

Farmers still have option to change "person" determination



PHIL CRAWFORD tunes up his guitar as he practices for the Tumbleweed Round-up to be held in St. Francis Wednesday. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Singers and poets to perform

By Karen Krien

Phil Crawford has organized St. Francis' first Tumbleweed Round-Up which will feature cowboy and cowgirl poets and musicians along with "just plain story tellers." The production will be held at 2 and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Cheyenne Theater on Main Street, St. Francis. Mr. Crawford reports that there will be eight to 10 performers with featured performers being nationally known poet Walt Gove from Grainfield and Leonard Hopper, guitarist and singer, from Gem. Mr. Crawford will be strumming his guitar and singing and Helene Landenberger, well-known poet from St. Francis, will be also performing. Among the other performers tentatively planning to come to the

Wednesday shows are: Ernie Ketzner, poet from Bird City; Fred Krien and Ferdinand Krien playing their "squeeze box" and guitar; Don Love, guitar and sing; Gary Cooper, poet; and Fred Magley, poet. "There may be others there for either or both performances," Mr. Crawford said. "Whatever, we will have good, homespun entertainment and it is free." People are welcome to come for all or part of the performances. "We have a "swinging door policy" where people can come and go at their leisure," Mr. Crawford said. Mr. Crawford has been playing the guitar since he was 9 years old. "I was in the hospital and a nurse taught me to play and I've been playing ever since," he said.

He has been traveling in the area, attending other cowboy poet and music shows for the last six years. For the last five years, he has performed in the Valentine, Neb., show which is the largest such show in the United States. "I've patterned the St. Francis show after the Valentine show," he said. Ms. Landenberger, who has helped Mr. Crawford with some of the arrangements, has been writing poetry since she could remember. She has produced and sold a number of tapes and has also performed as the Wild Rose Poet in numerous events. The Tumbleweed Round-Up has been supported by a number of St. Francis businesses. For more information, contact Mr. Crawford at 785-332-2367 or go to StFrancisKs.com.

Farmers still have option to change "person" determination. Farm program payment limitations weren't changed in the 2002 Farm Bill, but because of other changes in the law some producers may hit the \$40,000 payment limit for the first time this year. The changes — higher direct payment rates and the addition of soybeans as a contract commodity — may lead producers to add their spouses as joint operators when describing their operations to the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency. According to Angie Bock, County Executive Director for the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency, many farming operations involve both a husband and wife who could qualify as sepa-

rate "persons," but, for various reasons, only one spouse has been the program participant and payment recipient. In these cases, both spouses were part of the farming operation as of April 1, but the farming operation was not necessarily represented to the Farm Service Agency as being comprised of both spouses. Producers can normally add qualified spouses as program participants before April 1 each year. Since the 2002 Farm Bill was signed into law on May 13 and the new commodity payment rates were announced after that, Director Bock said Farm Service Agency is giving eligible producers until Aug. 1 to add qualified spouses as program participants, effective for 2002.

Director Bock cautioned that payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations that apply for 2002, apply to all 2002 payments and benefits, including those already made this year under the 1996 Farm Bill. If based on a revised 2002 "person" determination, the original spouse would not be eligible for 100 percent of the payments already received. The amount of the overpayment must be refunded before the revised determination can be applied. Additional information about "person" determinations and payment limitations is available from the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency, West Highway 36 or by calling (785) 332-2183.

Bulletin Board

Cards appreciated

Judy Davis, former St. Francis resident, is battling cancer and undergoing chemotherapy. Friends wishing to send her greetings may address them to her home: Judy Davis, 18047 Westwood Dr., Sterling, CO 80751.

Job's Daughter's installation

The Job's Daughter's will hold their installation of officers at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 27 at the Masonic Lodge Hall. Jessica Nelsen is the Honored Queen elect. All are welcome to attend.

Advanced voting

Advanced voting began Tuesday in the clerk's office at the courthouse. Those who know they are not going to be able to vote on Aug. 6 or would just like to make their mark early can do so in that office anytime until Aug. 5.

Fair Parade

It is time to begin thinking about entering the Cheyenne County Fair Parade which is set for Aug. 3 on St. Francis' Main Street. To enter, call Dawn Lucas at 785-332-3333 or 785-332-3212.

SHARE pickup

SHARE pickup will be between 11 a.m. and noon on Saturday at the Scout Hut.

Literary

Literary at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Schoolhouse will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 25. Bring your poems and readings to share.

Daytime activities at the schoolhouse, each day of the show, will include Story Hour at 9:30 a.m. and Quilt Construction at 10:30 a.m.

Flag football registration forms

Forms for the 2002 St. Francis Recreation Commission football program for kindergarten through sixth grade, can be picked up at the St. Francis City Office beginning Thursday, July 25. The Recreation Commission will not be participating through the NFL (National Football League) flag football program this year in order to reduce the cost.

Deadline to return forms and insure a jersey is Aug. 9.

If questions, please call Jolene Spike at 332-3359 after 5 p.m.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Social Rehabilitation Service

The St. Francis Social Rehabilitation Service (SRS) office effective July 29 will be open on Mondays only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. instead of Tuesday's.

Hospital Board

The special meeting of the Cheyenne County Hospital Board for accepting the bids on the Cheyenne County Clinic remodeling in St. Francis will be held at 2 p.m. on July 30.

Stress, Depression and Suicide Workshop

The United Methodist Church fellowship hall in Benkelman will be the scene of The Trying Trio: Stress, Depression and Suicide Workshop on Monday, August 5. The workshop will run from 1 p.m. (mountain daylight time) to 5 p.m. and the speaker will be Wayne L. Lofton, Ed.S., community mental health consultant and pastor. The workshop is free to the public with a charge to those earning continuing education hours.

The workshop is sponsored by Benkelman-Max-Stratton United Methodist parish, Dundy County Ministerial Association and Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center. Check ad in this issue of the Herald.

Nick Schorzman/Thomas Bandel family reunion

The family of Nick Schorzman/Thomas Bandel will hold a family reunion on Aug. 3 and 4 at the senior citizen center in St. Francis. On Saturday the

group will meet following the Cheyenne County Parade and on Sunday afternoon.

An open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Need a Helping Hand

The Cheyenne County Helping Hands Coalition can help. Call the SRS office at (785) 332-2021.

Hospice Service information

Hospice Services is available to provide end-of-life care and also has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning and other related topics. For more information, contact 800-315-5122.

Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-anon

A.A. and Al-anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contacts 332-2168 or 332-2078

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

For the Record

Sheriff's Report

6 vehicle inspections were made.
4 summons delivered.
1 citation for contempt.
1 subpoena delivered.
1 garnishment made.
1 protection order journal.
July 16: Horses were reported out on Road 7 and U.S. 36.
July 17: Checked the swimming pool for people early in the morning.
July 17: Cattle out on Road 17 and U.S. 36.
July 17: Officers pulled over 400 marijuana plants in Bird City with the help of Bird City Police Chief Stan Harp.
July 18: Transported a transient.
July 18: Raymond DeAragon, St. Francis, was driving a 1985 Chevy El Camino when he struck a calf belonging to Fairview Farms. There were no injuries reported however, there was over \$500 in damage to the vehicle and the calf was killed.
July 19: Officer assisted the game warden in executing a search warrant in Goodland in regards to crimes committed in Cheyenne County.
July 20: Cattle were out on K-27 south of the Sherman-Cheyenne county line.
July 19: Stacy Moeder of Hope,

Kan., was driving a 2001 Pontiac when she struck a deer on Road 13 and U.S. 36. There were no injuries and over \$500 damage.
St. Francis Police
On July 20 at 7:30 p.m., a 2001 Chevy Tahoe, driven by Melvin J. Keller, St. Francis, backed into a parked vehicle owned by Mark Wolfson, Lawrence. This occurred on the Dairy King parking lot.
On July 17 at 2:02 p.m., a 2002 Ford pickup driven by Dale Loker, McDonald, collided with a parked 1981 Ford pickup owned by Mike Straub, St. Francis. Loker was taken to the Cheyenne County Hospital with minor injuries. Damage is in the excess of \$500.
On July 19, officers were called to a burglary in progress at a south Denison address. Officers apprehended a juvenile who was taken into custody and transported to the Juvenile Detention Center in WaKeeney.
On July 20, an officer investigated a fight between two juvenile males. The investigation has been completed and the results will be forwarded to the Cheyenne County Attorney's office for prosecution.
On July 16, officers were called to a South Scott residence to investigate

an altercation between two adult males. The case has been investigated and has been turned over for prosecution.
On July 19, a resident reported harassing phone calls she received in the middle of the night.
Hospital Admissions
July 17: Ruby Gilliland, Bird City
July 17: Willard Busby, St. Francis
July 19: Harriet Draper, St. Francis
Dismissals
July 18: Mildred Sperry, St. Francis
Additional hospital news
Number of patients: total acute, 5; total observation, 1; Dr. Warren, cardiac clinic, 28; cat scan, 5; osteoporosis clinic, 11; mammograms, 11; ultra sound, 2.

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The Cheyenne County Hospital Employees would like to extend an invitation for you to take part in the "SWING FORE YOUR HEALTH" 3-persons scramble benefit golf tournament

Sun., Aug. 25

Registration Start Time: 11 a.m. CST
Tee-Off: 12 p.m. SHARP at Riverside Recreation

The entry fee is \$55 per person. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place items in three flights.

There will be an evening dinner *open to the public* at Riverside Dining beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$6 each. Tickets can be purchased at the following businesses: Cheyenne County Hospital, Cheyenne Pharmacy Plus, Krien Pharmacy, Schultz's, Bankwest, Krien Farm Supply in Bird City, Cheyenne County Clinic in Bird City and First National Bank in St. Francis and Bird City.

All proceeds will go towards a new defibrillator for the emergency room. This machine is used to access your hearts abnormal rhythms and shock it back to its normal rhythm. **This machine can save lives.**

To register please call Riverside Recreation at 332-3401.