

4-H'ers do well

The Cheyenne County 4-H'ers met at the high school in St. Francis on March 8 for the annual County 4-H Day. Many 4-H'ers participated in the different divisions and events and a number of them will go on to participate at Regional 4-H Day will start at 5 p.m. on March 28 at the high school in Brewster.

"Even though the number of participants has decreased, the quality of the presentations was excellent," said Susan Knodel, county 4-H coordinator. "But, of course, Cheyenne County is known for their exceptional performances and presentations — this year was no exception. Our 4-H'ers that made County Days a priority and they should be commended.

Following is a list of the results:

Life Skills Judging

Junior Division - 300 points possible: 296 Heidi Yonkey; 291 Alecia Zimbelman; 287 Craig Busse; 284 Mikaela Grace; 277 Tia Sager; 267 Katie Marin; 262 Sydney Busse; 254 Katelyn Jones; 248 Brooks Hobrock; 242 Matt Whitmore; 240 CJ Douthit; 235 Aly Marin; 233 Kim Voeller; 233 Logan Whitmore; 232 Stephanie Busse; 200 Josh Teeters; 197 Trista Orth; 193 Allison Grice; 190 Scott Ford; 186 Sarah Whitmore; 180 Laura Brunk; 165 Whitney Wright; 82 Trevor Reed.

Senior Division - 700 points possible: 539 Kari Gienger; 530 Grant Keller; 513 Denno Zimbelman; 509 Mckenzie Grace; 503 Amy Hilt; 490 Megan Ford; 485 Megan Rice; 485 Julie Voeller; 447 Corbin Sherlock; 446 Emily Walz; 430 Erica Douthit; 424 Amber Havel; 243 Erika Lacy.

Readings

Intermediate Division: Scott Ford blue; Kattie Ford alternate regional blue; Katelyn Jones regional blue; Heidi Yonkey blue; Trevor Reed blue.

Senior Division: Megan Ford regional blue.

Dance

Junior Division: Laura Brunk, Gavin Cooper Allison Grice and Allyson Northrup - regional blue.

Skits

Go-Getters 4-H Club blue; Pleasant Hill 4-H Club regional blue; Plum Creek 4-H Club alternate regional blue.

Model Meeting

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club blue; Plum Creek 4-H Club regional blue;



Kari Gienger and Ashley Dowgwillo participated in the life skill judging contest held at County 4-H Day.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club blue.

Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks

Intermediate Division: Katelyn Jones regional blue Kim Voeller, blue! Trevor Reed red.

Senior Division: Amber Havel, blue; Amy Hilt blue; Alecia Zimbelman and Mckenzie Grace regional blue

Public Speaking

Erika Lacy blue.

Instrumentals

Intermediate Division: Katelyn Jones regional blue; Tia Sager blue; Alecia Zimbelman blue; Whitney Wright blue; Kattie Ford/Teri Walters blue.

Senior Division: Julie Voeller blue; Megan Ford blue; Kari Gienger regional blue! Josh Walters blue.

Piano

Junior Division: Sarah Whitmore regional blue

Intermediate Division: Heidi Yonkey regional blue; Kim Voeller blue; Tia Sager blue

Favorite Food Show

Junior Division: Allyson Northrup blue (1st); Allison Grice blue; Jandy Dunn blue; Josh Teeters blue; Caitlin Northrup blue.

Intermediate Division: Taylor Spike red; Miranda Teeters blue; Katlin Marin blue! Dale Northrup

blue (1st)! Heidi Yonkey blue.

Senior Division: Amy Hilt blue (1st); Erika Lacy blue

Overall Favorite Food Show Exhibit: Amy Hilt

Most Creative Exhibit: Jandy Dunn

Vocals

Junior Division: Mikaela Grace regional blue; Laura Brunk blue; Caitlin Northrup red.

Intermediate Division: Kattie Ford alternate regional blue; Kaycee Williams blue; Kim Voeller blue; Miranda Teeters regional blue.

Senior Division: Julie Voeller regional blue; Ashley Dowgwillo blue.

Those going to Regionals

Those county 4-H'ers going on to Regionals are:

Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks

Intermediate Division: Katelyn Jones

Vocal solo

Junior Division: Mikaela Grace.

Intermediate Division: Kattie Ford.

Senior Division: Julie Voeller

Instrumental Solo

Intermediate Division: Katelyn Jones

Senior Division: Kari Gienger

Piano Solo

Junior Division: Sarah Whitmore.

Intermediate Division: Heidi Yonkey

Dance

Junior Division: Laura Brunk, Allison Grice, Allyson Northrup, Gavin Cooper

Skit

Pleasant Hill

Reading

Intermediate Division: Katelyn Jones.

Senior Division: Megan Ford

"We have an outstanding group of 4-H'ers and I look forward to working with them throughout the year," Coordinator Knodel said. "I would like to recognize the parents who stepped in and help wherever and whenever needed. Their support to the 4-H program is greatly appreciated and activities like county days without them."



Wolters



Dodd

Indian All Stars

Tyler Wolters and Marcus Dodd, St. Francis Indian basketball players, have been selected to play in the 10th annual Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl Northwest Kansas All-Star Classic, according to the roster announced by Colby Community College.

The All-Star game, featuring senior players in the 14 northwest Kansas counties, will be held Sunday, March 23, in the Colby Community Building. The women's game is set to tip-off at 5 p.m. with the men's game to follow. Festivities will also include a three-point competition between the games.

Other players on the men's roster include: Scott Yataes, Phillipsburg; Jordan Harris, Colby; Nathan Spreser, Hoxie; Matt Zerr, Wheatland; Donald Raymer, Goodland; Chris Schmidtberger, Trego County; Aaron Gittinger, Goodland; Jordan Carter, Scott Community; Nathan Lindberg, Pike Valley; Landon Stover, Colby; Marc Thiele, Norton; Carson McKee, Colby; Ryan Miller, Jennings; Anthony Taylor, Ellis; Kevin

Schoendaler, Grinnell; Preston Mackley, Triplains; David Dunn, Scott Community and Scott Schumacher, Hays High. Coaches are Jon McLean, Goodland and Derrick Bissett, Colby.

The women's roster includes Casey Henningsen, Waconda East; Wendy Hoffman, Victoria; Ashley Dreiling, Victoria; Jayci Stone, Goodland; Anny McCoy, Goodland; Abbey Hess, Smith Center; Kelli Berg, Logan; Jordan Young, Tribune; Jentri Dixon, Tribune; Brooke Ubelaker, Osborne; Amanda Foster, Ness City; Wendy Fehrenback, Ness City; Summar Stephens, Colby; alicia Collett, Brewster; Jill Windscheffel, Smith Center; Amber Stull, Natoma; Kacie Luebbers, Leoti; Alisha Welsh, Weskan; Shauna Petersen; Tribune and Jolene Hubin, Dighton. Coaches are Nick Linn, Smith Center and Mike Weatherman, Sylvan Grove.

St. Francis boy's tribute published in magazine

Editor's note: The following article, written by Jared Sowers about his friend Cole Barnhart, was published in the March-April "Living with Loss" bereavement magazine. Jared wrote the tribute when he was 14 years old and it shows the loss he felt when Cole was killed in an accident on Nov. 10, 1996.

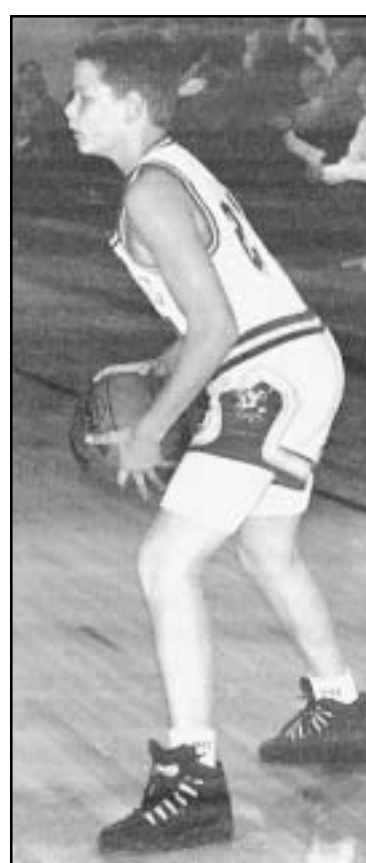
Death

By Jared Sowers

Death. Does this word send chills down your spine? It is one of those topics that is hard to talk about to someone. Occasionally, you might find someone who can talk freely about this with little or no emotion, but it is quite rare because almost always there is some form of life that has passed on in someone's life.

Sunday, Nov. 10, 1996, will live in my memory for the rest of my life. This is the day my close friend, classmate and companion, Cole Lynn Barnhart, departed from this world. On the following March 17, he would have turned 14.

I will never forget how I felt when I heard that he had been involved in an accident. I didn't think it was going to turn out this bad but, boy, was I wrong! We were traveling home from the Dave Roeber Crusade in Colby. We stopped at the Burger King in Goodland where my aunt (who had gone with us to this event) called her house to see how everything was going. That was how she found out that Cole had died, and she decided she needed to tell me. As she hung up the phone and walked very calmly and slowly over to my dad, they both started to cry. By then, I knew something was up, but wasn't prepared for the news that would change my life forever.



Barnhart

About that time, my food arrived and I was about to start eating when my aunt told me the news I never wanted to hear. She told me, "Jared, the wreck this afternoon was very serious and Shawn Henderson and Cole Barnhart didn't make it. I am sorry."

Normally, I can eat a horse when I am hungry, but this took way my appetite like nothing ever could. My heart just sank, and I felt like throwing up. Then I just started to cry. I haven't ever cried that hard before. Everyone was hugging me and trying to comfort me, but it didn't help.

We decided to go home, so we

Deadline for city crew to pickup

Those St. Francis residents having items they need the city crew to pick up during the spring city-wide clean up need to call the power plant at 785-332-3031 by March 27.

The city crew will pick up just about anything from a refrigerator to a vehicle to small items and yard trash. However, the call to the power plant needs to be made and all items are to be ready for pick up no later than March 31.

Without a call, the crew is not authorized to pick up items, even if they are beside the trash container. Items to be hauled away must be outside the home because the city crew is also not authorized to enter home.

When the fall clean up was held, there were several residents who called after the deadline and they

were told to wait until the spring pick up but these residents will need to call again before this deadline.

Residents are asked to put yard waste in bags, boxes or containers which may be emptied or on ground sheets.

It should be noted that the city is no longer able to pick up chemicals, paint or any petroleum products. Anyone having questions should call the power plant.

"Your cooperation will be sincerely appreciated," said J.R. Landenberger, city supervisor. "Residents are asked to be patient as the cleanup will require several days to complete."

The St. Francis City Council encourages people to take this opportunity to make the city an even more beautiful place to live.

could be together as a family at home. I cried all the way home. When we got home, my sister was sitting there at the table just staring at the other end of the room. We all were in total shock. The only thing we could do was talk about all the things we did together and how much fun he was to be around.

Monday, Nov. 11, 1996: All of us at school were like zombies, just walking around in shock, thinking it would all be over after awhile. Man, I wish that could have been the way it went, but it didn't work that way. We had a counseling session just about the whole day to help us through this. It did help, but nothing will completely heal this wound.

We had just completed our junior high football season, and we had started basketball. We had just played Oberlin and lost. We were all kind of sad, but Cole kept us up and looking forward to our next game. After he was gone, our team focus and unity just fell apart, but we also came closer as a team and a family. We dedicated the rest of the season to him. It was the least we could do to such a great friend. We all wore the number 24 (his basketball number) on wristbands or our shoes.

To pay our respects, we all went to Cole's funeral. School was canceled because of ice and cold weather, but we went despite the conditions. This was the hardest part of the whole ordeal, because we had to walk past his body lying there in the casket so lifeless and stationary. I wanted to grab him and wake him up, but I knew he was gone.

Forever. That word just reaches up and grabs you as if to choke you to death. Forever is a very long time. Not seeing him ever again is what was the most painful part of it. When the service was over, we went to the cemetery to see him for the last time. I didn't want to leave, but I needed to.

Grief. We all have our ways of getting through things like this. I just think of the good things and remember how much he meant to me as a friend. I never realized how important he was to me until he left. I wish he could be with us. We will all miss you!

Cole Barnhart, 13, was killed in a three-vehicle accident involving his two brothers and four other friends. Shawn Henderson, 16, was also killed in that accident. The people in the three cars had been pheasant hunting.



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Calls received after the DEADLINE

will need to wait until next fall.

Your cooperation and patience

will be appreciated.



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WASTE in bags or
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or on ground
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Thank You!