

County youth exhibit livestock

Karly Bandel, Kyla Bandel, Mariah Beikman, Martin Beikman, Shakotah Blanka and Bailey Merklin of Cheyenne County are among the youth from 86 Kansas counties to exhibit at the 78th annual Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Sept. 24-27, in Wichita. A total of 678 4-H and FFA members have entered 1,424 head of livestock in the show. The total includes 134 market steers, 295 breeding heifers, 352 market hogs, 247 market lambs, 49 pure-bred ewes, 158 commercial ewes and 189 meat goats.

At the show's conclusion, the grand and reserve champion steers, hogs, lambs and goats will sell during the Kansas Junior Livestock Show Auction of Champions, on Monday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome. In many cases, exhibitors of the winning animals use the money earned from the auction to help fund their college educations and buy next year's livestock projects.

Prior to the premium sale, the show will present a number of scholarships ranging from \$750 to

\$2,500 to exhibitors who have excelled academically, in community service and in 4-H/FFA. The scholarship program is funded primarily through private contributions and income generated by the Beefeaters Barbecue held in the Sam Fulco pavilion at the Kansas Coliseum prior to the auction.

"Kansas Junior Livestock Show is a great chance for our livestock-producing youth to participate at a higher level of competition and interact with others from throughout the state," said the group's president, George Teagarden of LaCygne.

Separate from the selection of species champions, a showmanship contest will be held. The top showman in both the junior and senior division of each species will receive a silver belt buckle. Prizes also will be awarded for second through fifth place in each division.

Karly Bandel, Kyla Bandel, Mariah Beikman and Martin Beikman will be showing market barrows, Shakotah Blanka a market steer and both Shakotah and Bailey Merklin will be showing meat goats.



CHECKING IN VEGETABLES at the county fair is Mariah Beikman, left, and Cindy Henderson.

Wireless company announces rebates

Nex-Tech Wireless would like to announce the second quarter results for the St. Francis School district with a donation of \$653.80 from the School Rebate program. The School Rebate program, offered exclusively by Nex-Tech wireless, was created to assist local schools in raising additional funds to be used as determined by the participating school. The program, which was launched in the fall of 2006, has donated over \$100,000 to local schools throughout the Nex-Tech Wireless service area.

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their choice to receive a 3-percent donation from their monthly bill at no cost to the school or customers who participate.

"Nex-Tech Wireless is proud to donate money to local schools. It gives an opportunity to give something back to the communities where our customers live, work and play.

To find out more about the School Rebate Program customers can go into their local Nex-Tech Wireless location or visit our website at www.nex-techwireless.com," said Karly Rogers, director sales, marketing and customer service for Nex-Tech Wireless.

Insurance agency part of elite group

A St. Francis insurance agency was recently recognized for being in a "best practices study."

Frewen Insurance Agency, St. Francis, is part of an elite group of independent insurance agencies around the United States participating in the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America (Big "I") "Best Practices" study group.

Each year since 1993, study group and Reagan Consulting, an Atlanta-based management consulting firm, join forces to study the country's leading agencies in six categories. The agencies comprising the study groups are selected every third year through a comprehensive nomination and qualifying process and awarded a "Best Practices Agency" designation.

The selected "Best Practices" agencies retain their status during the three-year cycle by submitting extensive financial and operational data for review each year.

More than 1,200 independent agencies throughout the U.S. were nominated to take part in the annual study but only 224, including Frewen Insurance, qualified for the honor. To be chosen, the agency had to be among the 35 to 40 top-performing agencies in one of six categories.

Frewen Insurance Agency received this award in 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The agency was nominated by either an Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America affiliated state association or an insurance company and qualified based on its operational excellence.

The Best Practices Study was initiated as a foundation to improve agency performance. The survey and study of leading independent insurance agencies documents the business practices of the best agencies and urges others to adopt similar practices.

Frewen Insurance Agency offers insurance from a number of different companies including Great American Crop Insurance, Allstate, Allied, Farmers Alliance, Kansas City Life and Progressive, just to name a few.

READ

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show there are people who think the nation's civic culture is important, Mrs. Jenkins said. Everyone should be familiar with the Constitution and what it says. It needs to be read aloud.

The "We Read the Constitution Project" is backed by national groups including Let Freedom Ring and Constitution America.

Before the reading, ice cream will be served.

The county's Republican Committee met on Sept. 7 with the first order of business being the election of officers. Mrs. Jenkins was elected chairperson; Steve Jenkins, vice chairman; and Paula Keller, secretary-treasurer. Kip and Deonn Wiese were elected as alternate delegates for the Congressional District Committee.

Ward Cassidy, Republican candidate for Representative of the 120th District, talked about the Republican meetings he had attended thus far and passed along

interesting comments from elected representatives. The committee also asked Mr. Cassidy what he would like for the committee to do for him. Mr. Cassidy said he was concerned in the young voters' lack of interest in the political system and stressed that the committee could possibly urge them to participate in future elections.

Bonnie Cram, one of the committee members, suggested that the members call Republicans in the county to remind them to vote in the next election. Lee Nichols, member, suggested donations be made to jump-start the committee's efforts.

The committee discussed the reading of the constitution in the park and plans were made. Members were also urged to attend dressed in an era-appropriate costume if available.

There will be other county Republican Committee meetings but they will be after the Saturday meeting.

4-H'ers compete at the state fair

Cheyenne County 4-H'ers entered projects at the Kansas State Fair and some of the results are back.

Tristan Archer earned a blue for a color photo in the 4 to 7 year project division.

Taylor Archibald also earned a blue for a color photo in the 3 years or less division.

Mariah Beikman earned a red for her patchwork and quilting project; and a purple for her food project.

Patyon Beims received a blue for his color photo in the 4 to 7 year division.

Mandi Cooks earned a purple for her clothing project in the 9 to 11 year division; she also received a red for her knitting project.

Jandy Dunn received a blue for her color photo in the 4 to 7 year division.

Emily Elfer earned a blue for a color photo in the 3 year or less division.

Jake Faulkender received a blue for his color photo in the 4 to 7 year division.

Jude Faulkender took home a blue for his color photo in the 4 to 7 year division.

Allison Grice received a purple for a food product in the 15 to 18 year division; blue for a color photo in the 8 or more year division; blue for a black and white photo,

all-levels division; and was 21st in photography judging senior member-individual (for tabulating youth scores).

Savannah Isely took blue for a color photo, 4 to 7 year division.

Kattie Jenik had a red for her woodworking project.

Dominique Johnston received a blue for a color photo, 3 year or less division.

Ivan Kemp received a blue for one jar of pickle and relishes.

Allyson Northrup earned a blue for a color photo, 3 years or less division.

Caitlin Northrup took home a blue for a color photo, 3 years or less division.

Kailey Shay earned a purple for a patchwork and quilting project; and a red for a food produce, 9 to 11 year division.

Riley Shay took home a red for a black and white photo, all levels.

Three 4-H'ers, Mikaela Grace, Allison Grice and Bailey Merlin, represented the county as visual art participants.

Allyson Northrup's color photo was selected for the Photo Traveling Collection.

There are more results coming and will be printed as they are made available.

BATTLE

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West and the American cowboy, and his writing has been favorably compared to the works of such notable contemporary

Sunday

There will be a pancake breakfast starting at 6:30 a.m. Mel Berg will be the speaker at the Sunday church service.

Lunch will be served by the Wray Lions Club.

The Sunday afternoon program will start at 1 p.m. with Loretta Thompson's Western Trio. Loretta Thompson is a high-spirited musician and singer whose fiddling and voice echo the fervor of her Scottish-Irish and Ameri-

can heritage.

Playing fiddle, guitar, whistles and more, Loretta entertains in traditional Celtic music, American historic and nostalgia, old-time country, as well as classical and popular styles.

The song, "Arickearee" will be sung by Sara Drohan and a historic presentation given by Joy Hayden.

The weekend will end with a drawing for the winner of the quilt and baskets made by the Beecher Island Helping Hands Club.

For a complete listing of events and times, check the ad elsewhere in this issue of *The Herald*.



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Cheyenne County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday, Sept. 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Cheyenne County Landfill.

Materials accepted include paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries and used oil. Automobile lead acid batteries will be accepted. Please have the materials in sturdy boxes for easy and quick unloading. Have your used oil in disposable containers. Farm chemicals, appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, school lab chemicals, medical waste, radioactive waste, ammo, compressed gas cylinders (propane), asbestos, dioxins or silvex will not be accepted. Program organizers reserve the right to reject delivery of materials.

Participants are asked to leave all materials in their original containers. If the container is leaking, pack the container "as is" in another larger container and label it clearly. If another container is used, be sure it is clearly labeled. Do not mix contents of different containers. Securely package materials before transporting. Do not carry open containers of liquids with strong odors or spill potential in a closed automobile. Pack the containers so they won't tip, break or spill during travel. Waste oil should not contain gasoline, solvents, decreases, paint or antifreeze. Keep all household hazardous waste away from children and animals.

Due to KDEH regulations these are items that can't be picked up during the City-Wide Cleanup later in the month. You do not need to call prior to bringing items to the Landfill. If you have questions, please call the Landfill at 785-332-8842, Tuesday through Saturday.

No Household Hazardous Waste items accepted early or after the clean up date.