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Fair board receives \$6,000 gift

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The Cheyenne County Fair Board, at the Thursday evening meeting, discussed several uses for the money donated by Cleveland Run Township.

The township has agreed to give \$6,000 for improvements at the fairgrounds. One of the bigger items was to purchase a new livestock scale which would cost around \$1,400. Mark Mills, board member said the Mills Ranch would donate the head bars for the scale.

Last year, Karol Lohman, board member, had directed

Salina Scale Company to the fairgrounds where they certified the livestock scales. However, the scales are old.

Cement needs to be run from the show arena to the beef barn. Troy Porter had looked at the project and suggested cutting out an old threshold as well as running the cement.

There is also a need for some garage doors for one of the buildings.

In all, the board estimated that the improvements would run a little over the \$6,000. The board will pick up the remaining costs.

Council faces problem of growing trash

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Trash is becoming a problem within the city limits.

When the St. Francis City Council decided that there would need to be an additional charge for picking up trash in the country, four of the larger trash bins behind St. Francis businesses began filling up to overflowing. In fact, there was so much extra trash that the business owners paying for the trash pick up were unable to get their trash in.

The business owners reported the matter to J.R. Landenberg, city superintendent. He said those bringing in the trash had left items with their names printed on them. We know who they are, the superintendent said.

The unauthorized people who appear to be filling the trash bins are over the weekends, he said.

The city ordinance (15-512) reads that it is against the law for a person to put trash in any container other than that owned or leased by him without the written consent of the owner or having the intent of avoiding payment. If a person is caught dumping trash in a dumpster and they are not authorized to do so, then they could be fined from \$100 to \$500.

The council expects people to abide by the city ordinance (15-512) or face the consequences.

Many place at league art show

By Aubree Schlepp

Forty students from grades kindergarten through 12 came away with blue ribbons from the League Art Show held in Hoxie last week.

"I am so proud of the hard work all of my students put in," said art instructor Mary Beikman. "I work with a very talented bunch of kids and knew that we would earn a lot of ribbons."

Mediums from acrylic paint to string mosaics were represented at the show.

"Good range of materials, skills and subject matter," said one of the judges "Some very talented students were represented."

Three students' pieces stood out above the rest. Sixth grader Quinton Cravens, eighth grader, Mariah Beikman, and senior, Nick Smith earned the "Best of Show" ribbons.

"I was very proud and I'm honored to be Best of Show this year," Nick said. "Hopefully I'll do well at state and be recognized for my work, and maybe even make art my career."

Now, the art classes are on to the state show, held at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays on April 20.

"I was really glad that the only two pieces I took to league placed," said Fabi Baudet, a junior foreign exchange student from Switzerland who is enrolled in art.

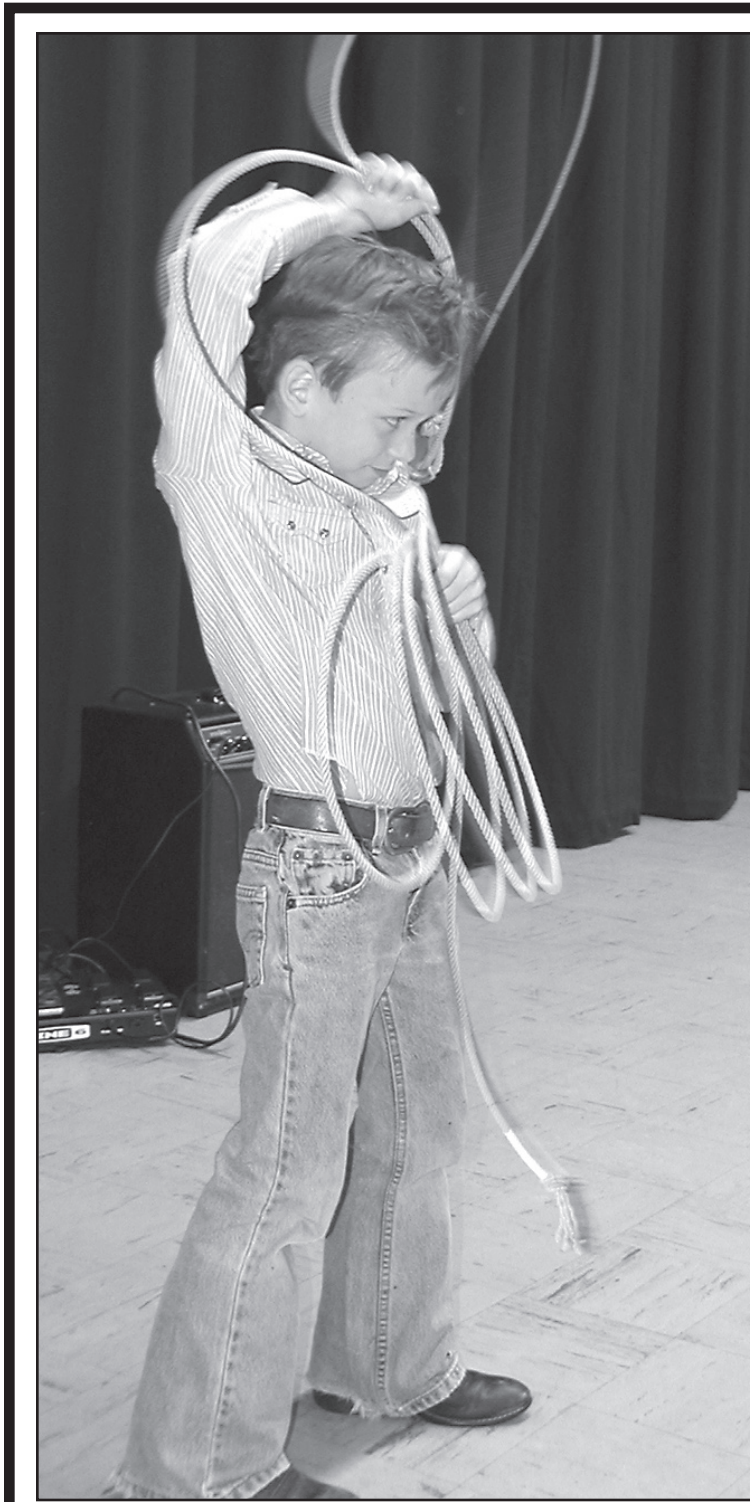


BEST OF SHOW winners, Mariah Beikman, right, checks out Nick Smith's painting which won at the league art show. Mariah's Best of Show work was a ceramic piece.

"I'm a little nervous about going to state because I have high expectations, but I hope to do well and have a fun time."

The elementary and junior high pieces will be on display at the St. Francis Public Library on April 18, and following the state art show. The high school pieces will be on display at the banks.

Grade school placers were: Joel Hill, Amanda Neitzel, Kaitlin Patton, Alondra Gomez, Jake Faulkender, Lauren Johnson, Emileigh Dinkel, Nick Paulsen, Taiya Hicks, Kara Maybury, Jade Ketzner, Jenna



PTA TALENT show, held on Sunday found lots of talent. Joshua Berens, left, was demonstrating roping. Hadleigh Hilt, above, won first place in her division.

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Around 50 students enter PTA show

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The PTA Talent Show was held Sunday afternoon in the grade school gym. There were 50 students entertaining the audience.

The overall winner was "Men at Work," a percussion ensemble performance by Ty Zwegardt, Brock Zwegardt, Logan Whitmore, Ross Nicklos, Gavin Cooper, Isaac Schiltz and Lane Hoffman.

There were three divisions, each having a number of talent-

ed students. In the kindergarten through third-grade division, Hadleigh Hilt danced to "This Little Girl's Gone Rockin'" and danced away with the first place ribbon. In second place were the Neitzel boys, Colton and Cutter, who sang "Jesus Loves Me." Mia Morrow took third place, singing an Irish ballad.

In the fourth through sixth-grade division, Jenna Confer played a piano solo titled "The Great Smokey Mountain" and

placed first. Second place went to Devin Patton who sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Third place was taken by the Team Swift, a group comprised of Zoe Sundstrom, Emileigh Dinkel, Madison Tice, Reagan Beims and Matthisen Witzel, who sang "Picture to Burn."

Taking first place in the seventh through 12-grade division was Isaac Schiltz, playing a drum solo. Second place went to the Rock Band made up of Ty

Zwegardt, Brock Zwegardt, Gavin Cooper, Isaac Schiltz and Ross Nicklos who performed "Unholy Confessions." The third place winner were Laura Brunk and Taylor Archibald who sang "American Honey."

The show was judged by Cindy Roths, Ashley Wright and Randy Smestad. Mistresses of ceremony were Carol Ross and Neala Carmichael. Darran Kennedy was the disc jockey. The Jobs Daughters served concessions.

Resident talks about dogs in city

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Dogs running loose and leaving piles on Main Street and in the park was one of the matters Larry Wilson brought to the St. Francis City Council on Monday.

The council agreed that this was a problem, especially with spring arriving and people wanting to get out and take their dog for a walk.

As a courtesy to residents and those visiting, dog owners are asked to pick up after their dogs. They talked about having special bags and gloves located at the park but they decided that a plastic grocery bag would work and, if the dog owner didn't have a bag, there were lots at the recycling center.

Mary Lampe, city clerk, said there were 57 dog licenses sold. Mr. Wilson thought there were a lot more dogs without licenses that were running loose, especially in the middle of the night and especially near Peace Lutheran Church.

Mr. Wilson said he had talked

to someone who lived in Burlington, Colo., who said their city's dog problem had been solved. Dog owners were given one week to get their dog a license and they were asked to clean up the dog's waste. If they were seen not cleaning up after their dog, they would be given a warning. The next time they were seen not cleaning up after their dog, they were given one hour of community service cleaning up after other dogs.

The first time a dog was caught running loose, it was taken home and a warning was issued to the owner. The second time there was a citation and the owner was charged a fee. Mr. Wilson said the owner only paid a time or two and then they managed to find a way to keep the dog at home.

The city council said they hoped they would not need to go to these measures to control the dogs. They are expecting dog owners to be responsible by cleaning up their dog waste on the streets and park, and keeping their dogs on a leash or in a pen.

Dairy accident takes life of 52-year-old man

An accident at the Bird City Dairy on March 29, took the life of a 52-year-old man.

Randy Schlenker of Lehr, N.D., was pronounced dead when the emergency medical team arrived at the dairy. Sheriff Craig Van Allen reported that Schlenker had

delivered a semi load of commodities for the dairy. He was standing in front of the truck when a tractor with a mixing wagon backed into the semi, causing it to roll forward, catching Schlenker between the truck and a loader.



QUINTON CRAVENS also won a Best of the Show.

Confer, Kenny Leibbrandt, Makayla Rogers, Kattie Wurm, Quinton Cravens; junior high placers: McKayla Taylor, Abigail Fernandez (2), Ashlee Orth (2), Kyler Zwegardt (2 pieces) Riley Shay, Matt Howell, Tanner Gilliland, Kyla Bandel, Echo Jones, Cade Bracelin, Nicky Easter, Mariah Beikman (3); high school placers: Matt Tygart, Christina Schoenrogge, Nathan Lamb, Allison Grice, Shayla Hilt. Luke Guggenmos, Clarice Neitzel, Fabi Baudet (2), Aubree Schlepp (2), Christina Hilt, Foster Grant, Nick Smith (3).