

4-Hers compete in annual horse show at fairgrounds



MARTIN BEIKMAN watches as Matt Tygardt writes down his information to enter the St. Francis firemen's Traeger grill drawing. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Firemen to hold drawing for grill

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The St. Francis volunteer firemen are raising money by selling chances on a \$1,000 Traeger Grill and two bundles each containing 10 ribeye steaks. One bundle of steaks is being donated by Callicrate Cattle Company and the other is donated by Kyle Schultz. In all, there will be three drawings.

The money raised will go to help with expenses incurred during the dry summer and purchase needed equipment and supplies. Clay

Zimbelman, volunteer fireman, said that because of the recent wear and tear on the equipment, they have had to buy additional nozzles and a hose.

Equipment used by firemen, he said, is extremely expensive because it has to meet certain regulations.

Besides fighting fires, the firemen teach fire safety to children in the St. Francis schools by bringing the truck to the school. They give students backpacks and fun activities such as coloring books. Firemen are also called to help

with traffic control during vehicle accidents and rescue searches.

This year, the firemen have already made almost 60 runs. In an entire year, they generally make around 35 runs. Each time the fire trucks are called out, said Mr. Zimbelman, it costs about \$500 and sometimes, it is much more.

The winner of the grill will be drawn at the Cheyenne County Fair on Saturday evening, Aug. 4, near the ice cream stand. Winners need not be present to win.

Tickets are on sale at the following businesses: Bumper To Bumper, St. Francis Tire and Service, Cuppa' Joe Espresso, Frontier Arms, Owens True Value, Republican Valley Auto Parts (NAPA), Republican Valley Veterinary Clinic, The Saint Francis Herald, Yost Ford and Farm Supply, and Zimbelman Motor Company. Look for the signs in participating business windows.

The Cheyenne County Horse Show was held in St. Francis at the fairgrounds on July 15. It was a hot 100-plus degree day but 13 4-H'ers braved the heat and participated in the events.

Open high point winner was Savannah Isely, Bird City; reserve high point went to Schylar Lennox, Bird City.

Senior high point winner was Taylor Todd, Atwood; Cateline Isely, Bird City, was the senior reserve high point winner.

Intermediate high point winner was Echoe Lennox, Bird City; reserve intermediate high point winner was Emileigh Dinkel, St. Francis.

Junior high point winner was Taylor Todd, Atwood; reserve junior high point winner was Shadryon Blanka, St. Francis.

In showmanship, Emileigh Dinkel took first in junior mares; Cateline Isely was first in senior mares, and Leslie Beall, Benkelman, took second. Having the grand champion mare was Catelin Isely; Emileigh Dinkel had the reserve champion mare.

Taylor Todd had the grand champion and first place senior gelding; Katie Zelfer, Goodland, had the reserve and second place senior gelding; Catelin Isely, third; Colton Neitzel, St. Francis, fourth; Shadryon Blanka, fifth; Taylor Todd, sixth.

Savannah Isely was first in open showmanship.

In senior showmanship, Taylor Todd took first; Cateline Isely, second.

In intermediate showmanship, Kate Zelfer took first; Echoe Lennox, second; Emileigh Dinkel, third.

In junior showmanship, Taylor Todd took first; Shadryon Blanka, second; Isaac Hathaway, third; Colton Neitzel, fourth.

In the Hunter Under Saddle - all ages, Catelin Isely took first; Taylor Todd, second; Kate Zelfer, third; Tylor Todd, fourth.

Hunt Seat Equitation - all ages, Taylor Todd was first; Cateline Isely, second.

Open bareback horsemanship, Savannah Isely took first. Cateline Isely took first in senior bareback horsemanship; Taylor Todd was second. Tylor Todd was first in junior bareback horsemanship.

Open horsemanship found Savannah Isely taking first; senior horsemanship: Taylor Todd, first; Leslie Beall, second; Catelin Isely, third; intermediate horsemanship: Emileigh Dinkel, first; Echoe Lennox, second; junior horsemanship: Tylor Todd, first; Colton Neitzel, second; Isaac Hathaway, third; Shadryon Blanka, first; Cateline Isely, second; Emileigh Dinkel, second; junior western pleasure: Taylor Todd, second; Leslie Beall, third; intermediate western pleasure: Kate Zelfer, first; Emileigh Dinkel, second; junior western pleasure: Shadryon Blanka, first; Tylor Todd, second; Isaac Hathaway, third; Colton Neitzel, fourth.

In open reining, Savannah Isely took first; senior reining: Leslie Beall, first; Cateline Isely, second; Taylor Todd, third; junior reining: Tylor Todd, first; Shadryon Blanka, second.

Open pole bending found Savannah Isely taking first; senior pole bending: Taylor Todd, first; Cateline Isely, second; Emily Elfers, third; intermediate pole bending: Echoe Lennox, first; junior pole bending: Shadryon Blanka, first; Colton Neitzel, second.

Open barrels: Savannah Isely, first; Schylar Lennox, second; senior barrels, Taylor Todd, first; Cateline Isely, second; Emily Elfers, third; intermediate barrels, Emileigh Dinkel, first; junior barrels, Tylor Todd, first; Shadryon Blanka, second.

Senior flags: Taylor Todd, first; Emily Elfers, second; intermediate flags: Echoe Lennox, second; Emileigh Dinkel, second; junior flags: Shadryon Blanka, first.

Open stead race: Schylar Lennox, first; senior stake race: Taylor Todd, first; Caelin Isely, second; Emily Elfers, third; intermediate stake race: Echoe Lennox, first; Emileigh Dinkel, second; junior stake race: Shadryon Blanka, first; Colton Neitzel, second; Tylor Todd, third.

Firemen to receive funds from insurance

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger is currently making the annual funds distribution to state and local firefighter relief organizations and Cheyenne County departments will receive part of the distribution.

More than \$10.4 million will be distributed among 578 local Firefighters Relief Associations (FRAs) across the state. That is nearly \$550,000 more than the 2011 total.

"This fund assists firefighters and their families when an accident or death occurs in the line of duty," Commissioner Praeger said. "We in the Kansas Insurance Department are honored to assist in its distribution."

Cheyenne County's share is \$18,700. The Bird City department will receive \$4,624; the rural department, \$7,142, and the St. Francis department, \$6,933.

The local association funds are used for purchasing accident and health, disability, and life insurance premiums to assist firefighters and their families.

The money is generated by a 2-percent tax paid by insurance companies on fire and lightning insurance premiums written in Kansas for the previous calendar year. It is collected by the department, on behalf of the Kansas Firefighter Relief Act, and passed on to the FRAs, as set in Kansas law.

Also, the Kansas State Firefighters Association will receive \$431,244 for education and research purposes and to help fund the state association's death benefit fund. These funds also come from the insurance company premium assessment.

Of the state association total, \$331,244 is earmarked for educational purposes and research into fire prevention and firefighting, and \$100,000 is used to replenish the death benefit fund.

Nearly \$1.3 million in benefits was paid in 2011 to firefighters as a result of firefighting-related injuries or disability, and nearly \$837,000 went to dependents of firefighters.

Most of this year's distribution was deposited electronically into relief association bank accounts. Electronic report filing and fund distribution has been a point of emphasis for John Boyd, the Firefighter Relief Act administrator for the insurance department.

"The electronic fund transfer is cost efficient and quick," Commissioner Praeger said. "The FRAs receiving the money can put it to good use immediately, and John has been instrumental in making that happen."

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MELISSA TABOR
For Register of Deeds

I moved to St. Francis in the summer of 1997 with my mother, Connie Holzwarth who is married to Bob Holzwarth. I started school here as a freshman, and I am a 2001 graduate of SFCHS. I have worked in the community while in high school and after. My fiancé, AJ McAtee and my daughter Bailey also reside with me. So I have ties to the area and community that I'm proud to live in. I am currently your Cheyenne County Deputy Treasurer and have been since May 2010.

In August I will be running for Cheyenne County Register of Deeds. I feel confident about being able to help everyone in the community, just as I have in the Treasurer's office. The Register of Deeds office uses the same software program as in the Treasurer's office that I have used for the last two years. I already have working knowledge for the position. I promise to bring you the same quality of service in a friendly atmosphere that you are accustomed to receiving from me currently as your Deputy Treasurer. **I would appreciate your vote on August 7th!**

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **City of St. Francis** will meet on August 13, 2012 at 7:15 PM at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2013 Expenditures and Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2013 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2011		Current Year Estimate for 2012		Proposed Budget for 2013		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate *
General	851,358	37.758	863,925	37.730	930,484	255,766	38.776
Library	31,092	3.993	32,281	3.957	32,486	26,380	3.999
Special Highway	2,136		25,000		84,374		
Special Parks & Recreation	704		800		1,480		
Electric & Water Utility	1,677,968		1,833,343		1,974,284		
Sewer Utility	134,567		154,804		175,632		
Refuse Utility	153,891		168,481		198,646		
Theatre Enterprise	58,705		59,292		79,264		
Tourism & Convention	1,888		7,534		14,664		
EMS Building Maintenance	6,657		13,740		15,126		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	272,476						
Totals	3,191,442	41.751	3,160,200	41.687	3,506,440	282,146	42.775
Less: Transfers	852,788		861,000		664,000		
Net Expenditure	2,338,654		2,299,200		2,842,440		
Total Tax Levied	275,391		280,368		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	6,482,270		6,725,989		6,596,051		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,	2010		2011		2012		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	377,990		357,564		336,539		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		43,500		
Total	377,990		357,564		380,039		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Scott Schultz
City Official Title: Mayor