



BUSINESSES AWARDED— Karla Whitmore and Tony Howard received an award from John More.

Two businesses honored for contributions made

Two Cheyenne County businesses were honored Monday in Oberlin by the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. Saintry Super Foods, St. Francis, and Big Ed's Steak House and Lounge, Bird City, were among a number of other businesses in northwest Kansas. Officials from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing recognized the businesses for the contributions they make to the Kansas economy. The regional awards ceremony was held at the Gateway in Oberlin as part of the department's celebration of Kansas Business Appreciation Month. "From the smallest company with just a few employees, to major corporations with thousands of workers, Kansas businesses are the lifeblood of our Kansas communities," said Lt. Governor/Commerce Secretary John More. "We are proud to honor them for the enormous contributions they make to

our economy and our quality of life — they very much deserve it." Six regional ceremonies are being held statewide throughout the month of June. At each ceremony, one company in each of four separate categories (Manufacturing, Distribution, Service and Retail) is selected to win a Regional Achievement Award. Saintry Super Food earned their award in the Retail category and was nominated by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. Established in 1986, Saintry Super Foods is a small-town grocery store with produce, dairy, meat and full-service carry-out service. During the past 10 years, expansions have totaled 4,500 square feet, \$450,000 of capital investment and 10 additional employees. The company supports the local Sports Booster pages in the newspaper, live radio and television broadcasts of football and wrestling and the Cheyenne County Wildlife. Big Ed's Steak House and

Lounge was nominated in the Retail category by the Cheyenne County Development Corporation. Big Ed's is known across the state and region for the best steaks. Established in 1993, expansions have totaled 20,000 square feet, \$400,000 of capital investment which was used to build a car/truck wash and storage units along U.S. 36. Big Ed's employs about twenty five workers. The company supports the local high school fundraisers, yearbook, newspaper ads and after-prom activities. Big Ed's also donates to the local Junior Miss Program and the Kansas High School Rodeo Association. Those attending the ceremony were Tony Howard, owner of Saintry Super Foods; Karla Whitmore who represented Dick Upchurch, owner of Big Eds; Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary; and Susan Hobrock, coordinator for the Cheyenne County Development Corporation.

Service releases final rule for environmental program

United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service has released the final rule for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The 2002 Farm Bill reauthorized and amended the program.

The final rule, published in the Federal Register on May 30, 2003, describes how the program will be implemented. A total of \$15.5 million dollars in Fiscal Year 2003 funds has been made available for Environmental Quality Incentives Program in Kansas.

Sign up for Environmental Quality Incentives Program by July 3

"With the final rule in place, we have now set a date of July 3, as a cutoff date to begin evaluation of applications received by Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas," said Harold L. Klaege, state conservationist. "These applications will be considered for the funding allocation we received for Kansas for Fiscal Year 2003."

"If producers want to apply, they need to get to their Natural Resources Conservation Service field office or local county conservation district soon, so their application is ready to be considered for 2003 funding," said Mr. Klaege.

Kansas identifies four resource concerns to address

"The objective of Environmental Quality Incentives Program is to address natural resource concerns through the application of improved conservation systems" said Mr. Klaege.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program, one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill, is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

In Kansas, Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds will help farmers and ranchers install conservation practices that improve and protect Kansas's four natural resources concerns.

They are: Air Quality addressing odors due to livestock concerns; Grazing Lands Health; Soil

Quality addressing Excessive Wind Erosion; Water Quality addressing Confined Animal Waste; Concentrated, Non-confined Animal Waste; Nutrients, Pesticides, and Sedimentation; and Water Quantity Addressing Ground and Surface Water Conservation.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program addresses drought impacted natural Resource concerns

The Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service will target over \$1 million of 2003 Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds to address heightened natural resource concerns due to extreme drought conditions. This assistance will be offered in 31 western Kansas counties (including Cheyenne) determined to be in moderate to extreme drought by the US Drought Monitor Index.

Ranchers within the drought impacted area will be eligible for an increased cost-share rate to address grazing lands health concerns by implementing conservation systems that include: deferred grazing, planned grazing system, livestock water development, prescribed grazing, use exclusion, and fencing.

Apply at local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office

Office
Agricultural producers interested in participating in Environmental Quality Incentives Program can apply at any time at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office or US Department of Agriculture Service Center.

Natural Resources Conservation Service will evaluate each application and give higher priority to those applications that use cost-effective conservation practices; treat multiple resource concerns; address national, state or local priorities; and provide the most environmental benefits.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program sign-up information is on the Web at <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip> or <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip> or available from the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office.

The final rule and additional information on Environmental Quality Incentives Program and other conservation programs can be viewed at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002/FBRules.html> or <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002/index.html>.

Baseball team loses one and reschedules

By Betty Jean Winston

The rain came down in Goodland during the bottom of the fourth inning of the K-18 baseball game forcing the rescheduling of the second game of the doubleheader. The first game ended with an 8-2 win for Goodland. The contest was played on Wednesday, June 11.

St. Francis scored on two runs batted in during the third inning, one by Andy Waite and the other by Matt Brown. Goodland had opened the scoring in the first inning with two runs, then added an additional two runs in the second and four runs in the fourth for their total of eight.

"We continue to show rapid improvement and look forward to performing the way we can," Coach Justin McAttee said.

Having hits for St. Francis on Tuesday night were Joel McAttee with a single, Mac Frewen, two singles and Adam Peter with one single.

Peter was on the mound for St. Francis.

St. Francis is scheduled to play in St. Francis tonight (Thursday). The opponent will be Quinter and the local K-18 team hopes to avenge the losses they suffered in Quinter earlier in the season.

Occasion

The descendants of William and Elizabeth Walter met for a gathering of the Walter family at Cheyenne Manor. Those attending were families of Tobias and Barbara Walter, William "Bill" and Esther (Walter) Gienger and the family of William "Bill" and Matilda Walter.

Attending from the Tobias and Barbara Walter family was Robert and Alma Walter of St. Francis; and from the Bill and Esther Gienger family were Pete and Wanda Gienger of St. Francis.

Attending from the Bill and Matilda Walter family were Helen Peter of St. Francis; Dayton and Lucille "Walter" Wedel of Aurora and their children Arlyn Wedel of Windsor, Colo., and Claudia Zavodney of Aurora, Colo.; Adelina Walter, widow of Paul Walter and her children, Bill Walter of Eureka, Ill.,

and his children Chris and Craig Walter of St. Louis, Mo., Larry and Sharon (Walter) Blanchard of Salida, Colo., and their oldest daughter Kevin and Lorrie (Blanchard) Tietze and their children Meghan and twins Brian and Kyle of Castle Pines, Colo.; George and Paulette (Walter) Kempton of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and their children Josh and Jenni Ross of Myrtle Beach and Sally Kempton of Atlanta, Ga.; Gary and Janelle Walter and two of their daughters D and Amy Kindade and Regan and Tyler Joe of Festus, Mo., and Lisa Mermis of Lawrence.

Other friends attending were Otto and Eulalia Lillich of Bird City.

Saturday was spent cooking German food unique to their German Heritage.

The day ended with homemade ice cream.

Elevator not eligible for commodity loans

Any grains put into storage in the Carpenter Family Grain Company Inc. will not be eligible for loans during the period this facility is removed from the list of warehouses approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office said.

Removal action was taken by the Farm Service Agency Commodity Office at Kansas City, Mo., because the operator had requested cancellation of the Uniform Grain and Rice storage agreement which controls the storage of Government-owned grains. All records have been cleared and the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement has been terminated.



Danny Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, reported that in last week's article about noxious weeds, the picture was of a musk thistle, not a Canadian thistle and that "Canadian" is incorrect — this thistle should be referred to as "Canada" thistle.



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