



WINDING THE FILM FROM THE PLATTER — Bob Bixler, member of the Theater Committee, starts the film threading process. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

More improvements made at Cheyenne Theater

By Karen Krien

Those who have recently attended movies at the Cheyenne Theater may have been there when the film snapped and there was a 15 to 20 minute wait while the film was re-threaded.

Robert Grace, one of the members of the Cheyenne Theater Committee, reported that the film breakage was happening more and more.

"It had become a reliability issue," he said.

Now all of that has changed!

Five members of the Theater Committee, Brent Rueb, Tim Burr, Deb Harper, Kelly Frewen and Bob Bixler, recently traveled to Tankersley Enterprises, Denver, to possibly take delivery of new "used" seats for the theater. The theater previously made a \$3,000 deposit to Bob Tankersley on these seats.

However, when the committee decided that it was more important to have a reliable movie experience than newer used seats, and instead purchased a Christie Model 3 platter, a large piece of equipment which moves the film to and from the projector. Phone consultations with trusted technicians confirmed that

Afternoon matinee scheduled Sunday

The Cheyenne Theater is located on Main Street, St. Francis. *The Passion of the Christ* is scheduled for two weekends, April 2 through 4 and April 9 through 11.

A matinee will be held on Sunday starting at 2 p.m. Ticket sales will begin at 1:15. There will be no matinee on the second weekend.

the Christie Model 3 was a reliable platter and that the committee was getting a good buy.

The next week, Mr. Tankersley's venerable installation technician, Jimmy Seay, came to St. Francis and installed the new platter. Bob Bixler, the Theater Committee president, went to work and quickly found a buyer for the old platter.

"We are looking forward to watching the entire movie without an interruption," Mr. Grace said.

In the meantime, the committee will continue to look for seats for the theater. The theater was opened in 1950 and the seats are still the origi-

nals. The committee will first decide whether good quality used seats will be installed or if new seats are the best option. The problem with new seats is that there is not enough money in the theater account to purchase them, so community donations would be necessary.

There have been several other improvements made at the theater including new floors in the bathroom. The committee has also contracted for new foyer carpet and they hope that it will be installed before the showing of *The Passion of the Christ*.

Meth lab is busted

On Friday, Kansas Bureau of Investigation officers and the Cheyenne County Sheriff officers located a meth lab 2 miles south of the Nebraska State Line and 2.5 miles west of K-161. They were assisted by the St. Francis Police Department and the Dundy County Sheriff's Department.

Arrested were Chris Reichart and Jared Wiese, both of Benkelman. They were charged with possession of methamphetamine; possession of drug manufacturing paraphernalia; possession of methamphetamine with the intent to sell, deliver or distribute; and manufacture of methamphetamine.

A third suspect is being investigated.

Time changes; set clocks ahead

Spring is here and on Sunday, people should plan to set their clocks ahead Saturday night or going to bed Saturday night or you might be late to church Sunday morning.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday. The actual time change is 2 a.m. on Sunday but most people will not be up at that hour and should just take care of the clock changes a little earlier. So, if you go to bed at 11 p.m., reset the clock for midnight.

While it will stay

light longer in the evening, it will still be dark when many people, especially school kids, get ready for the day. Be careful on the way to work.

It would also be a good idea to get to bed an hour earlier than usual or you'll end up losing an hour of sack time and it could take the whole week to catch up.

Everyone is also urged to change the batteries in their smoke alarms rather than to wait until there is strange sound like a bird chirping or there is an emergency and the alarm doesn't go off. Firemen suggest that by changing the batteries, it could save a life.

Commissioners struggle with liquor request

By Karen Krien

The fair board president was at the Monday morning Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting to tell about the proposal to remodel one of the buildings at the fairgrounds. The stipulations for the remodeling were that alcoholic beverages be allowed to be served/sold in the building and the assurance that the building would still be there and available in 15 to 20 years.

Dick Bursch, fair board president, said the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization had proposed to purchase all of the materials and Brent Rueb at Tri-State Lumber would sell the materials at a reduced price but they also wanted to be able to provide alcohol at their annual banquet.

Mr. Bursch had contacted Allen Honeyman at the Alcohol Beverage Control department. Mr. Honeyman informed him that it is legal to have 3.2 beer on the property unless the commissioners have made a resolu-

tion forbidding it. However, any hard liquor (above the 3.2 level) was not legal. He said there were several counties where the commissioners had drawn up a resolution which did allow the serving/sale of hard liquor on county land.

Mr. Bursch had contacted six of the fair board members and, while they did not feel right about taking a stand on the alcohol issue, asked that the commissioners, if they did make a resolution to allow the hard liquor, please stipulate that hard liquor could not be served or sold during the fair.

Ron Krien, commissioner, thought that the commissioners had already agreed that no liquor would be allowed at the fair grounds, however, he was not positive.

However, the commissioners agreed that there are times when there are weddings where they knew champagne and beer were served.

The Wildlife members are pro-

posing to put up studs, insulation and sheet rock on the walls. The room along with the kitchen and restrooms would be painted and possibly some more studs, insulation and sheet rock put up in those rooms. A good refrigerator and more electrical outlets were also mentioned. Right now, the ceiling is OK but in the future, there might be a need to lower it and make the building more energy efficient.

If the commissioners refuse to allow alcohol to be served, the Wildlife organization will probably not go ahead with the remodeling.

Commissioner Jane Brubaker expressed concern about alcohol being served but really didn't think the county should have a fancy building in St. Francis to be used one week of the year for the fair.

Commissioner Tim Raile said that, he, too, was concerned about the alcohol but also knew that im-

See REQUEST on Page 7

St. Francis woman celebrates 100th birthday

By Margaret Bucholtz

Mildred Rogers is celebrating her 100th birthday on April 7.

When asked what she thought was the biggest changes in the last 100 years her answer was "I wouldn't even know where to begin. There have been so many."

Mildred Hatten was born around Tyler, Iowa, in 1904. She moved to Lincoln, Neb., where she met and married Aaron Angel on March 19, 1923. While in Lincoln she was a hair dresser and Mr. Angel ran a barbershop.

In 1926, Mr. Angel decided to move back to St. Francis and help his brother and father on their farm in his spare time. He opened a barber shop and Mrs. Angel continued to fix hair. There were no beauty shops in most towns in the area so Mr. Angel would drive her to other towns including Bird City and Benkelman where appointments would be set up and she generally gave permanents. She was a hairdresser for about five years and then decided to open a restaurant.

She brought a restaurant business from Ma Quigley in downtown St. Francis. The building



Mildred Rogers today



Mildred Rogers at 16

has since been torn down and the John Kite Law Office now sits in its place.

"A cup of coffee was a nickel and a hamburger was 10 cents. I doubt that you could find that price now," she said.

Mrs. Angel loved the restaurant business and especially enjoyed working with her waitresses. Most of the waitresses were girls who lived in the country and were boarding in town while they went to high school.

"The girls and I had fun working together," she said.

In fact, Mrs. Rogers said if she could get around better she would still be working in a restaurant. The Angels ran the cafe for about 35 years.

Mrs. Rogers said she remembered how it was in the Dust Bowl days.

"We would have to wipe the counters off again and again. Then before you could get the

See 100th on Page 7



Crabtree



Dowgwill



Glidewell



Jones



Keller



Rice

Eleven I ratings earned

The St. Francis Community High School Music Department partici-

Earning I ratings for vocal solos were Hailey Crabtree, Ashley Dowgwill, Janae Glidewell, Amanda Jones, Rachael Keller, Megan Rice, Kali Rueb and Chelsey Weeden. Others winning I ratings were: Sayuri Ito, flute solo; Mac Frewen, saxophone solo; and the Advanced Music Vocal Ensemble (Hailey Crabtree, Kelsey Dunn, Megan Ford, Amanda Jones, Rachael



Rueb



Weeden



Ito



Frewen

Keller, Kali Rueb, Ale' Tygart, Angela Van Allen, Julie Voeller, Emily Walz and Chelsey Weeden).

Also presenting vocal solos at the festival were Andrea Blair, Kelsey Dunn, Mac Frewen, Shaina Gohl, Sheryl Miller, Miranda Teeters, Ale' Tygart, Julie Voeller and Sawyer White. Other solos were: Jade DeGood, Shaina Gohl, Danie McFarland and Julie Voeller, clarinet solos; Sheryl Miller, saxophone solo; Andrea Blair, Zach Mills and Josh Walters, trumpet solos; and

Trevor Henderson, baritone solo.

Other students participating in vocal ensembles on Saturday were Andrea Blair, Mindy Cooper, Jade DeGood, Ashley Dowgwill, Angelina Garcia, Janae Glidewell, Shaina Gohl, Sayuri Ito, Maddie Knodel, Samantha Marin, Sheryl Miller, Christi Milne, Megan Rice, Miranda Teeters, Sawyer White and Janelle Zwegardt.



Landowners should apply

"Landowners interested in restoring and protecting essential plant and animal habitat for the lesser or greater prairie chicken should act now and apply for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) - Essential Habitat Areas (EHA)," said Troy Munsch, soil conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Salina.

"Applications for Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program - Essential Habitat Areas, are accepted on a continuous basis. However, the ranking cutoff date for applying is April 9. The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program; Essential Habitat Areas, applications submitted will be evaluated for Fiscal Year 2004 funding," explained Conservationist Munsch.

Brush management will be the only cost-shared conservation practice available through the Wildlife

Habitat Incentives Program - Essential Habitat Areas (EHA), and will be cost-shared at 100 percent. Contracts will have a duration of 15 years.

The Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service, with advice from the Kansas Technical Committee, decided to use 15 percent of the state's annual Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program funding allocation to increase the cost-share assistance in the Essential Habitat Areas for the lesser and greater prairie chicken habitat.

Cheyenne County is among the counties that have land that qualifies for Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program - Essential Habitat Areas.

Offers of land within the Essential Habitat Areas or contiguous to land within the areas will be considered eligible applications.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program is a voluntary program for

Court case dollars could be a lot less

The Federal District court judge that presided over the first ever broad-based fed cattle price fixing trial earlier this year announced last week he was not approving the jury's suggested monetary judgment against the packer in question. In addition, the plaintiffs in the case have until the end of the month to file a reply to the packer's motion to have the judge overturn the entire jury verdict.

According to the Western Livestock Journal on March 29, Steven D. Vetter, editor, said Judge Lyne Strom announced he was not formally entering the jury's verdict in *Pickett et al v. Tyson Fresh Meats*, citing the suggested financial penalty of \$1.28 billion as being unjust.

"The figure of \$1.281.690,000 clearly overstates the defendant's liability in this case Judge Strom said.

In addition, the judge denied a plaintiffs' motion that would have allowed those covered in the class-action suit to collect interest on their losses. He said awarding damage based on total cash market sales would be inappropriate when "there are persons who sold on the cash market who are not members of the class."

Judge Strom's ruling does not change the jury's finding that Tyson violated the Packers and Stockyards Act. Tyson's counsel, however, asked the judge to overturn the jury's finding that it violated the law. The judge has yet to rule on that request and is awaiting a response from the plaintiffs concerning that motion by March 31. Tyson then has two weeks to file its own rebuttal to the plaintiffs' response.

While last week's developments did not change the overall verdict in the case, Tyson's lead counsel Tom Green said the facts of the case are clearly being reevaluated by Judge Strom. He added that Judge Strom's ruling also put an end to any misrep-

resentation of the jury's judgment via mainstream media sources.

"A number of media outlets reported Tyson Foods was hit with a \$1.28 billion verdict in this case," Mr. Green said. "Based on the judge's ruling during the trial we knew this was not true, but it has been difficult to correct that initial misconception. We believe this recent ruling will help clarify the record."

Even if Judge Strom upholds the jury's original guilty finding against Tyson, the monetary penalty against the country's largest beef processor is likely to be below \$1 billion.

"We have to wait for our motion to overturn the jury's decision to be ruled on (by Judge Strom) before we can go any further," said one Tyson spokesman. "We are confident the facts will be looked at more closely by the judge, and we will be exonerated of any wrongdoing."

Efforts to contact counsel for the plaintiffs were unsuccessful last week.

Pickett v. IBP, now known as Pickett, et al. v. Tyson Fresh Meat, was originally filed in July 1996, after St. Francis cattle producer Mike Callicrate formed the Cattlemen's Legal Fund to develop and finance a lawsuit against packers involved in perceived anti-trust activities. IBP Inc. was bought by Tyson Foods Inc., in 2001.

Mr. Callicrate and nine other producers received enough backing to file the complaint.

If the jury finds in favor of the plaintiffs', as much as \$2 billion in damages could be allocated — the figure formally asked for by the plaintiffs' lead attorney David Domina, Omaha.

In addition to hearing the Tyson case, two similar cases have been filed in front of Strom, naming Excel

— This Place is the Place —

By Carol Redding
Development Corporation
Board Member

Residents of Cheyenne County have always been inventive folks.

Have you watched a farmer try to get the gizmo and the do-hickey to work together better? That piece of equipment usually works just fine when all the tinkering is done; the original design was probably improved.

Did you know that in 1905, a person in Bird City invented and patented the field tile design and system to drain fields in wet climates? No doubt there were other good inventions that were never even patented, too.

Cheyenne County currently has several other companies manufacturing useful products. Your idea could be the next successful business venture in the county. You also have the opportunity to make history with your ideas and products.

Cheyenne County has so much to offer. Think about what could be done to bring jobs and families to our area. The Cheyenne County Development Corporation is always eager to hear your ideas, and will help wherever it can. Contact the coordinator, Susan Hobrock, at the office in the lower level of the courthouse, or call her at (785) 332-3508, or (888) 735-2444.

100th

Continued from Page 1A

food out to the customer the dust would have sifted in and you would have to wipe the counter off before you set the plate down," she said.

"Then the flood came and what a horrible site that was to see everything from buildings to horses and cattle rushing down the river."

After Mr. Angel died, Mildred married Glen Rogers in 1973.

"I have had a good, normal life and I am so glad to have lived this long," Mrs. Angel said.

She is looking forward to her 100th birthday party and being with her son Del and family including four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren as all of them plan to be in St. Francis to help her celebrate the century mark.



Mildred Rogers - 3 months

Kansas WHIP Essential Habitat Areas



Source: Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.
Date: 11/3/2003

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

landowners who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land.

For more information about the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Pro-

gram - Essential Habitat Areas, visit your local Natural Resource Conservation Service or local county conservation district office. More information is available about Wild-

life habitat Incentives Program or other Natural Resource Conservation Service programs at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov

REQUEST

Continued from Page 1A

improvements (he did not consider sheet rock "fancy") needed to be made to the building and the Wildlife organization was willing to do it without taxpayer dollars. If the improvements were not made now, they would eventually need to be made later and this time, it would probably be with taxpayer dollars.

Commissioner Krien said there were several people who had already volunteered to help with cleanup and remodeling.

Without the county attorney being there and the fact that the commissioners needed more time to consider the proposal and get input from residents, the matter was tabled until the Wildlife members meet with the commissioners. However, it was noted that no one could guarantee that the building would be there in 15 years.

More on the commissioners' meeting will be printed in the next week's issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

Join Margaret for the

BACK to BASICS presented by Taste of Home COOKING SCHOOL



Margaret McCutcheon

Tuesday, April 13

Max Jones Fieldhouse
Goodland, Kan.

Booths and Doors open at
4 p.m. Mountain Time
Cooking Show at 6 p.m.

Mountain Time
\$7 in advance

\$8 at the door

Hurry tickets are first come, first served.

Get yours now at:

The Goodland Star-News

1205 Main,
Goodland, Kan. 67735
785-899-2338

The Western Times

126 Main St.
Sharon Springs, Kan. 67758
785-852-4900

THE NORTON
TELEGRAM

215 S. Kansas, Norton, Kan. 67654
785-877-3361

Join your friends for an evening of recipe preparation by Margaret McCutcheon. FREE giveaways and prizes awarded. Everyone attending receives a free goodie bag and a cookbook!

Sponsors Include:

Home & Garden Party
A Truly Unique Opportunity is Knocking at Your Door

Independent Diamond Designer

Amy Carmen
866-686-4264

Tupperware®

Marilyn Criger
308-276-2635

Nancy Dietz Interiors

in Kirk

1-970-362-4393

www.homeinteriors.com/nancydietz

COLBY
FREE PRESS
155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan. 67701
785-462-3963

The Saint Francis Herald
310 W. Washington, St. Francis, Kan. 67756
785-332-3162

Kansas
State
Fair

Tri-State
Exterminating Co.

Goodland, Kan.
800-690-3849
785-899-3849

The Craft Peddler

311 Kansas, Brewster, Kan.
785-694-2817