

# Talent show enjoyed

Sixteen performers shared their talents with an appreciative audience on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15. The talent show, proceeds of which will support the Rebekah Scholarship Fund, was held at Cheyenne Theater, with Patrick Cress, Noble Grand of Rising Star Rebekah Lodge, St. Francis, at Master of Ceremonies.

Mary Ruth Burkett and Marsha Magley were first on the program, presenting a humorous skit, "Who's On First for the 21st. Century."

"The Infantryman," a reading by Fred Magley, was followed by "Alma Del Core," a vocal, solo by Julie Voeller. Helene Landenberger delivered three pieces of original poetry: "Our Flag, Honor It," "Mills Hills Wedding," and "Tying the Knot."

There were vocal selections by Andrea Blair, "A Moment In Time," Phil Crawford, "Montana Slim" and "The Prodigal Son" and Cara Hunt, "My Song of the Sea."

Marsha Magley shared two original poems: "Not a Work of Art" and "Pardon Me, Miss"; after which Janae Glidewell played the beautiful "And Can It Be" as a piano solo.



**THE MODERNDAY WEDDING was performed by Elma Lee Erickson, left, and Emma May Threlkel at the Rebekah Lodge Talent Show.**

Opening the second set of vocal numbers Althea Lebow sang "Scarlett Ribbons," and "Wher've You Been?" She was followed by Kris Blair singing, "I'll Be," Healthier Ballentine, "My Valentine," Brandi Ballentine, "I Love You So Much" and Tara Ballentine, "Always On My Mind."

Jerry Lohoefer, poet, of Oberlin, recited "Sierra Peaks," "The Devil In The Road," "A Banker's Story," "Bob Sears' Chili Joint," and "The Touch of the Master's Hand."

Emma May Threlkel and Elma

Lee Erickson, of Atwood, brought the afternoon's program to a conclusion with a lighthearted and very comical skit titled, "They Don't Do Weddings Like They Used To."

Throughout the show, the MC inserted funny stories between numbers. Phil Crawford and Mary Ruth Burkett were in charge of the sound system and the playing of accompaniment CDs.

It was an enjoyable 90 minute show. As the audience departed the theater, each face wore a smile.

Marsha C. Magley

## Extension Notes

### Indoor gardeners must strifle wintertime nurturing urges

If houseplants are looking sickly and perhaps shedding leaves, they do NOT need extra fertilizer or water. Winter is when Northern Hemisphere gardeners must be "cruel" to be kind.

"Low light levels are the usual cause for unthrifty plants at this time of year. The light deficit creates stress, which houseplants respond to by slowing down or stopping growth. They also may do some leaf thinning throughout the plant. Your adding more nutrients or moisture to this process could be really harmful," said Ward Upham, Master Gardener program coordinator for Kansas State University Research and Extension.

For best plant health, everything must be in balance with food, water and sunlight, Upham said.

"When low light levels create a plant slowdown, any extra nutrients you provide will just stay in the soil. But, those nutrients can build up and eventually may burn roots. Excess water can drown roots.

"In either case, your plants will look far worse and might even die."

The best thing plant owners can do now, Upham said, is to add supplemental (artificial) lighting or to be patient until spring allows houseplants to recover.

If indoor gardeners haven't already made the seasonal shift, they also should reduce or eliminate fertilizing through winter. They should irrigate only when the top one-half inch of pot soil becomes dry.

They can gradually return to providing "normal" care levels

Tye Faulkender  
Director



when spring brings more light and renewed plant growth indoors and out.

"If a houseplant still looks thin several weeks into spring, you might want to cut it back, too, so it can put out new, thicker growth," the horticulturist said. "Also, knock the plant out of its pot to check whether it's root-bound. If so, move it into a somewhat larger container."

Winter's shorter days aren't the only reason for the season's decrease in light, Upham said. The sun actually is closer to Earth's northern latitudes in winter than in summer. Even so, the quality of light it produces is less useful for plants. The sun's winter orbit is closer to the horizon, and this limits the spectrums of light that get through.

## Legion Auxiliary promotes free Uplink phone cards for veterans

The St. Francis American Legion Auxiliary is promoting a free Operation Uplink phone card.

More than 2 million American veterans — individuals on active military duty and hospitalized veterans — face the day-to-day hardship of being away from loved one. Whether stationed overseas or confined to a VA hospital, these brave individuals often can't afford a phone call home — especially in times of deployment, crisis or emergency.

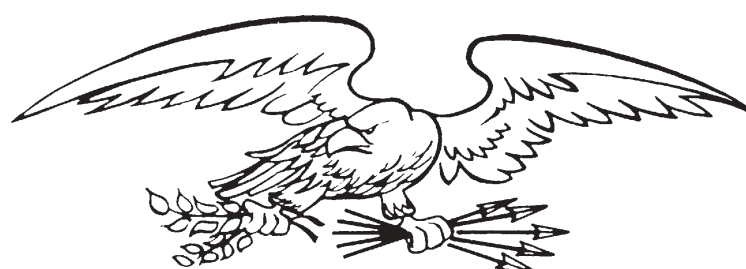
Operation Uplink is a unique program launched to help ease that loneliness. Operation Uplink uses contributions from supporters to purchase phone time and put it in the hands of those who need it the most, when they need it

most. Just name some are the troops defending freedom around the world, bedridden veterans in hospitals, young GIs away from home for the first time and servicemen and women leaving at a moment's notice.

"It may seem simple but even a few minutes of conversation can be a tremendous morale boost," said Connie Miller, Auxiliary

president. Operation Uplink is the only national program that provides free phone cards to active-duty troops and hospitalized veterans.

For more information or sponsor someone you know, pick up a form from Ms. Miller at the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis. They will then be sent a free Operation Uplink phone card.



## Play to be presented at Colby

So Long, Dolly! Move over, Mame! Make way for the biggest of Broadway's "big ladies." "The Unsinkable Molly Brown." The Titanic may have sunk, but Molly Brown survived. This spirited tale of a legendary, real-life American original follows the exploits of Molly Brown, whose feisty determination to rise above her impoverished beginnings leads her from the backwoods of Hannibal, Mo., to the palaces of Europe. Along the

way, she marries a lucky prospector, enters the highest echelons of Monte Carlo society, survives the sinking of the Titanic and, most importantly, earns the approval she so desperately seeks of those "Beautiful People of Denver."

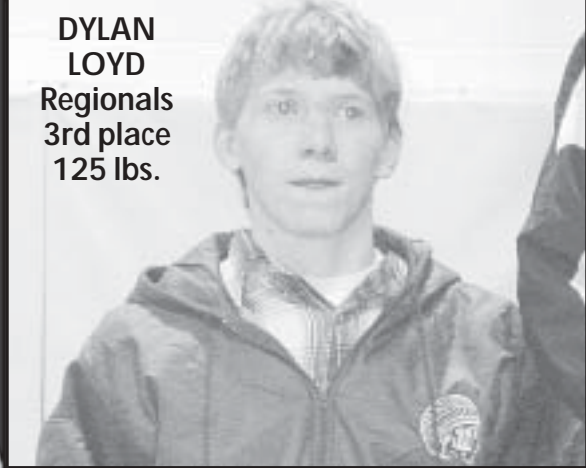
With songs such as "I Ain't Down Yet," "Belly Up To The Bart, Boys," "Colorado, My Home," and "I'll Never Say No," Windwood Productions present this funny, light, uplifting and uniquely American musical.

The Western Plains Arts Association will present this production at the Colby High School auditorium on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. Admission by Western Plains Arts Association passes or at the door.

This program is presented in part by the Kansas Touring Program of the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

# Good Luck Indians at State Wrestling

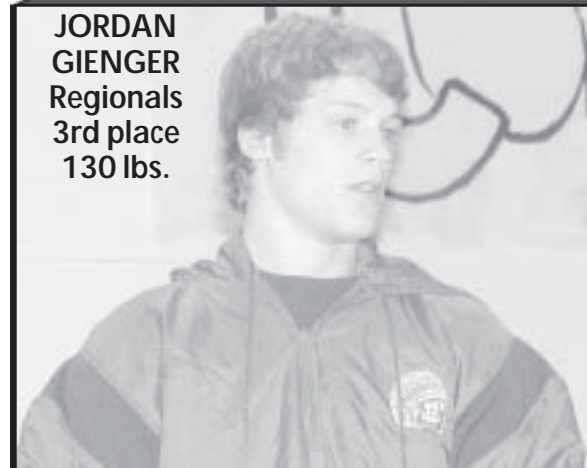
**DYLAN LOYD**  
Regionals  
3rd place  
125 lbs.



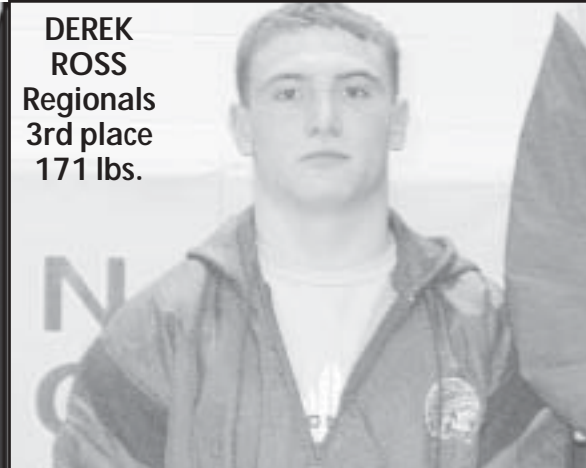
**TREVOR RICHARD**  
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1st place  
103 lbs.



**JORDAN GIENGER**  
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130 lbs.



**DEREK ROSS**  
Regionals  
3rd place  
171 lbs.



**SETH SWIHART**  
Regionals  
3rd place  
275 lbs.



**Congratulations Indian Wrestlers on finishing 3rd place at the Norton 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament!**

**Don't miss State Wrestling Starting at 10 a.m. this Friday & Saturday in Hays**

**The SFCHS Vocal Quartet will perform at the Friday Night Session.**

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