

Team finishes second



Legere

Senior Miles Legere, captain of the seven-person Blue Valley West boys cross country team, was an eighth place finisher at the Eastern Kansas League cross country championship held Thursday, Oct. 14, in Heritage Park in Overland Park. The top 10 finishers in the 5K race received medals. His time was 17:09.98.

There were 54 varsity runners from the eight schools in the league in the boys division. Blue Valley West, as a team, finished second, behind St. Thomas Aquinas. Other teams in the league include Gardner-Edgerton, Blue Valley Northwest, Bishop Miege,

Blue Valley North, Blue Valley, and Blue Valley Southwest.

Miles is the son of Shawn and Leigh Legere, Overland Park, and the grandson of Betty Jean Winston, St. Francis, and Scotty and Libby Legere, Hays.

Haigler to host annual fall festival

By Karen Krien

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The Haigler Tumbleweed Festival has been set for Saturday, rain or shine.

This is the third festival held in the fall and the committee is expecting the village to be full of people. There is no admission fee – just lots of fun throughout the day.

The day starts with a village garage sale with 12 different sites and 14 families holding the sales. LaNeta Carlock, one of the coordinators, reports that there are all types of items listed for sale including furniture, clothing, household goods and miscellaneous items – something for everyone, Mrs. Carlock said. Maps can be picked up at the sta-

tion on U.S. 34.

There will be a treasure hunt for Halloween bags filled with goodies. On the carousel merry-go-round, there will be cake walks. Throughout the festival, there will be door prizes donated by businesses and individuals.

The Garage Bunch, Burlington, will be providing music. Former Haiglerite, LaVoine Smith, is a member of the group.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a decorated tumbleweed. There will be prizes for the best decorated.

Hungry people won't want to miss the barbecue at the Country Schoolhouse Museum grounds at 1 p.m. mountain daylight time. Hamburgers and hot dogs with chips and baked beans will

be served.

At the Golden Inn Senior Center, dessert of homemade pies and ice cream will top off the barbecue.

Throughout the day, the Schoolhouse Museum will be open. It took three years of raising money and renovations but now the schoolhouse is much like it was when it was built in the late 1890s. Watch for more information on plans to open a second museum.

At 3:30 p.m., the Spook Parade will be held. There will be no motorized vehicles allowed. The Maypole Award, announced during the afternoon activities, will be awarded to someone who has

supported the renovation of the schoolhouse.

The first Maypole Award was given three years ago, said Mrs. Carlock. There are so many individuals to recognize but we generally narrow it down to one or just a few people.

The award will probably continue as the new museum is brought to life. We have so many different items that were offered when we started renovating the schoolhouse so we need another building to put these items.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Saturday festivities, check out the completed museum and just have fun.

Harvest moving along

By Karen Krien

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The first frost covered much of Cheyenne County last week. The leaves are turning and starting to fall. Out in the fields, combines are moving as they harvest the fall crops.

Fall harvest in northwest Kansas, along with Cheyenne County, has been progressing ahead of normal, said Jeanne Falk, K-State multi-county agronomist. This has greatly been influenced by the warm, dry weather that the area has been experiencing for the last several weeks.

Charlie Nipps, south of St. Francis, said he has been harvesting soybeans but hasn't gotten to the corn yet. However, he said this year's yields have been "wonderful – record yields." The soybeans were averaging between 65 and 71 bushels to the acre. While he hasn't started harvesting, he said the corn is looking like 225 to 250 bushels per acre.

"It's been a good year," he said.

Dick Bursch was finishing up



BURSCH FARMS is finishing up in a field north of Bird City.

harvesting a field of corn north of Bird City. He said the yields have been good.

According to Kansas Ag Statistics, in Northwest Kansas, 77 percent of corn has been harvested. Across the state, 89 percent of the corn has been harvested.

This is far ahead of last year's 43 percent and a 5-year average of 67 percent of harvested corn acres, Falk said.

Overall yields have been good and were helped by early season

rainfall. However, the dry spell since the first part of August in many parts of the county have caused some lower yields and test weights on dryland corn, from inhibited grain-fill later in the season.

The great harvest weather, Falk said, has caused some concerns with drilling wheat. Sporadic rain

events have helped some wheat develop a thick stand. There is also a great deal of wheat that has spotty stands and some wheat seed is in the ground waiting rain to germinate.

The Kansas Ag Statistics reports 97 percent of the wheat has been drilled in northwest Kansas, but only 68 percent has emerged.

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3:30 p.m. Tumbleweed/Spook Parade at Schoolhouse

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Everyone is welcome to enjoy soup, sandwiches and desserts. There will be an exciting auction of donated items beginning at 1:00 p.m. Among the items to be auctioned Bennelli 12 gauge shotgun autographed by Tom Knapp and Tim Bradley; K-State and Nebraska tied fleece blankets, 1/2 beef, homemade quilts, and many more. See full page ad in Country Advocate for the entire listing.

The benefit is being organized to assist with ongoing medical expenses being incurred as Alicia is in treatment following cancer surgery.

In May of 2010, it was discovered that Alicia had a 4 pound tumor in her abdomen that was removed at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and proved to be adrenal cortical cancer.

This is a very rare and aggressive form of cancer.

Alicia sought a second opinion at the University of Michigan, a center known worldwide for working with this type of cancer. She began chemo and radiation treatment.

In August, a routine scan revealed the cancer had metastasized and invaded her liver and lungs.

She is presently receiving chemotherapy in N. Platte, NE. under the direction of University of Michigan medical providers.

Alicia and her husband, Tim Rippe of Ludell, are parents of Wyatt, age 2. She is a 1999 Cheylin graduate and the daughter of Kevin and Jeanette Burkhalter of Bird City.

Thrivent, a Lutheran fraternal financial company, will supplement funds raised at the benefit.

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