

## Council turns down gift of building

At Monday night's Bird City Council meeting it was announced that First National Bank had offered to give the city the old Security Bank building. After much discussion about the pros and cons of the city owning the building, in a three to two vote, it was decided to turn down the generous offer. Police Chief Stan Harp informed the council that the present police car was having mechanical problems. The purchase of a 1997 Lumina with 86,000 miles from Downtown Auto Sales was

approved at a cost not to exceed \$4,950. It was also approved to pay Downtown Auto Sales approximately \$300 to transfer all equipment from the old vehicle to the new one.

There have been problems with the police radio and Chief Harp will call K-N Communications to come check over and fix the radio.

Delbert Powell addressed the council regarding the tornado siren. He wanted to call attention to the fact the siren could not be heard in several parts

of town. City superintendent Sam Beeson informed the council that he would take the siren down during the winter and take it a part and see if it needs new bushings to make it louder. At the present time the city lacks the funds to replace it with a new one.

### In other business:

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• The city has received only one bid for tree trimming at the city park and it was decided to wait until Jim Strine of the State Forest Service was in Bird

City and could give more information of what is needed.

• The concrete bid from Ken Krien was presented and accepted. The work should be started later in the week.

• Jan Busse resigned her position as appointed representative of Bird City to Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development.

• The installing of new sprinkler pipes at the city park has been postponed until spring.

• Lawn Pro will continue their con-

tract with the city through Oct. 15, as needed.

• The city will be signing a contract with Post Rock Gas Company and chose the option of blended price.

• A new battery was bought for the city fire truck. The new gear racks are in and the firemen are very happy with them.

• An update was given on a kennel to place picked-up dogs. A couple of places have tentatively agreed to ac-

cept the dogs but several items need to be worked out.

• Two building permits were approved: one for Prairie Land Electric to replace a section of sidewalk in front of the building and one for Ken Gerdes to replace the part of his garage damaged during the storm.

• An executive session was called by Canda Orten to discuss personnel. After the session was over they announced that no action had been taken.

## Fair board members set dates for next year's fair

By Lezlie Hilt

The Cheyenne County Fair Board set the dates for next year's fair as Aug. 6 through 9.

The final dollars were totaled from the 2002 county fair proceeds and with all expenses paid, the board had some decisions to make. The Kids' Ranch Rodeo had a small loss, losing about \$290, however this was a new event and many of the people didn't know what it was. The board expects more interest in this event next year.

The rodeo was the biggest loss, losing a whopping \$1,932. The members discussed having the antique tractor pull instead of the rodeo next year, it was also discussed that the rodeo participants said they would not come back unless the pens were redone. The cost of replacing the pens would not be feasible. President Dick Bursch will contact the tractor pull association to see about setting something up for next year. The other events all made a little money including: mud volleyball made \$224; attendance award made \$270; and the demolition derby again was the top money maker at \$5,340 profit.

### Flower and Garden Show

Elmer Kellner, St. Francis, represented the open class flower and garden division and had a few suggestions for changes. Mr. Kellner asked about dropping the most unusual vegetable class and adding a vegetable art class. He had seen this done at another fair and thought it might be fun and would perhaps help get the number of displays up some. He also discussed changing the display numbers in some of the vegetables. The board members didn't see any problems with changing the numbers in the open show however, the state set the rules for the 4-H division, so those numbers would stay the same.

Mr. Kellner had spoke with Mary Beikman, art teacher, about having some of the art kids paint a mural on the wall in Jenkins Hall. Mrs. Beikman thought it would be difficult to get the kids back and forth with so little class time and suggested that maybe a 4-H club would be interested in the project. Susan Knodel, 4-H program coordinator, will check with the different 4-H clubs and get back to the board. The board ask that they bring plans of what

they paint for approval.

Mr. Kellner asked about the farmers market setting up a booth at the fair and whether or not there would be a charge. The board explained since it was the farmers market coop they would be like any other vendor and there would be a \$30 charge.

### In other business

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• A thank you was read from Jody Gienger.

• The board discussion horse show rules and complaints. The horse leader will be contacted to come to the next meeting.

• Compliments were told on how well the derby went and the good job Dwight Faylor and crew did.

• It was noted that the board needed to work on handicap accessible parking and making the bathroom handicap accessible.

• There was a discussion on by-laws but no decision was made.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the fair board is set for 8 p.m. on Nov. 7 in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

## New ad manager at paper

Claire Jeanfreau-Hilt has joined The St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times staffs as the new ad manager. Mrs. Jeanfreau-Hilt has been in the area for several years and about a year ago, married St. Francis man Greg Hilt.

She worked part time at KM Clothier but is mainly known for her specialty beaded jewelry business which she has built up, having clientele in Denver as well as businesses in some of the surrounding towns.

Mrs. Jeanfreau-Hilt has a journalism degree with an emphasis in advertising/public relations, graduating from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas. However, following graduation, she took a job with Acme Packaging Corporation where she was the sales representative in Texas and New Mexico, representing the leading steel strapping manufacturer throughout that area. During this time, she maintained a \$3 million territory with a customer base of both national and regional distributors as well as direct-end users.

In 1996, she went to work as an account executive for IKON Network Services Group in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex. She maintained a \$400,000 territory by selling LAN/WAN solutions, demonstrating knowledge of hardware, software, remote access and Internet products to potential customers.

Before moving to Denver she was an account executive for Comp USA, Inc. in Dallas. Again, she sold LAN/WAN and helped desk solutions with her knowledge of hardware, software, remote access and Internet products. She grew business within current account base by keeping customers abreast of the newest technologies and other Comp USA service offerings such as training and vendor promotions.

Upon moving from Dallas to Denver, she built her own jewelry business, designing and creating the pieces, then marketing and selling the product direct to the public through jewelry parties and wholesale to stores in the Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska area.



CLAIRE JEANFREAU-HILT, the new ad manager, checks out the ads in the newspaper.

While Mrs. Jeanfreau-Hilt has been in the area, she says that she still has lots of people to meet and is looking forward to calling on businesses and helping customers with their advertising needs.

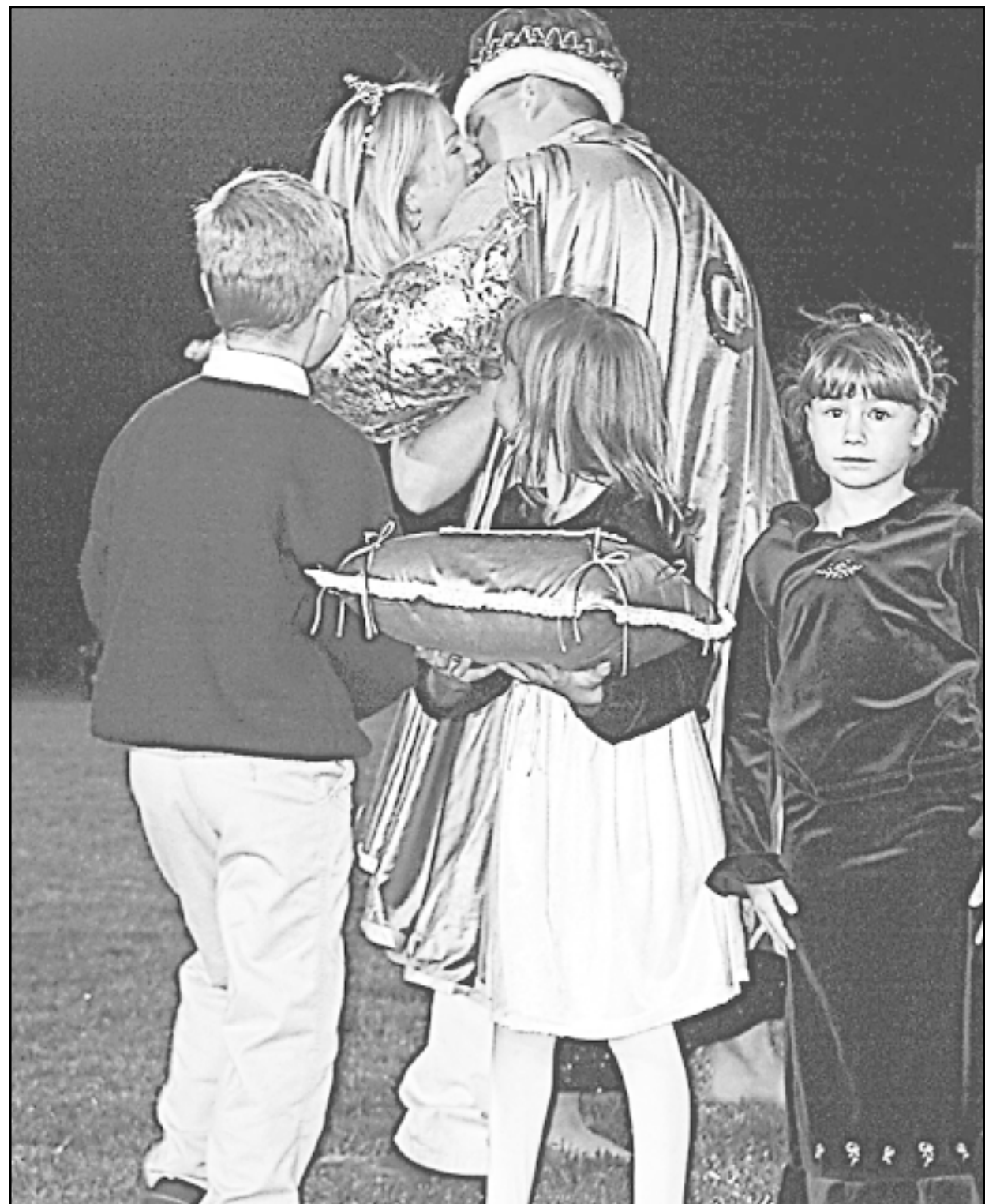
"We are happy to have such a talented and motivated ad person with the two newspapers," said Karen Krien, publisher. "She will be an asset in the office as well as to the businesses she works with."

Mrs. Jeanfreau-Hilt's first full day on the job was Monday. In the weeks to come, she will not only be selling ads to businesses on a weekly basis but will also be selling the annual Fall Sports

insert, looking for Booster Sponsors in both St. Francis and Bird City and will soon be talking to merchants about the annual Christmas On Us promotion.

The Hilt's have their dog Pebbles and two cats, MiMi and Stormy which welcome them home every evening. In her spare time, Mrs. Jeanfreau-Hilt makes jewelry and loves to decorate and remodel their home in St. Francis. Mr. Hilt works as the Sales Manager for Van Allen Implement in Wheeler.

"We welcome people to stop by and meet Mrs. Jeanfreau-Hilt. And, if there are any ad needs, she will be glad to help," Mrs. Krien concluded.



JOHN SIMMONDS, homecoming king kisses to queen, Amanda Poore as the crown bearer, Ty Carmicheal and the cape bearers Shayna Johnson and Shayla Hubbard, look on.

Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

## 4-H banquet held in Bird City

By Peggy Horinek

The 2002 4-H Achievement Banquet was held Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Bird City Legion Hall. This year marked the celebration of 100 years of 4-H. Presiding over the program was Megan Ford with the introduction being given by Dennon Zimbelman. The invocation was by Kari Gienger.

After enjoying the dinner, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Plum Creek 4-H Club. The welcome was by Grant Keller and a adult response was by Tom Keller. Andrea Knodel gave a community appreciation and thank you.

Reports were given on the educational trips taken. Ana Douthit attended 4-H Discovery Days, Corbin Sherlock, Aerospace Camp and Katora Sherlock, Rock Springs County Camp Counselor.

The Grow and Show Project this year was rabbits and Scott Ford, Kattie Ford, Trevor Reed and Hailey Woodcox reported on what they learned with their rabbits.

The presentation of awards were given by Casey Johnson and Susan Knodel. After awards were given out, the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club lead everyone in the 4-H Pledge.

The following are the awards and who received them:

Achievement: Amber Havel, Jody Gienger and Dennon Zimbelman,  
Arts and Crafts: Jody Gienger, Allison Grice, Katelyn Jones, Heidi Yonkey Dennon Zimbelman and Dara Loyd,  
Bee: Travis Havel and Grady Brunk,  
Bucket Calf: Gavin Cooper, Brooks Hobrock and Jandy Dunn,

Citizenship: Amber Havel,  
Clothing: Andrea Knodel and Katelyn Jones,

Clothing Buymanship: Andrea Knodel, Katelyn Jones, Dennon Zimbelman and Alecia Zimbelman,  
Clothing Strategy: Travis Havel,  
Crochet: Mikaela Grace, Dog: Alecia Zimbelman,

Foods and Nutrition: Kari Gienger, Heidi Yonkey, Katelyn Jones, Allison Grice,

Gardening/Horticulture: Wil Orten, Geology: Jody Gienger, Home Environment: Katlin Marin, Horse: Dennon Zimbelman, Alecia Zimbelman, Kaycee Williams and Megan Rice,

Knitting: Andrea Knodel and Kattie Ford,

Leadership: Amber Havel, Jody Gienger, Travis Havel and Andrea Knodel,

Livestock: Amber Havel,

Pets: Kim Voeller,  
Photography: Andrea Knodel and Megan Ford,

Poultry: Caleb Keltz,  
Rabbits: Julie Voeller and Logan Whitmore,

Reading: Stephanie Busse, Katelyn Jones and Logan Whitmore,

Rocketry: Stephanie Busse, Heidi Yonkey and Matthew Whitmore,

Sheep: Amber Havel,  
Shooting Sports: Craig Busse,

Swine: Amber Havel, Travis Havel and Caleb Keltz,

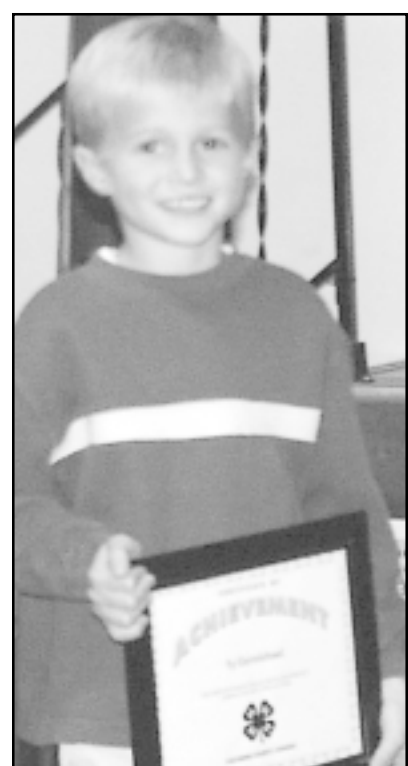
Welding: Amy Hilt and Joshua Walters,

Wood Science: Kaycee Williams, Julie Voeller and Tia Sager,

Best Record Books: Matt Whitmore, Katelyn Jones, Travis Havel and Amber Havel,

Tillie Schlepp Memorial Garden Award: Wil Orten,

Dale Shoemaker Award: Megan Ford and Ana Douthit,



TY CARMICHEAL receives an award at the 4-H achievement banquet held in Bird City.

Kevin Wright Award: Kattie Ford, Robert Pinalto Memorial Award: Chance Hobrock,

Friend of 4-H Award: Bill Fuller and Bob Dorsch,

Herdsmanship Award: Plum Creek 4-H Club,

Cheyenne County 4-H Style Revue Award in memory of Paul Sr. and Vera Gorthy: Andrea Knodel

Extension Appreciation Award: John Finley,

Tag-A-Longs: Ty Carmichael, Gaten Cooper, Allyson Northrup and Sarah Whitmore,

4-H Family of the Year Award: Rod Weeden Family.