



**COMPARING WHEAT** at the Wheat Test Plot were (l to r) Skip Petersen, John Keller and Mark Keller.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

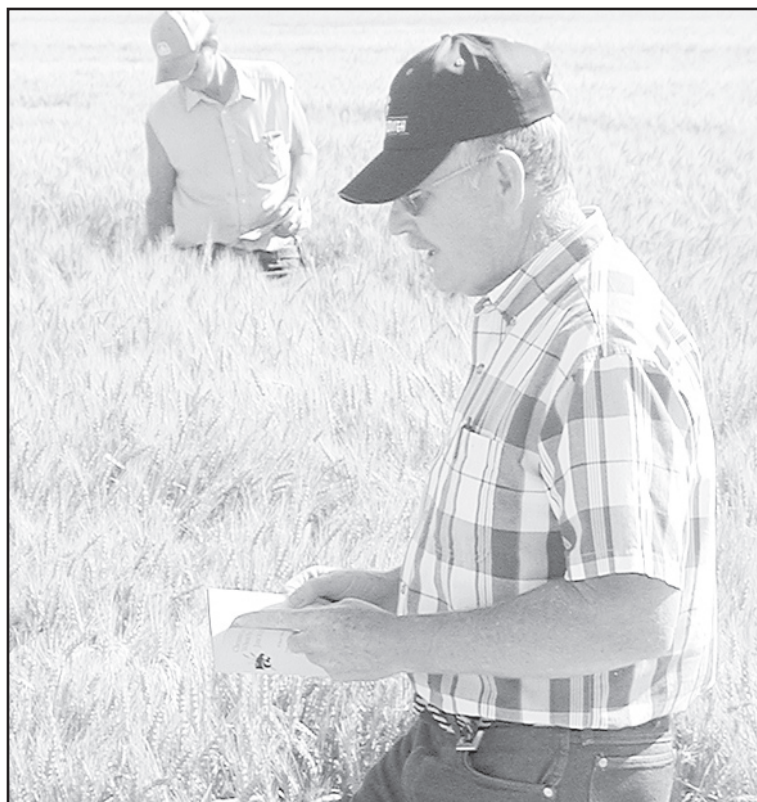
## WHEAT

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finity CL. Turkey Red had been added to the plot last year and when asked for a show of hands as to had planted, there were none. This variety came to the United States with Russian immigrants and revolutionized wheat production in Kansas. Ms. Falk included this older variety to show the advances in wheat breeding with semi-dwarf varieties that can stand better.

Much of the discussion was about stripe and leaf rust which has invaded most of the fields. Both diseases had blown in from the Texas wheat fields. The aerial application of fungicides has been evident in the area. The specialists noted that Jagger and those with Jagger parentage are now susceptible to stripe rust. This is due to a change in the stripe rust this year.

When asked for recommendation on the wheat varieties to look at next year, the speakers told producers to think about their management systems. One way is to choose varieties that are more resistant to many diseases, including stripe rust. Those varieties include TAM 111, Winterhawk, and Armour. However, producers need to keep in mind that stripe rust may not be a



**DELBERT RAILE, front, and Gary Yonkey** checked out the wheat at the test plot.

disease that is present every year. Another way is to choose a variety that has a good yield history in variable environmental conditions (ie drought), but has some level

of susceptibility to stripe rust. By doing this, producers know they may need to spray for this disease in some years. These tend to be varieties that have a good yield history and producers feel comfortable planting. These varieties include PostRock, Fuller, and TAM 112.

Last year, the wheat yielding the highest in the test plot was Armour with 86.6 bushels per acre. Coming in second was Winterhawk with 83.1 bushels.

A new addition to the Cheyenne County Wheat Plot tour was a bread demonstration. Linda Elfers, Sunflower District agent assistant, demonstrated a recipe for artisan bread. Artisan bread is a basic dough that can be made ahead of time and personalized with cheese or other items. It is planned this program will continue at future wheat plot tours.

Following the meeting at the test plots, everyone went to Goodland Greenline in Wheeler where they enjoyed supper provided by the county grain dealers.

When the wheat test plot is harvested, the results of yields will be printed in The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times.

## HAIL

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be restored had extensive damage. About one-third of the roof over the stage was taken off, walls are cracked and bricks are missing.

"We still plan to restore it but it is going to take more time and more money," he said.

There were huge cottonwood trees that were broken off and uprooted in the campground along the river bottom. At his home, about one-half mile from Beecher, he had several trees broken off.

There was a barn leveled near Vernon, Colo., and, near the Rawlins-Cheyenne county line, irrigation pivots were destroyed.

Gary Rogers, emergency manager, said he had reports of windshields and windows broken. He said the backup batteries at the emergency control tower did not work when needed. Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, took a generator out until the electricity came back on.

Electricity was off in St. Francis but the power plant crew reported it off for less than 30 minutes.

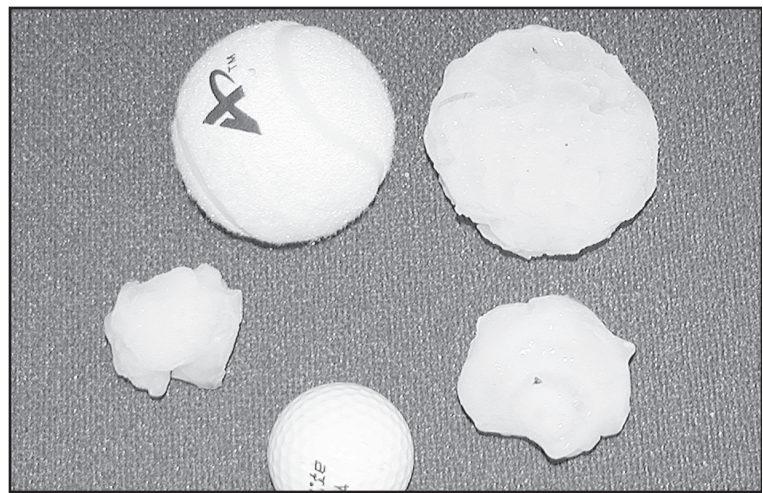
Richard Grace, Grace Flying Service, reported a wind gust of around 60 miles per hour. Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, had .66-inch rain in the gauge.

The National Weather Service in Goodland reported a repeat of the same storm for Tuesday night.

Mr. Rogers asks that anyone having damage from this storm or any other storm to please contact him at 785-332-2560. These reports may help in getting state and federal aid in disasters.



**BRIAN HOLZWARH'S camper** was flipped on its side and mostly destroyed in the storm on Monday evening.



**DAWN LUCAS** brought in hail the size of tennis and golf balls.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Student News

### Sterling College

David Guthmiller and Addie Swihart, both of St. Francis, are among Sterling College students who will be a part of five missions teams the college is sending to all parts of the world this summer. Students get a chance to experience new cultures, customs and push their limits. The trip is under Global Infusion, an international mission's organization that helps plan, organize and run a training camp before the trip.

Guthmiller and Swihart will be two of 11 students traveling to Guatemala where they will be working on building relationships with Guatemalans and helping with small construction projects at local churches. The team will also get a chance to help deliver food to communities that are experiencing starvation. Dr. Henry Leered, professor of Theology and Ministry believes students have a lot to learn from other counties.

"Students have their horizons widened, and receive a deeper grasp of what goes on in the world," said Dr. Lederle. "They build relationships across barriers of culture and ethnicity and learn from other Christians who often exhibit a vibrant faith in the face of hardship."

They left on the trip on June 1. **Fort Hays State University** Aubrey Kehlbeck and Afton Krien of Bird City and Danielle

Flemming and Heath Owens of

St. Francis were among the 887 students at Fort Hays State University to be named to the dean's honor roll for the spring semester, according to Dr. Larry Gould, university provost.

The list includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, students must have enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a minimum grade point average of at least 3.60 for the semester.

Kehlbeck is a junior, majoring in health and human performance. Krien is a senior, majoring in

public relations.

Flemming is a senior, majoring in psychology.

Owens is a senior, majoring in biology education.

### Sterling College

Addie Swihart of St. Francis was recently named to the Sterling College Dean's list for the spring semester. Swihart is a junior and was one of 149 students named to the dean's list. Criteria for the list includes the completion of at least 12 graded hours and a cumulative semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

## St. Francis News

Kirk and Debbie Grizzell of Macksville were weekend guests, June 18 to 20, of Milton and Betty Lampe. Debbie enjoyed the alumni festivities of her class of 1970.

Celebrating Dan and J.J.'s birthdays in Salina on Wednesday with Cindy Winston was the beginning of a long weekend for Betty Jean Winston. Although granddaughter, Jean was not able to attend the dinner, Betty Jean spent time with her Wednesday evening.

Thursday, Betty Jean traveled on to Overland Park where she, her niece, Roz Allyson and daughter, Zoe of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., were all guests of Shawn

and Leigh Legere. Among the activities the four ladies, Leigh, Roz, Zoe and Betty Jean, enjoyed were shopping, checking out special eating places, and attending the play "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Theater in the Park (Phillip Kinen was the director). Shawn joined them for boating on Clinton Lake on Saturday.

Betty's two Overland Park grandchildren Chase and Miles Legere, were both gone with Chase spending the summer as part of a Kaleo, student mobilization group at Bay Shore, Ala., and Miles in Jamaica with his church group for a week.

## Applications taken through Friday

The Conservation Stewardship Program application period has been extended with applications being taken through June 25.

Kansas State Conservationist Eric B. Banks, with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), announced the extension.

Kansas producers and those throughout the nation are invited to apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Conservation Stewardship Program. Authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, this program offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, pastured-cropland, rangeland, and non-industrial forestland.

"The USDA has issued the final rule for the Conservation Stewardship Program," said Mr. Banks, "and the changes expand access and promote greater environmental benefit while maintaining program goals." The final rule can be viewed at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-12699.pdf>.

"I encourage producers who are interested in the Conservation Stewardship Program to take the opportunity to sign an application at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office by the deadline June 25, to be considered for the next ranking and funding period," said Banks.

For more information about this program, please visit [nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new\\_csp/csp.html](http://nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html).

## Best photos needed

The St. Francis Lions Club is kicking off their annual Community Calendar sales in June with a contest for the best photograph to be used on the 2011 calendar. The winning photo will be awarded \$25. This year's theme is "Cowboy Boots and Country Roots." Subject matter of the photo should reflect the photographer's perception of the theme.

The photo should be in a landscape format to fit accordingly on the calendar. Photos submitted

must be in print form along with a negative or digital picture disk. Digital pictures should be of high resolution.

Winning photographer must sign a waiver for the use of the photo and will receive credit on the calendar under the photo.

Submit your photo entry to Deb Patton at the Cheyenne County Treasurer's office no later than July 31 (no exceptions). Entry forms will be located in the lobby of the courthouse.

## WEEDS

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years, Dan Schlittenhardt, will retire on July 7. Taking his place is Justin Lohr, who started in April and has completed his accreditations.

At the June 15 county commissioners' meeting, Mr. Flemming, and Mr. Lohr talked about a plan of action regarding the noxious weeds. They pointed out that there are many problem areas within the county's right-of-ways as well on residents' land. It was decided that Mr. Lohr will be concentrating on treating the county and state right-of-ways and will coordinate with landowners concerning spraying on their land.

There are a number of private sprayers in the county. Mr. Lohr

pointed out that the county does cost-share, paying 25 percent of the cost of the approved chemical used for spraying noxious weeds.

Several farmers have reported using Glyphosate (Roundup) on bindweed but, while it burns it back, it doesn't kill the roots.

Our future plans, he said, are to coordinate landowners with noxious weed problems and aerial spraying can be done. There has been favorable results in aerial spraying that was done in late fall and early winter, especially in wooded areas.

If a landowner is wondering if he has a noxious weed, feel free to contact Mr. Lohr at 785-332-8840 and he can identify the weed and assist in a control plan.

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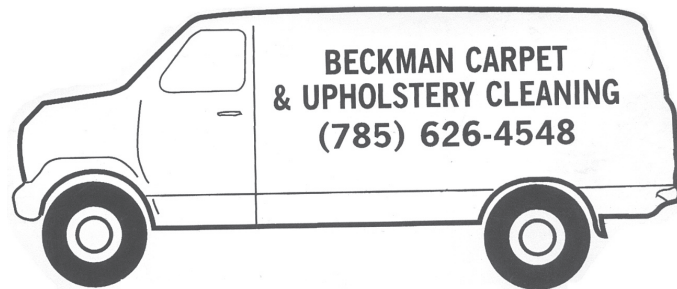
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