

# Loans available for farm stored crops

Bill Fuller, state executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency announced recently that producers who still have beneficial interest in their 2003-crop wheat, oats, barley and honey can still obtain a commodity loan until March 31.

"Nine-month loans are available for farm-stored or warehouse stored 2003 commodities," said Director Fuller. "Loans obtained in March will be at the 2.25 percent interest rate. Farm-stored commodities must be in approved structures that meet the Kansas Farm-Stored Loan Policies. A copy of these policies can be obtained at your local Farm Service Agency office."

Non-recourse commodity loans can be repaid anytime during the 9-month loan period at principal plus interest or at the Farm Service Agency Posted County Price, or the loan collateral can be forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation for settlement of the loan amount. Recourse loans must be repaid at principal plus interest and cannot be

forfeited.

March 31 is also the final date to request a Loan Deficiency Payment on 2003-crop wheat, oats, barley and honey. However, the market price of these commodities has been higher than the Farm Service Agency Posted County Price, and therefore a Loan Deficiency Payment rate has not been applicable. Producers must still have beneficial interest in the commodity to obtain a loan or Loan Deficiency Payment.

To date, Kansas Farm Service Agency offices have issued 3,411 commodity loans for \$116,662,777 and 63,365 Loan Deficiency Payments for \$52,911,130 to producers of 2003 commodities.

The final date to request a commodity loan or Loan Deficiency Payment for 2003-crop feed grains, oilseeds and cotton is June 1, 2004.

Contact the Farm Service Agency office at your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center to obtain more information.

# Student attends Summit

Ailysa Carpenter, a junior at Cheylin High School, will travel to Washington, D.C., to attend the Presidential Classroom Future World Leaders Summit during March 20-27.

Presidential Classroom, the leader in civic education, provides the best and brightest high school juniors and seniors unprecedented access to the leaders who shape America's public policy. Participants representing more than 30 countries will explore international relations, diplomacy and the changing world economy.

During the week-long program, Presidential Classroom scholars interact with Washington insiders, including Members of Congress, presidential appointees, senior military officials, top business leaders and journalists.

Students will conduct a summit meeting to debate international issues with peers from around the world and play the World Trade Game. They also visit the renowned sites of our nation's capital such as the White House (by special invita-

tion), the United States Capitol, The United States Department of State and Arlington National Cemetery.

Presidential Classroom is a non-profit, nonpartisan education organization which was established in 1968. Former Congressman Jack Buechner is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Presidential Classroom.

"Our students meet and question the people who make and shape our nation's policies," said Mr. Buechner, "...Our students return home with a new perspective on American politics and the world."

For more information on Presidential Classroom visit the Website: [www.presidentialclassroom.org](http://www.presidentialclassroom.org).



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MAYOR SCHULTZ signs the Proclamation declaring March 7 through the 13 Girl Scout Week.

Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart

# Girl Scout to celebrate March 7-13

St. Francis Girl Scouts will join Scouts across the nation to celebrate the history of Girl Scouting on March 7 through 13. The St. Francis Scouts attended the March 2 city council meeting where they had mayor Scott Schultz sign a proclamation designating the special week of Scouting.

Girl Scouts, ages five through 17, enjoy many exciting, skill-building activities designed to enhance their self-esteem. Recently, Girl Scouts implemented a national math, science and technology initiative to

nurture girls' early interest and ability in these areas. It is one part of an ongoing effort to prepare today's girls to take on the technological opportunities and challenges of the 21st century.

"During Girl Scout Week, we renew our commitment to making sure every girl in northwest Kansas has the opportunity to grow strong and realize their own potential. But we need your help," said Linda Mills, chief executive officer, Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council.

"We invite everyone over 18 in the Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council jurisdiction to volunteer with a local Girl Scout troop or council program. You don't have to be a troop leader—even if you can only donate one hour of your time once a year, you'll be making a great difference in the lives of northwest Kansas Girls."

The annual Girl Scout Week commemorates the 1912 founding of Girl Scouting in the United States by Juliette Gordon Low. In the 91 years since, the organization has

helped shape the lives of more than 50 million women.

Girl Scouting cultivates values, social conscience and self-esteem in your girls, while teaching them critical life skills to later succeed as adults.

Membership is growing as more and more girls take advantage of the special all-girl environment. Today, Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council is proud to serve more than 900 girls and 400 adults in 16 counties. The Council is a United Way Agency.

# Irish music group to perform in Quinter

On Sunday, March 14, the Western Plains Arts Association will present the Irish traditional music group, Glen Road. The group will appear at 3 p.m. at Quinter High School auditorium. Admission is at the door or by Western Plains season passes.

Greg Brown, a native of Newfoundland, Turlach Boylan, who is from Ireland and Mike Dugger will perform and talk about their personal experiences with Irish traditional music. There will be jigs or reels played on fiddle,

flute with accompaniment on guitar. There will be a focus on the history of the instruments and the connections between Irish and American Music.

On Monday, the group will present a school performance at 9 a.m. at Grainfield with an afternoon school performance following at Grinnell at 1:30 p.m.

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.

# Bowling News

## Ladies Nite Out 3/4

Team standing: Stockman's Strikers 26-10, Jersey Maids 21-15, Mel's Gals 21-15, Great Plains Coop 18-18, Wright Carpet 17-19, Cheyenne Bowl 16-20, Alley Cats 15-21, Dundy Ag Service 10-26

High game (scratch): Tammy Drommond 215, Jenny Wright 184, Boots Peterson 174

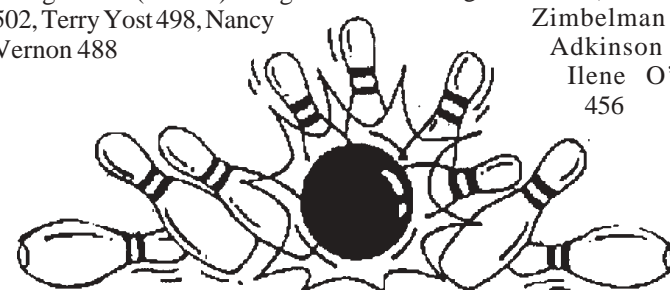
High series (scratch): Wright 502, Terry Yost 498, Nancy Vernon 488

## Wednesday Coffee 2/25

Team standing: Snyder's Hay Gals 22-10, Flower Magic 21-11, Haigler Babes 18-14, Cheyenne Bowl 17-15, Dairy King 14-18, Windmill Restaurant 13-19, Krien's Steel Buildings 12-20, Sam's Electric 11-21

High game (scratch): Tammy Zimbelman 197, Shirley Adkinson 189, T. Zimbelman 187

High series (scratch): T. Zimbelman 522, Adkinson 479, Ilene O'Leary 456



# Book Review

## Love

By Toni Morrison

May, Christine, Heed, Junior, Vida - even L: all women obsessed with Bill Cooney. The wealthy owner of the famous Cooney's Hotel and Resort, he shapes their yearnings for father, husband, lover, guardian, and friend, yearnings that dominate the lives of these women long after his death. Yet while he is either the void in, or the center of, their stories, he himself is driven by secret forces - a troubled past and a spellbinding

woman named Celestial.

This audacious exploration into the nature of love - its appetite, its sublime possession, its dread - is rich in characters, striking scenes, and a profound understanding of how alive the past can be.

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