

## Cheyenne County stands 'united' once again

The people of Cheyenne County did it! The county fair was looking a little bleak several weeks ago. Since this great event, which happens only once a year, is run solely on volunteer help, it looked like there were going to be some areas where there would be only one or two people helping but, when the chips were down, the volunteers came forth and it was good fair where people had fun and many kids not only had fun but were also able to enter projects to be judged and learn through 4-H and FFA.

There are basically only four days of fair and people come from all over to enjoy it but few take the time to realize what kind of effort goes into making it work. The fair board meets all year long with the fair and upkeep of the fairgrounds being their main goal. The Amusement Authority is also meeting, thinking of new and

better ways to improve the carnival. And lastly, there are the 4-H'ers, their families and the agents who are helping these young people grow in skills and knowledge so they can compete in the year's final event—the fair, but will have acquired skills that they can take with them through their lives.

When the four days are over, there are a lot of tired people who have to go back to the fairgrounds where they pick up, put away and cleanup. Nope! Their job isn't over and, again, most of this work is volunteer labor.

As the county residents move on to school events and their work, they should have a satisfied feeling that they did something worthwhile as they helped with the fair events. A big "hats off" and "thanks" to these many volunteers!!

—Karen Krien

## No competition can be terrifying

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) asked the question in their last "Directions" publication, "What is the biggest challenge facing seedstock companies?"

"Surviving the terrorist among us who wants to eliminate the beef check-off, outlaw grid marketing, bankrupt the packers and in general raise all kinds of chaos in the beef industry's biggest challenge. If they want to commit suicide, that is their own business. I strongly resent their efforts to wreck the economy of the entire beef industry," said Mark Gardiner, Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, one of the organizers of U.S. Premium Beef (USPB), partner of Farmland/National Beef, the nation's fourth largest packer.

I remember attending a U.S. Premium Beef membership drive meeting

### Angel stolen from grave

—Letter to the Editor—

To the editor:

I fully understand the shock, disappointment and hurt of the Louden's (June 6, 2002, *St. Francis Herald*). A birdhouse and guardian angel from my parent's graves were stolen by the evening of Memorial Day. They were to remain there forever. To the person or persons who removed (stole) them, please return these items so they are there for my next visit to St. Francis.

Jody Angel  
Harrisonville, Mo.

### Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Kelly Gienger, St. Francis; Manette Keeler, St. Francis; Janice DeGood, St. Francis; Alberta Chance, St. Francis; Kaycee Frewen, Parker, Colo.; Beth Heitschmidt, Guymon, Okla.; Royce Roberts, St. Francis; Wendi Krishock, Saline, Mich.

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### Guest Editorial

where the question was raised about whether U.S. Premium Beef would become a major captive supply source for the fourth largest meatpacker Farmland/National and, if so, wouldn't that have a negative impact on the cash market, considering that Farmland/National was the only remaining big packer not using captive supplies and bidding almost exclusively in the competitive cash market. "What will happen to the cash market if U.S. Premium Beef, wanting to supply half of Farmland/National's needs, gives their cattle to Farmland/National without negotiating price?" U.S. Premium Beef Chief Executive Officer Steve Hunt responded that USPB captive supplies would likely have a negative effect on the cash market, but as a member of USPB, you would become a packer and more than make up the difference in price on the meat side of the business. Feeling vulnerable, desperate, shut out of the cash market and left with no other choice but to "join-em," reluctant cattle feeders began signing up.

We now know that for the investment of approximately \$54 per head in U.S. Premium Beef stock, giving the owner the right and obligation to deliver cattle to Farmland/National, much has been lost, including the cash market for finished cattle and many of our cattlemen neighbors. Since 1978, when the big four packers controlled 36 percent of the steer and heifer slaughter compared with 82 percent today, concentration and the resulting market power has cost cattle producers approximately \$400 per head of their share of the record high price the consumer pays today for fresh steaks, roasts and ground beef.

Of course, U.S. Premium Beef cattle feeders can be consoled in their desperation and bankrupting losses with last year's \$25.87 per head premiums they received over the manipulated and

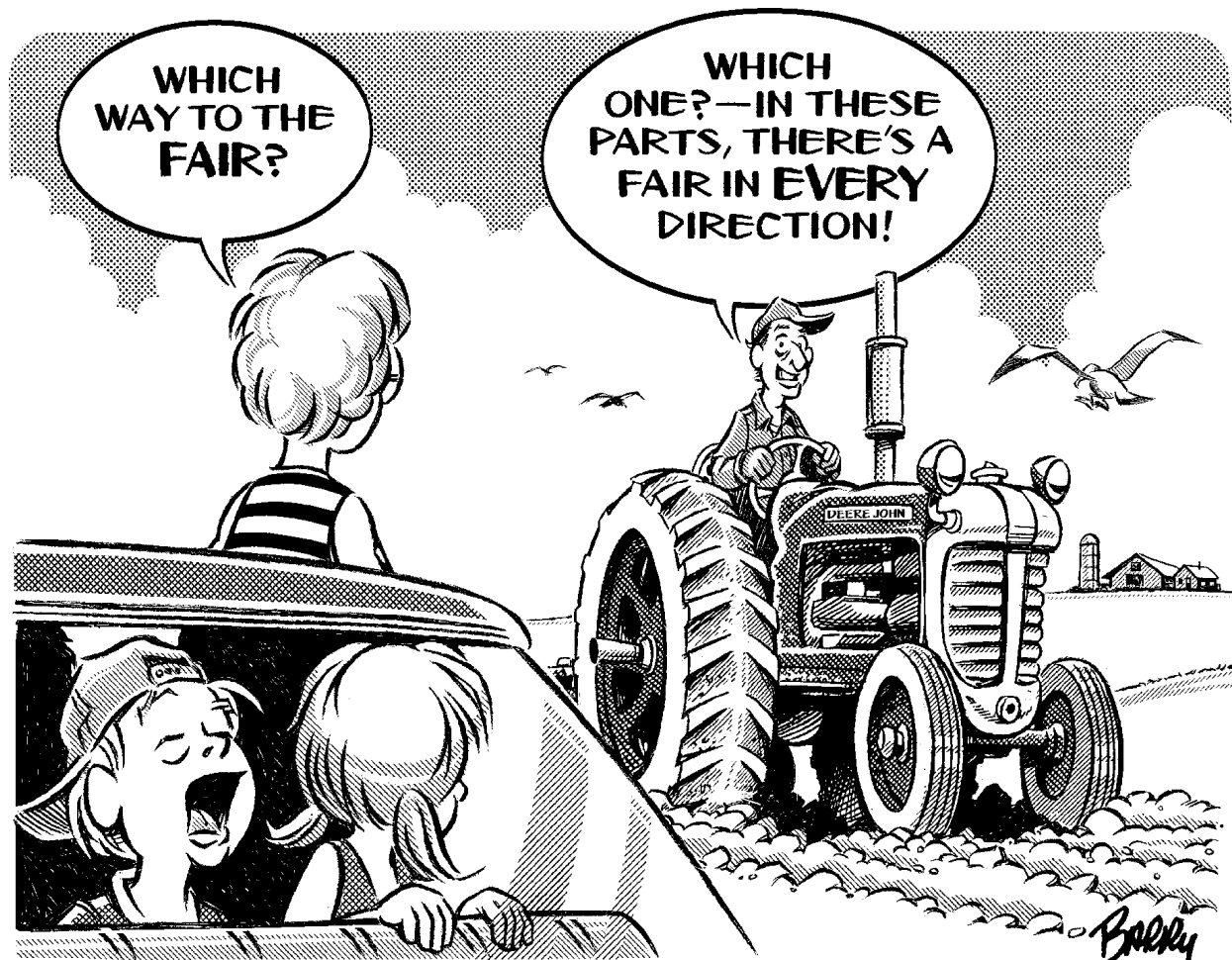
arbitrary cash market price their non captive supply competitors received. A small consolation today with the cash market at \$62/cwt and losses as much as \$225 per head. And still left unexplained, last week some of the top premium grid cattle, grading 85 percent choice, netted back a deeply discounted \$59/cwt at the same time consumers buy beef priced off an \$85 cattle market. While packers and retailers swim in record profits, it looks like wounded U.S. Premium Beef members have been swindled into buying their own hanging rope.

Mark Gardiner may not realize it yet, but his bull customers, who are part of the cattle industry, distinct and separate from the "beef industry," will be needing fewer of his bulls as they go broke selling cattle on the discount weighted big packer grids. Instead of profiting from a U.S. Premium Beef sponsored market for his bulls, he might be caught in the same deadly alliance trap he has helped set for others.

Ranchers and rural communities have far more to lose in land, cattle and income by participating in the abusive Tyson/IBP, Cargill, ConAgra, Farmland/National type alliances and supply chain snares than chicken farmers lost when they fell for the same scam some thirty years ago.

Perhaps the terrorist label might be better applied to the Tyson/IBP - Walmart dominated big meat packer/retailer monopoly that is stealing from farmers and ranchers, destroying our safe and dependable food supply, and threatening the well-being of our precious rural communities instead of being used to defame, libel and slander those of us that are sacrificing all we have to preserve the economic freedom and social well-being that only a fair, open and competitive market system can provide.

—Mike Callicrate, St. Francis



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## News From the Past

### 10 years ago - 1992

The first loads of wheat have been brought in. At Cheyenne Grain. Dave Roberson and Dale Crabtree brought in the first load; at the Wheeler Equity, Todd Neitzel was first; at the St. Francis Equity, Tye Faulkender, driver for Roger Faulkender brought in the first load; and at Bartlett and Company, Walt Splattstoesser brought in the first load for Ole Juhl and Gladys Cullum.

Kathie Weis recently opened Diamond Nails. She will be specializing in hand and nail care for women and men.

Ramona Raile was hired by the St. Francis Board of Education. She will begin her duties as kindergarten teacher this fall.

Four members of the Class of 1932 attended the alumni reunion recently. They were Raymond Carr, Wallace Gattshall, Mary White Archer and Carol Archer Pierson.

Kerry Dorsch joined 46 Girl Scouts for a two-week bus trip to Washington D.C.

Marjorie Peter, Cheyenne County ASCS Program Assistant, was awarded the agency's highest award, the Administrator's Award for Service to Agriculture.

### 20 years ago - 1982

Sophia Boll of St. Francis was selected as the queen of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City.

Winners of the Style Revue include Anita Wright, styve revue champion, Mike Bandel, best groomed boy and Debbie Johnson, best groomed girl.

Deanna Knapp was crowned as the Cheyenne County Rodeo Queen. Tonya Henderson was the princess and Shawna Stevens was the junior princess.

The carnival at the Cheyenne County Fair was even more successful this year than last year both financially and in attendance. Over \$8,300 was taken in at the carnival and donations exceeded \$2,300.

Pancakes and sausage were featured at the chuckwagon breakfast held Saturday morning in the Sawhill Park

band shell. The breakfast was sponsored sored by the Fair Rodeo Committee.

Some of the livestock winners at the fair include: Matt Bandel, grand champion market lamb; Mike Bandel, grand champion market steer; Tish Busby, grand champion market hog; Cheryl Carman, grand champion mare; Tobe Eggers, grand champion gelding.

### 35 years ago - 1967

St. Francis Boy Scout Troop 120 will hold a special Court of Honor Sunday. Two Eagle Scout awards, scoutings highest honor, will be presented, one to Barry Gaston and the other to Michael O'Leary.

The new fountain with its beautiful colored lights is now operating properly at the Howard Sawhill Park in St. Francis.

Cliff Harkins of Boulder sent the Herald a clipping from the Boulder, Colo., Daily Camera which tells of the extension of Highway U.S. 36 beyond Denver to Boulder and on to Estes Park.

## Chamber Chatter

There's a lot of potential in St. Francis, Kansas

Number five on our list of rural culture elements is customs. What are our annual events? The Fair could be played up even more; many larger communities do not have what we have here!

We have the Stearman Fly-In that is terrific; the craft show which gets bigger and bigger, and now the car show and garage sale. These are fun events!

We as a community need to strive to make all our events as fun as they can be! What is the most unique peculiarity about our town? Could we make ourselves a "capital of Kansas" for some? Maybe the "NO-BULL" capital of Kansas, since the banders are produced here. Or the yucca capital of

Kansas, we could make things from yucca, display yucca, use yucca in designs, like others have done with sunflowers.

There is lots of potential here, to pick something and go crazy with it! What makes our town different than others in regard to daily habits? One could count the daily need for going for coffee, but a lot of towns do that.

What makes our town fun? The annual senior parade after graduation practice comes to mind.

What things can we revive that we used to do, and what creative things can we come up with?

Please do not take yourselves too

seriously as you converse on this topic. One town has an annual "marathon" during Fourth of July; every one carries a sparkler as they make the block trek to the finish line.

Another town has an annual day where they all bring lawn chairs; sit on the side of the road and wave at cars.

Yet another town that has a passenger train running through it has a day when people go to "moon" the train, and others ride the train just to get "mooned." We could have so much fun with this one.



By Paige Gardner  
Chamber secretary

**GOD SAYS**  
And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.  
II Corinthians 11:14, 15

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502 W. Spencer  
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Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

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332-2925, Pars. 332-2899  
208 E. 2nd  
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Worship 10:30  
Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
No Sunday School during summer

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332-2928 Pars. 332-2308  
Pastor David Rosbach  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Pars. 332-3170  
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Pastor Dennis Livingston  
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