

Residents venture guesses on date of first wheat load

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After weeks of cool, damp weather, the temperatures warmed up over the weekend, helping to get the wheat a boost toward harvest.

The Harvest Countdown contest has begun. The question is "what is the date and time of the first cutting in the St. Francis/Wheeler area?"

There are seven St. Francis businesses sponsoring the contest this year. They have entry tickets for anyone wanting to register their guess of the minute, hour and day of the first load of wheat

brought into one of the St. Francis or Wheeler elevators.

There will be three people winning a total of \$100 in scrip money (\$50 first prize, \$35 second prize, and \$15 third prize).

The county wheat crop has had good moisture this year and is looking good. It has been a cool spring and, now the clouds are rolling in and there is talk of hail and tornados.

Cheyenne County Wheat Field Tour has been set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, at the Sunny Crest Farm test plot site south of Wheeler. Supper follows at Goodland Greenline, Wheeler.



Rules of the contest

Rules are:
 • Guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that has a moisture content of 14 percent or less.

The contest allows anyone over 18 years who is not employed at the newspaper or related to someone who is to try to guess when the first load of wheat will be brought into one of the elevators in St. Francis and Wheeler.

• The winners of last year's contest are not eligible to win this year.
 • The scrip money won will need to be spent in participating businesses.

The Herald is sponsoring the contest but it would not be possible if it were not for the participating businesses: Pizza Hut, Majestic Service and Truck Stop, Western State Bank, Bella's Marketw, K-Store, Cheyenne Lumber and The Saint Francis Herald. Boxes and entry blanks along with the contest rules are located in these businesses.

Look for the sign in the window and register your guess at the service counters. Be sure to check their merchandise and services while in the business.

Randy Rethke brought in the first load last year. Randy and his dad, Kip, farm the land belonging to Billy Parkinson, 4 miles south of St. Francis. It was brought in to the Wheeler Equity on June 28 and had a test weight of 60.5 and the moisture was 13.8 percent.

Winners of the contest were Dallas (Rogers) Friedli of Hope, first; Connie Rooney, McDonald, second and Rachel Schmidt, third.



ATTORNEY GENERAL DEREK SCHMIDT discusses issues with (l to r) city officer, Darrell Thomas and chief of police, Shane Guggenmos. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Reading program for students set

The Summer Reading Program at the library is an exciting time for students. The theme is "One World, Many Stories."

Any young people in grades kindergarten through sixth grade, who can read on their own, may come to the library and sign up for this program.

Sign-up for this program will begin on Tuesday, May 31 and will end on July 23.

Prizes are given after every 10 books are read. Top readers will receive special prizes.

Every week a name will be drawn for a Dairy King treat.

The library sponsors hope by having prizes and treats that it will be an incentive for young people to continue reading during the summer.

They hope to see you at the library.

Sheriff's Report

The Cheyenne County Sheriff's department received notice that there is another scam and several residents have received an email from a person saying he was a man serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He says he has some items that he needs shipped and will send them to you for safe keeping. Then, there is a

website for more information and an email address to contact him.

Deputy Cody Beeson cautions people to not go to the site.

Late Sunday night, officers, both city and county, were called to a site on River Street for an unattended death. The case is under investigation.

Airport grant received

Thirty projects that will enhance safety and service at public use airports in the state have been selected for funding under the 2012 Kansas Airport Improvement Program. Among the 30 projects is one for St. Francis to repair and seal ramps and taxi-ways, and another for Bird City for airport maintenance equipment.

The Kansas Department of Transportation will contribute \$3.54 million in funding for the projects made possible by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature last May. With local funds of approximately \$714,000, the total infrastructure investment will be \$4.25 million.

"Last year we released a study that showed Kansas airports support more than 47,000 jobs, generate \$2.3 billion in payroll and produce \$10.4 billion in on-airport economic activity," said

Ed Young, Kansas Department of Transportation director of aviation. "With that kind of impact, it's not only important to maintain our aviation infrastructure, but to ensure that our investments match the needs of our system plan."

Projects will address maintenance, runway, facility and equipment needs at airports in Kansas.

The Kansas Department of Transportation's division of aviation, which manages the program, received 114 project applications for projects totaling approximately \$31.6 million. Both the applications and the total requested funding were the most ever received by the department.

Under guidelines of the program, project sponsors are required to pay a minimum of 10 percent of the total project costs, up to a maximum of 50 percent based on population.

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