

Kids sell handmade items



Thursday and Friday Amber Manner, Gracie Class, Abbi Miller, Andy Miller and Dominique Johnston sat up shop in the heat of the day on the intersection of Bressler and Bird Ave. They had fun attracting customers and selling handmade leather

goods as Fathers Day Gifts.

Amber Manner and her grandpa, Neil Critchfield, Colorado Springs made an assortment of items such as cell phone cases and billfolds out of leather.

Abbi's brother Andy was waving a sign in the middle of the

intersection where the signs are posted, saying "Great Fathers Day Gifts."

Dominique was holding a smaller sign, and the others were showing the leather goods.

When asked what they planned to do with the money, Amber

said half of the money was going to her grandfather to pay him back for purchasing the leather for the supplies. She would split the profits with the others for helping her sell the gifts.



SELLING HANDMADE LEATHER items were (above) Gracie Class, Amber Manner and Abbi Miller sell items for Father's Day gifts. Left, Andy Miller waves a sign in the intersection.

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Farmers gather for wheat plot tour

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About 60 farmers gathered at the K-State wheat plot tour on the Sunny Crest Farm south of Wheeler Wednesday afternoon. It was hot and the wind was blowing but that didn't deter the people from coming.

This has been an unusual year with cooler and wetter weather than normal. Consequently, there are different conditions for the test wheat plot. Additionally, profile moisture also played a big role in wheat growth this year.

The general consensus was the test plot looked very good. Jim Shroyer, K-State agronomist, said, while the plots looked good, they didn't look quite as good as they did last year. He estimated that the wheat in the plots would average 60 to 70 bushels per acre. Last year, the wheat had averaged 82 bushels per acre.

Jeanne Falk, K-State multi-county agronomist, had planted 20 varieties and a seeding rate study with 35 to 75 lbs/ac of TAM 111.

Dr. Shroyer, talked about the varieties planted, giving a short history of each type of seed, along with its strengths and weaknesses to environmental conditions and diseases. Varieties planted included: Art, PostRock, SY Gold, TAM 111, Armour, Cedar, Hitch, Smoky Hill, Winterhawk, Everest, Fuller, Jagger, Overley, Bill Brown, Hatcher, Ripper, T-140, T-158, TAM 112 and AP 503 CL2.

When asked for recommendation on the wheat varieties to look at next year, the speaker told producers to think about their management systems. One way is to choose varieties that have a level resistance to many diseases, including stripe rust. Those varieties include TAM 111, Winterhawk, and Armour. However, producers need to keep in mind that stripe rust may not be a disease that is present every year.

Another way is to choose a va-



CHEYENNE COUNTY wheat plot south of Wheeler showed good stands of wheat on Wednesday, June 15. Dr. Jim Shroyer, K-State agronomist, left, answered some of the wheat questions asked by Spencer Schlepp, county farmer, and Jeanne Falk, K-State agronomist. One of the owners of the plot, Tom Smull, checked out some of the other wheat.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

riety that has a good yield history in variable environmental conditions (ie drought), but has some level of susceptibility to stripe or leaf rust. By doing this, producers know they may need to spray for these diseases in some years. These tend to be varieties that have a good yield history and producers feel comfortable planting. These varieties include PostRock, Fuller, and TAM 112.

Last year, the wheat yielding the highest in the test plot was Winterhawk with 96.4 bushels per acre. Coming in second was TAM 111 with 94.7 bushels.

Jeanne said she had checked a number of fields after calls asking about wheat streak mosaic. To control wheat streak mosaic, she said, is to control the volunteer wheat.

The wheat curl mite moves the wheat streak mosaic virus and lives in volunteer wheat. The worst case scenario for infections of wheat streak mosaic is to spray volunteer wheat less than 2 weeks before planting. In this case, the volunteer wheat is dying just as the new wheat is emerging. This causes the wheat curl mites to move directly into and transfer the virus into the new wheat.

Alan Schlegel, agronomist at the K-State Research Center in Tribune, also spoke at the wheat plot tour. He discussed three long term studies at Tribune addressing tillage systems and crop rotations. He said in a 3-year rotation, a complete no-till system had the best yields for the summer crop. However, one of the challenges

with this system is getting wheat established and a good stand. They are addressing this challenge with a study looking at limited shallow tillage just prior to wheat planting.

Finally, Jeanne asked what producers would like to see in the test plot next year. This plot is set up to be a place to address producer questions and learn how wheat responds in our own backyard. If you have ideas, please contact Jeanne or the Extension Office.

Following the wheat plot tour, farmers went to Goodland Greenline in Wheeler where they enjoyed supper provided by the county grain dealers.

When the wheat test plot is harvested, the results of yields will be printed in The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times.

E-waste collection planned for Friday

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It has been 6 months since the last e-waste collection in Cheyenne County. Now, another collection has been set for Friday, one in the morning at Bird City, and the other in the afternoon in St. Francis.

People have been asking about having another e-waste collection, said Roger Jensen, county representative for the eight-county Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling organization. There are some people who have gone to Colby with their e-waste items, he added.

E-waste collection is set for Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the city shop in Bird City. In St. Francis, people can take items to the recycle center from noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call Roger Jensen at 785-332-5011.

In the past, grant money has paid for the collection of these items but that grant has run out. This time, there will

be a charge to those bringing in items.

Both the Bird City and St. Francis city councils did not feel that they could contribute to helping with the costs. However, the county commissioners agreed to split the cost of 25 cents per pound, paying 12.5 cents of every pound collected on Friday.

Mr. Jensen noted that the 25-cents charge is for the cost of transportation.

Some of the items considered for e-waste collection are: computers, parts and accessories, printers, scanners, fax machines, copy machines, telephones, cellular phones, answering machines, televisions, stereos, DVD and VCR players, speakers, radios, tape recorders, satellite receivers, toner and ink-jet cartridges, computer games and rechargeable batteries.

For more information, contact Mr. Jensen at 785-332-5011.

Team travels to meet

The Cheylin swim team participated in the meet in Atwood on Saturday, June 18. Atwood volunteered to hold this meet in their new pool.

Each of the four Cheylin swimmers earned at least two ribbons on Saturday with Diana Garcia and Tia Sager earning first place ribbons.

Results from Atwood include the following:

MaryAnne Orten, 13/14 age division, long free, 89.34, second; breaststroke, 47.00, second;

short free, 36.90, third.

Diana Garcia, 11/12 age division, backstroke, 49.35, first; breaststroke, 54.01, third; short free, 41.95.

Trent Howland, 8-and-under, breaststroke, 59.13, second; free, 42.08, sixth.

Tia Sager 19-and-over, backstroke, 42.45, first; breaststroke, 47.11, second; individual medley, 92.64, first.

The next event will take place in Benkelman on Saturday.