

Crop producers reminded of sign-up deadline

The Farm Service Agency reminds producers that the deadline to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program general sign-up which is quickly approaching. Farmers and ranchers have until close of business on Friday, Aug. 27, to offer eligible land for Conservation Reserve Program's competitive general sign-up. Applications can be completed by landowners at the county office where their farm records are maintained. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized the United States Department of Agriculture to maintain enrollment up to 32 million acres.

In addition to producers signing up for the first time, Conservation Reserve Program participants with existing contracts that are scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, 2010, may elect to re-enroll under a new 10- to 15-year contract. Cropland that is highly erodible, or within a national or state Conservation Priority Area, or is covered under an expiring Conservation Reserve Program contract is generally eligible to be enrolled into Conser-

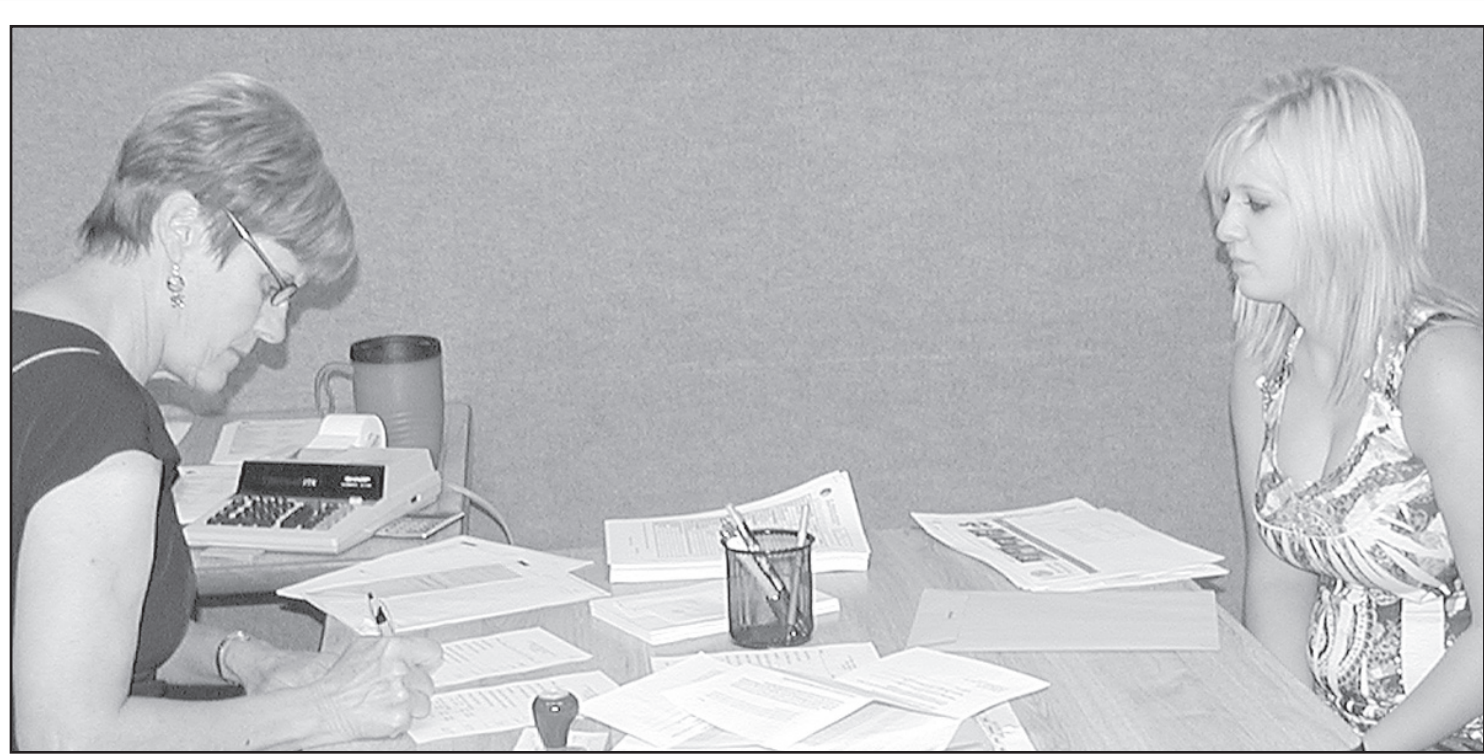
vation Reserve Program, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

Contracts awarded under this 39th sign-up are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1.

The Conservation Reserve Program is a voluntary program that helps farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers protect their environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolling in the program plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance.

In addition to the general sign-up, Conservation Reserve Program's continuous sign-up program is ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land.

For more information on the general Conservation Reserve Program sign-up, or the continuous program sign-up, producers should contact their local Farm Service county office, or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



TIME FOR SCHOOL — Marilyn Raile, left, enrolls Chauntel Peter for her junior year during high school enrollment held last week.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Several arrested over the weekend

The Cheyenne County Sheriff and deputies were busy making arrests on Friday and Sunday.

On Sunday, three people were arrested on charges of obstruction, fleeing and eluding officers. Deputies attempted to stop Keaton Frewen, 20; driving a 2003 Chevy pickup, at 2:15 a.m. When the driver failed the stop at Roads S and 13, there was a high-speed chase which eventually ended at the farm of Delbert Raile, Road U. Others in the vehicle were

Grant Keller, 24; and Jami Pevler, 19. Frewen, Keller and Pevler are from St. Francis. They posted bond on Sunday.

Sheriff Craig Van Allen said the case is under investigation.

On Friday, Chris McQuigg, 29, and Tiffany Plute, 25, both of St. Francis, were arrested at 1365 Angle Road, and charged with domestic battery. They were jailed for 48 hours in the Rawlins County Jail.

Thresher show to be held Saturday

Olde Tyme Saturday will be held Friday through Sunday, Aug. 20-22, in Vernon, Colo. This is the 18th year for the celebration. This year's theme is "The Way We Were."

On Saturday, the Vernon Firemen provide an evening barbecue and entertainment. There are displays in the community center and a gun and coin show.

The Olde Tyme Saturday Group coordinates most of the activities including the parade, youth events, parking, poker run, horse shoe pitching and flea market and arrange for the stage entertainment, security, and tractor pull.

Almost all events during the celebration are free except the mini carnival, food, flea market spaces and gun show. The committee is planning for a larger antique auto show along with the expanding display of antique tractors, trucks and farm equipment.

The Vernon School Alumni will be hosting a reunion this year during the Olde Tyme Saturday celebration so the school mascot, the bobcat, is featured on the 2010 show button. The Vernon Alumni Association is open to everyone who attended the Vernon School or the schools that were consolidated into the Vernon school district over

the years. A reunion is held every other year in conjunction with the Olde Tyme Saturday Celebration.

In order to have something new or different each year, the committee has tried to have a different theme each year. Hopefully this will give people more of an incentive to return year after year.

Blacksmiths were featured one year - and they have had at least one blacksmith on the grounds each year since. The general store was also featured another year with a display of era item and the then current prices attached. Another year, they had a Civil War group present and there have been two shows featuring World War Two reenactments. Many years there has been a quilt show and lost arts demonstrations in the community center.

How it all began

Vernon celebrated its centennial in 1992. It started out to be a small affair but as more people became interested the scope grew and now finally put on a pretty respectable show for a small community.

After the dust settled area people started asking if this would be a yearly event. The answer was "no" - this was a one-time deal.

But as time went on, residents

realized how much fun they had staging the event and everyone appeared to enjoy the event. Maybe a yearly festival would be something that would help hold the community together.

One day at the local bank, the idea was brought up and the banker offered \$300 seed money to get the event off the ground.

The centennial celebration was coordinated through the Community Center which was located in the Vernon School which the community had purchased from the local school district after the school was shut down. The last high school graduation at Vernon was held for the class of 1959. The fol-

lowing year the high school grades were transferred to the Wray High School. The entire school was shut down in the late 1960s.

The gift from the bank seemed to be the final impetus needed to get the event started. A group soon formed, a name decided on and planning started. Olde Tyme Saturday was selected for the name as the committee wanted to imitate the Saturdays of yesteryear when the family went to town to shop, visit, and relax for a day with their neighbors.

Plan to spend Saturday, Aug. 21, in Vernon, remember the days of yesteryear and enjoy the games, entertainment and food.

Police Report

An accident occurred in the parking lot of the Samaritan Village, on July 30, at 12:45 when Kayleen Larson in a 2001 GMC pickup was exiting a parking space. The pickup hit the passenger side back quarter panel of a 2001 Saturn 4 door parked next to her.

On Aug. 7, at 8:23 an accident occurred when Harvene Hull, the driver of a 1997 Ford 4 door Taurus, was turning from College south bound into the west bound inside lane on U.S. 36. Connie Rooney driving a 1996 Chevy Luminary 4 door pickup pulling a trailer was west bound on U.S. 36 and preparing to turn on to north bound College. Due to the

location of the pickup and trailer, neither of the drivers were able to see each other. As the pickup and trailer began to turn, Mr Hull proceeded into the inside west bound lane of U.S. 36 and was struck on the front quarter panel by the passenger side front bumper of Ms. Rooney with the trailer. This contact was continued the full length of the driver side of the Taurus. The vehicles were moved off the highway prior to the officers arrival.

On Aug. 10, at 8:10 p.m. Thomas Douthit was parked in the high school parking lot across from Garrett Figgins. When leaving, he struck Figgins on the drivers side back bumper.

Republican Valley Auto Supply and Nex-Tech will be closed Saturday, Aug. 21 and Monday, Aug. 23. We will be open Tuesday at 8 a.m. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The Cheyenne County Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended the 2010 Fair BBQ and making it so successful.

We would also like to give a special thank you to the following businesses for the donations and support

- Bird City Dairy
- St. Francis Super's
- Hilltop General Store
- Becky's Bierocks
- St. Francis High School
- Pete Raile-Pioneer Seeds

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT TODAY!

(for 3, 5 or 10 months)



Anna from Germany, 16 yrs. Likes skiing, swimming, dancing and art. Anna hopes to join a drama club while in the USA.



Jean from France, 17 yrs. Loves camping and playing soccer. Jean's dream has been to spend a school year in the USA.

Make this year the most exciting, enriching year ever for you and your family. Share your world with a young foreign visitor from abroad. Welcome a high school student, 15-18 years old, from France, Spain, Germany, Thailand, Denmark, China, Japan, Russia or Italy as part of your family for a school year and make an overseas friend for life.

For more information or to select your own exchange student from applications with photos, please call: Marcy at 1-800-888-9040 or Virginia at (785) 332-3414



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St. Francis Recreation is looking for interested people!
Offering adult woodworking class, taught by Dennis Fredrichs at the SFCHS woodshop Tuesday evenings Sept. through Nov. Cost \$75, limit of 10 people. Call Penny Gienger 785-332-3049

Scentsy Open House New Fall/Winter Products!
Monday, Aug. 23
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Come & Go
Dawn Lauer Residence
529 E. Spencer
Contact Kodi with any questions 785-772-5025. Hope to see you there!

Thank You!
Thank you Cheryl, Kathy and Dr. Miller for not letting me argue (imagine that), and making me go to the hospital. Thank you to the wonderful RNs and hospital staff. You were all professional, compassionate and caring. Thank you Brenda, Carol and Kristi for calling my clients. I wasn't much help, but you handled it for me. Thank you McKenzie, Reid and Mellissa for taking mom and I safely to Denver. Thanks Pastors Farmer and Rossbach for your visits and calls. What great ministers you are! Thank you Dad, Kim and Heidi for keeping everyone informed and everything going while Mom and I were in Denver. Thank you Mom for being with me through the scary times. You're still a fabulous nurse!! Thanks to everyone who sent cards, visits and phone calls. Thank you Patrick, my love. You had the hard part taking care of our boys. You did a wonderful job!!
Mostly thank you for all the prayers given on my behalf. I know I was on all the churches prayer lists. What a wonderful blessing, God heard our prayers and healed me!!
Thank you and praise God for my healing!
Bless you all!
Karla Mills

Purchase some Bling for a Good Cause!

Join Sherri Stang for a Relay For Life Fundraiser during the big event at the Park on Friday evening.

Proceeds from the sale of Premier Designs Jewelry during the evening hours, will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Stop by the Bracelin Bunch camp, (motor home) to check out this great opportunity to get some bling AND support the American Cancer Society!

It Back to School Time!
Have your oil changed at the St. Francis Equity Station.

We carry Conoco, Mobile, Coop, Quaker State. All major brands available in quarts, 2.5 gallons and 30 gallon barrels.

Station 785-332-2421

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