011 show.

In honor of their 10th year, club members gave away a 1950s restored 505 Wayne gas pump. The winner was Mat Moberly of St. Francis.

A number of other items were given away including a special T-shirt quilt made with nine car show shirts made by Dorothy Stestad. Cindy Henderson, St. Francis, won the quilt.

Chad Sauvage of Falun won the People's Choice award with his 1970 Chevy Chevelle SS 396. The Kids' Choice went to Fred and Coleen Dinkel, Ellis, with a



1969 Chevy El Camino.

Special Club Award went to Bill Samler, St. Francis.

Division winners

Antique: David Posson, Norton, 1933 Ford Pickup.

Pre-49 street rods: Lyl McCormick, Aurora, Colo., 1929 Ford Model A; Rod Aagesen, Yuma, Colo., 1933 Ford 5 Window High Boy; Jason Krayca, Goodland, 1923 Ford T-Bucket; Jake Brooks, See CARS on Page 8



ROYCE NEITZEL, owner of the Chevy pickup, talks to one of the people at the car show held Saturday in the park. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Over 100-year cattle operation ends

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On April 29, over 100 years of being in the cattle business came to a halt when the last 160 head of Kellner cattle were sold.

In 1904, C.F. "Charley" Kellner started his farming operation in Parmer County, Texas. He and his wife, Louise, had a 400 head cow/calf operation. Charley seasonally bought cattle in the county and across the state line in New Mexico, then he shipped them to public stockyards and to Kansas City.

In 1917, they moved to Cheyenne County, 14 miles southwest of St. Francis, with their two sons, Bluford and Lloyd. Their household goods and livestock were shipped on the railroad in two livestock cars and an emigrant car.

Charley was known as a cattle buyer. According to Bluford in an account of his father, Charley had developed the ability to look at cattle and judge their weight and value which made competitive buyers marvel at the accuracy of his estimates.

The cattle he bought were from the farm by the head, mixed groups of cows, calves, yearlings, or whatever was offered. A few days later, the cattle would be driven to his farm or sometimes delivered to St. Francis to be shipped out by rail.

During the winter of 1922 and 1923, the Kellners spent part of the winter at Sinton, Texas about 40 miles south of Corpus Christi. He purchased several hundred head of 2-year-old southern steers. A few weeks later, Charley accompanied them in a cattle drive to Wilsonville, Neb.

Bluford was 9 when he arrived



ROUNDING UP CATTLE and ready to load were Elmer Kellner, left, and Stan Davis..

in Cheyenne County. He went to school but also helped on the farm. He was 25 when his father died. He lived with his mother and took over the farming and cattle operation.

He lacked only a month of being 101 when he died Oct. 20, 2008. Even at the end, he was still working on the farm, sharing the work load with his son, Royce.

Royce continued the cattle/farming operation and, was in fact rounding up some cattle when he died several months ago.

Bluford and Irene had four other children, Elmer, Lois, Donna and Wayne, but they did not feel they had the expertise or time to run the operation. It was a family decision to sell the cattle and rent the land thus bringing over 100 years of the cattle operation to an end.



JUST AFTER HARVEST several years ago, Royce, left, and Bluford Kellner took time for this photo.

Fair board sets grandstand shows

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Some of the plans for the Aug. 4 through 7 fair were discussed when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met on Thursday.

The talent show which will be held in front of the grandstand on Friday night is coming together, said Gary Cooper, board member. The fair board is working with the Music Club in putting on the show. He had talked to Ruth Milliken, Music Club member, and she was wanting to know what the gate fee would be and if there would be a piano?

The board agreed that the fee would be \$5 per person and children under 5 are free. They also agreed that there would be no piano.

Mrs. Milliken said that, while the judges are making the decisions on the winners, Neala Carmichael and a group of singers will be entertaining.

Mr. Cooper said the stage had been pulled out of the weeds and it is 12 by 28 feet. At one time, there were wings which made it

larger. It will need 2 by 4s and plywood along with some steps to get onto it. Sam Miller will take care of the electrical work and Robert Bell will provide and operate the sound-system equipment.

Roping

The board turned to the roping competition set for Wednesday night. Mr. Cooper said he had talked to Rodney Shay who agreed that Shay Realty will help with sponsoring the event. This year, the cattle for the roping will be leased and Mr. Shay said he is OK with giving the money to help with the cattle or wherever it is needed.

The Shay business also has a color printer with produces large copies. The Shays will provide colored fliers to post in county businesses as well as in towns in the area.

"They look really professional," Mr. Cooper said.

After discussion, the board agreed that they would need about 40 head of roping cattle and a portion of the entry fee will go toward

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Temps remain cool

It is almost the middle of May and temperatures remain cool, much like those in April.

Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported a high of only 77 degrees on May 6 and the low reached freezing on May 4.

The damp days have brought little precipitation and gardens are slow to grow.

The National Weather Service is

predicting more cool temperatures through the weekend and a slight chance of showers on Saturday.

| Date | High | Low | Prec. |
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| May 4 | 83 | 32 | |
| May 5 | 66 | 37 | |
| May 6 | 77 | 36 | .19 |
| May 7 | 56 | 33 | |
| May 8 | 61 | 37 | |
| May 9 | 76 | 46 | T |
| May 10 | 61 | 45 | T |