



First load of wheat arrives

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The Harvest Countdown contest ended Monday when the first load of wheat came in at 4:06 p.m. at the Wheeler Elevator.

Dallas (Rogers) Friedli of Hope, was the first place winner, guessing the time to be 4:08 p.m. on Monday. She will receive \$50 scrip money.

Second place went to Connie Rooney, McDonald, with a time of 4:03 on Monday. She will receive \$35 scrip money.

Taking home \$15 scrip will be Rachel Schmidt, St. Francis, who guessed 4:44 p.m. on Monday.

"We had 23 people out of the hundreds of tickets guess the cutting date to be Monday," Casey McCormick, ad salesman for *The Herald*, said.

The winners will need to pick up their scrip money at *The Herald* office and will be able to spend it in the following participating businesses: Pizza Hut, St. Francis Equity, St. Francis Super's, Majestic Service and *The Saint Francis Herald*.

First load

Bringing in the first load was Randy Rethke. Randy and his dad, Kip, farm the land belonging to Billy Parkinson, 4 miles south of St. Francis. The moisture was 13.8 percent and the weight was 60.5 pounds.

Shortly after the first load was brought in, Harvey Neitzel, who has many times brought in the first load, appeared at the Wheeler elevator. Shirley Zweygardt, grain manager at the St. Francis Equity, put in a call about 5 p.m. and said Kip Wiese had a load to bring in.

Dale Weeks, Wheeler Elevator manager, said the wheat appears to be doing good but it is hard to tell until more loads are brought in.

Last year's first load

Last year, the first load of wheat was brought into the Wheeler Equity on June 25 by Kenny Bracelin and Cade Bradelin. The load was harvested on Chic Wilber land west of Wheeler.



FIRST LOAD OF WHEAT arrived at the Wheeler Equity Elevator Monday afternoon. Dale Weeks, Equity manager, probes the wheat while Randy Rethke, the farmer who brought in the load, checks it out.

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Singers needed for fair chorus

People are needed to sing!

The chorus will be singing on Friday night of the fair, Aug. 6, while the judges are making their decisions as to who will win the Talent Show. The chorus will not be competing and those entered in the talent show can also sing in the chorus.

Neala Carmichael, director of the St. Francis Community Chorus, said the chorus group is practicing every Sunday at 1 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. The practices, she said, never last over 45 minutes and they are held in an air conditioned place.

We really need tenors and basses, Mrs. Carmichael said.

Everyone is welcome, ages 12 and up.

"If you can carry a tune, please come," she said.

Even if you have missed the first practices, she said, you are still welcome to come.

"Songs we will be singing are easy and fun to sing," Mrs. Carmichael said.

Songs include, "Blowin' The Wind," "Try To Remember," "Soon and Very Soon," and "You're A Grand Ole Flag."

St. Francis girl earns title

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Mikaela Grace took home the title of 2011 Cheyenne County Young Miss at Saturday's program. She was one of five girls performing.

Held in the school auditorium in St. Francis, the first runner up was Alyson Marin, and second runner up was Aubree Schlepp, both of St. Francis. Aubree was also voted the Contestant's Choice Award.

Each contestant was judged in the following categories: Academics, Individual Interview, Performing Arts, Endurance and Grace and Elegance. The Performing Arts involved the individual talent performed Saturday night and the Endurance award was for the group dance. Grace and Elegance consisted of the contestants' evening gown presentation.

Both the academics and Individual Interviews had been judged earlier. The Academics category is worth 30 percent of the scoring.

Mikaela earned the Academics, Individual Interview,



SARAH TREMBLY performed the skit, "Sicky Vicky" for her talent number at the Young Miss program held Saturday.

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Grace and Elegance, and Endurance awards. Alyson won the Performing Arts Award with a skit entitled "The Pony Tail." Others participating were

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2011 Cheyenne County Young Miss - Mikaela Grace

Sainty swim meet set Friday

A swim meet will be held in St. Francis at the pool on Friday night. The action will begin at 6:30 p.m. This is the second meet the St. Francis Sharks swim team has hosted.

This is a "fun" meet and children and adults do not need to be a member of the team to compete. People are urged to stop by and watch the kids compete.

There will also be food catered by Majestic Service. On the menu is fried chicken, corn on the cob, chips and watermelon.

Margaret Poling, coach, encourages kids and adults to form a relay team and plan to race!



Twins delivered Sunday at hospital

Sunday was an exciting day at Cheyenne County Hospital as identical twin boys were born to Natalie and Jacen Owens of Brewster.

Jagger Rivers was born at 7:47 a.m. and weighed in at 5 pounds 14 ounces and was 20-inches long. Cannon Traver was born at 7:48 a.m. and weighed in at 4 pounds 10 ounces and was 18-long long. The boys' names are unique, Jagger comes from the variety of wheat, as they are farmers and his middle name, Rivers, was Jacen's grandfather's middle name. They couldn't really find another name from a wheat variety that they liked so they came up with Cannon. His middle name, Traver, is Natalie's grandmother's maiden name.

they found out there were expecting that they were going to have twins. At their first appointment with Dr. Rebecca Allard, they heard the heartbeat, he asked her how they tell if there is only one? Let's see, she said. As she moved the fetal heart monitor probe she looked straight at Jacen and said I think you are right.

Jacen said the look on Dr. Allard's face was priceless! They had an ultrasound and yes, they were having twins!

When someone is expecting, the parents have a lot of doctor appointments; with twins that number increases. Jacen and Natalie said it was well worth the miles driven to St. Francis from Brewster.

"The clinic and hospital and all

Jacen said he had a dream after

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TWINS ARRIVED on Sunday at the Cheyenne County Hospital. Parents are Natalie and Jacen Owens. Sons are Jagger Rivers and Cannon Traver.

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