

Fourteen girls vie for 2005 title

Junior Miss ladies introduced on Page 6A

By Karen Krien

Fourteen young ladies will be performing at the Cheyenne County Junior Miss program at 7 p.m. on Saturday in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.

Those participating in the program are: Megan Ford, Emily Walz, Kali Rueb, Tiffany Miller, Amber Havel, Chelsey

Weeden, Jennifer Austin, Amanda Jones, Brandi Barnhart, Danielle McFarland, Amy Nicklos, Kelsey Dunn, Julie Voeller and Alexandria Tygart.

"Cheyenne County has 14 vibrant, energetic and talented young ladies participating in the Junior Miss program," said Vicki Cress, coordinator for the program.

Throughout the week, the girls have been

practicing their talent and physical fitness numbers. The interviews with the judges will be held on Saturday morning, followed by luncheon with the judges and the parade and autograph session at 2 p.m. on Main Street.

Each evening the girls are treated to supper then come back for some relaxation time with the 2004 Junior Miss, Hayley Young

before practicing routines.

This year's theme is Goin' Country.' After the opening number and parade of contestants, Miss Young will be introduced and will present a special number. The "Self Expression" presentation finds contestants at their best as they answer the "question." The talent numbers follow and finally, the See TITLE on Page 11A

Damp weather slows down wheat harvest

By Karen Krien

Wheat harvest was expected to be in progress and possibly nearing the end by Thursday but cool, damp weather has actually put a stop to any cutting in Cheyenne County.

Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported 1.22 inch of rain since Monday, June 14. The weather has been extremely cool for the last of spring and first days of summer with the high being 78 degrees and the low 44 degrees. However, before the cool weather set in, the high on June 15 was 93 degrees.

Without any or at least very little wheat being cut in the county, Tye Faulkender, county Extension director, said there was no way of predicting the quality and yields of the crop. However, he noted that the rain is going to be great for fall crops and pastures.

In the month of June, the weather observer has reported 1.74 inches of rain.

Harvest Countdown Contest Until the first load of wheat is brought into one of the elevators lo-

cated in St. Francis and Wheeler, the Harvest Countdown Contest is also on hold. The last day of the contest has come and gone, boxes are gathered up and the lucky guesses waiting for that first load.

"We have nine businesses sponsoring the Harvest Countdown Contest — they are featured on Page 7A of this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*," said Casey McCormick, advertising salesman.

As soon as the winners are known, they will be contacted and featured in a future issue of *The Herald*. A total of \$100 in scrip will be given away: \$50 for the closest guess; \$35 for second and \$15 for the third closest guess.

"Elevator operators are ready for the first load of wheat which will undoubtedly come as soon as the wheat is dry enough to cut," Mr. McCormick said.

To be a winner of the contest, besides the closest guess to the first load of wheat to come into a St. Francis/Wheeler elevator, the wheat must have 13 percent or less moisture.

County businesses recognized in Hays

Several businesses in Northwest Kansas were recognized for the contributions they make to their local communities and to the state economy, when officials from the Kansas Department of Commerce held a regional awards ceremony June 18 at Fort Hays State University in Hays as part of Kansas Business Appreciation Month. Among those businesses were Bird City Bird Seed and Yost Farm Supply and Yost Ford-Mercury, St. Francis.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce had nominated Yost Farm Supply/Ford and Mercury and the Cheyenne County Development Corporation nominated Bird City Bird Seed.

"It is a pleasure to recognize these outstanding Kansas companies, which have all been nominated by people and organizations in their communities," said Lt. Governor/Commerce Secretary John Moore. "Not only do these businesses provide jobs and economic opportunity for citizens, they also contribute to the quality of life through their support of community activities."

Each year, the Kansas Depart-

ment of Commerce sponsors Business Appreciation Month activities to recognize businesses of all sizes for their contributions to their communities and the state of Kansas.

In addition to creating numerous employment opportunities and offering superior products and services, Kansas businesses help give communities life. By funding local charities and events, volunteering with area organizations and supporting the local schools, Kansas businesses go the distance to make communities strong.

Bird City Bird Seed, Bird City, received the Merit Award in the manufacturing category. The Bird Seed production was established in 2001. It started from the Ketzner home but soon outgrew the area and it was moved to a building on Bird Avenue.

Tabatha and Noel recently signed a large customer from Canada and are currently shipping products internationally.

Mrs. Ketzner said the company sponsors local after-prom events, 4-H and Bird City Community Club See HAYS on Page 11A



ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI had over 300 people attending and the 2005 Alumni will be held on June 18. Top (l to r) Jay Jackson, Eddy Schultz, Coleen Applegate and Sherry Schultz visit before the pictures were taken; left, the Highway 385 band entertained during the banquet; above, Shirley Zwegardt, middle right, and Christie Holzwarth sell tickets to Richard Cram and J. Edith (Hill) Spadi.

Herald staff photos by Sandy Barnhart and Karen Krien

Firework discharge, sales for only 8 days

The city of St. Francis reported that there is a limit of days which fireworks can be sold and set off within the city limits.

People can only set off fireworks between 8 a.m. and midnight June 27 through July 5. Parents need to inform their children of the times for lighting their fireworks.

Most people, organizations and businesses selling fireworks have already purchased their supplies. However, before selling them, permits must be filled out before Friday. The permit forms can be obtained at the city office at 209 E. Washington, St. Francis.

Fireworks may be purchased from the Fireworks Bus, 1 mile north of Sainty Super Foods; Job's Daughters, 117 N. Quincy; Brunk Brats at Poling Chiropractic lot, U.S. 36; Stevens' Kansas Territorial, Main Street; and the Junior Class at Tri-State Lumber showroom, Main Street.

There will be no firework display held this year.



Road crossing fee discussed; tabled

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Commissioners discussed the matter of charging a fee when the county roads are crossed with electrical and/or gas lines. They decided to table the matter.

At the May 31 commissioners' meeting, Commissioner Tim Raile reported that, in Colorado, a fee was charged when electrical, oil and gas lines were put across county roads. They had asked the road and bridge supervisor to look into what Colorado fees were and how fees were determined.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, had brought back a permit from Yuma County, Colo., and the board looked it over. Yuma County charges \$50 for boring under a dirt or gravel road. The charge is \$1,000 to trench across a dirt or

gravel road with \$500 being refunded if no additional repairs are needed on the road.

The commissioners then discussed the matter of just charging gas and oil companies or would they need to charge landowners who wanted to cross county roads with pipelines?

No decision could be made so the matter of fees was tabled.

The commissioners did sign two highway permits to allow electrical and gas lines to cross county roads. They also discussed an irrigation pipe which was to cross the road at the Wiley Bridge project under construction southwest of St. Francis. The superintendent said that originally, the pipe was to cross under the road through a culvert but he thought it would be better to bury the pipe under the road. The supervisor

was asked to get information on the cost between burying it and putting through a culvert.

Cleaning up

Carried over from the last meeting was the discussion of a St. Francis business located outside the city limits which the commissioners felt needed cleaning up and had recently had a trailer blocking a stop sign. Commissioner Raile said he had talked to the business owner and he was interested in cleaning up his area.

Commissioner Raile asked about ways problems such as these could be solved. He had been to a meeting where a "buffer zone" was discussed. This zone involved the city extending ordinances to outside the city limits. It was good to have the city involved as they already have the necessary ordinances in place.

The county attorney will talk to the city council about possible solutions.

County attorney Kevin Berens pointed out that if there were 10 or more vehicles on the business property, it would be considered a junkyard and a privacy fence would need to be erected.

A complaint of blowing trash had been brought to a commissioner. Attorney Berens asked if the landowner had been contacted and told his trash was blowing onto the neighboring land? The commissioners did not know if the landowner had been contacted.

Commissioner Ron Krien said he had informed the person voicing the complaint that he should contact the landowner. Attorney Berens said that landowners are allowed to

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 dump trash on their land but if the trash is blowing and creating a problem, it is considered a "public nuisance" and this can be corrected.

Attorney Berens recommended a face-to-face meeting between the parties.

Special funds request

Commissioner Jane Brubaker presented a request from the Cheylin Recreation Commission wanting funding from the Special Parks and Recreation Fund. The money will be used to pay for a tennis net, basketball nets and painting the basketball goals. The commission also wanted baseball and baseball uniforms purchased with the funding.

The commissioners felt they would hold off on a decision until they could gather more information regarding the Special Parks and Recreation Fund. Terry Miller, clerk, was asked to find if the fund could be used for fixing up at the fairgrounds and if there was a resolution passed governing how much of the Special Fund could be spent by each city within the county.

Conservation District budget

Jeanne Dunn, Spencer Schlepp and Roger Orth presented the Cheyenne County Conservation District office's budget for 2005. They were requesting an increase of \$941 over last year, making the total budget re-

quest for the Conservation District \$12,000. The representatives pointed out that there had not been an increase for five years and that, for every dollar the county gives the Conservation District, the state gives back \$3.82.

Commissioner Raile asked about the \$35,000 in reserves, noting that he feels that reserves should be kept to a minimum. Mrs. Dunn said that the state of Kansas closely monitors reserve fund so are used only as needed.

In other business

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- The clerk of the district court had sent a letter telling the commissioners that the state's mileage reimbursement rate will be 37 cents per mile. The board said they will continue to pay the county employees 33 cents per mile.

- Employee wage agreements were signed for Dan Harris and Martin Fiedler, newly hired part-time employees in the road and bridge department.

- Abatements for Peoples Natural Gas were ordered by the state board of tax appeals and were signed.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30, in the commissioners' room at the courthouse. There is also a budget meeting planned for that meeting unless harvest is in progress.



CLOUDS AND RAINY WEATHER were found most of the week in northwest Kansas. The rain was needed, however, in St. Francis, less than 2 inches was recorded.

Photo courtesy of Chase Barnhart

Extension Notes

By Tye Faulkender
 Extension Director



Be aware of mold growth in the home

I have had a couple of questions regarding mold growth in the house over the last two weeks. This is something we don't think about very often especially in the dry conditions that we have been experiencing the last few years. However, even with the dry conditions, we constantly need to monitor for mold growing in our houses.

Molds are a fungi that are usually

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 events.

Yost Farm Supply and Yost Ford-Mercury, St. Francis, earned recognition in the Retail category. The businesses, both located on U.S. 36, sell and service farm equipment as well as new and used vehicles.

The business supports many community events including golf tournaments, the Wildlife Banquet, vintage car show, Relay for Life and the Western Plains Arts Association, as well as donating to the local FFA chapter, 4-H, After Prom, Junior Miss and local high school sporting events.

Those attending the program in Hays on June 18 were Bob and Arnita Yost, Noel and Tabetha Ketzner and Kim Ketzner. Also present were Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce secretary; and Susan Hobrock, Cheyenne County Development Corporation coordinator.

The mission of the Kansas Department of Commerce is to empower business and communities through bold leadership using strategic resources to realize prosperity in Kansas.

microscopic in size which occur in nature in large quantities. Molds reproduce by releasing spores into the air that settle on surfaces, and under the right conditions, grow. Growths can often be seen in the form of a discoloration, ranging from white to orange and green to brown and black.

Mold can also be detected by a musty odor. Mildew is one of the most common types of mold.

There are many conditions that support mold growth. Molds thrive on organic materials such as cotton, wool, paper, leather and wood. They grow best in a temperature range of 77 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit, however, not all molds are limited to this range. There can be some growth anywhere between 32 and 95 degrees. They do require moisture, which can come from a variety of sources such as water leaks, flooding, capillary movement, which is wicking from one source to another, or condensation. Molds also require oxygen for growth, but they do not require light.

The actual health affects from mold

exposure are constantly being evaluated, but are somewhat unknown. They range from allergy or cold like symptoms to a very serious illness from breathing tiny mold spores deep into the lungs.

What is known is that it is not healthy to live in a home with high levels of mold. However it is generally not practical to test for mold growth in a home, since there are no standards for acceptable levels in a dwelling.

The best places to check for mold are areas with high relative humidity, and poor air circulation, such as basements, crawl spaces, laundry rooms, kitchens or flooded or fire-damaged houses.

The best strategy is to prevent mold growth from starting by keeping areas clean and dry. However if you do find mold in your house you need to follow some guidelines to get rid of it and keep it from returning.

If you have a leak or flood, you need to disregard materials that can-

not be dried quickly. Getting the area completely dry is the first step. This may require pulling up carpet or taking down wall board.

Air circulation is critical for drying studs or padding under carpet. Fans or dehumidifiers work well where natural air circulation is not possible.

Next you need to clean the area thoroughly with a detergent to remove any remaining mold, and the final step is to disinfect the area. Chlorine bleach mixed with water works well, but remember never mix bleach with ammonia.

The area will need to be kept wet for 10 to 15 minutes with the bleach solution to kill the mold. The final step is to make sure you have removed the ingredients that promote the growth of mold.

For more information, or a publication on controlling mold growth in your house, stop by or call me at the extension office.



AMY NICKLOS, one of the Junior Miss contestants, puts on her stage makeup with Raquel Keller looking over to make sure it is right.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

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 fitness presentation.

The 2004 Rawlins County Junior Miss Kylie Dixon and the third and fourth grade Dance Ranch students will be entertaining during the intermission. Following the entertainment, people may go to the cafeteria where a tea table with refreshments will be available.

"With 14 girls to judge, it may take longer than usual for the judges

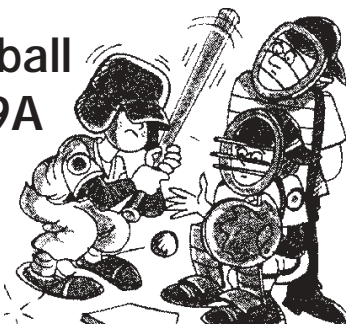
to make their decision on the new Junior Miss," Mrs. Cress said.

After the 2005 Cheyenne County Junior Miss has been announced, people may go to the cafeteria and congratulate them.

Check out the special Junior Miss page elsewhere in this issue. This special tribute to these young ladies is brought to readers by community sponsors located elsewhere in this issue.

Check it out ... IN THIS ISSUE!

Two Full Pages of Baseball Teams on pgs. 8A & 9A and one page of Junior Miss on pg. 12A



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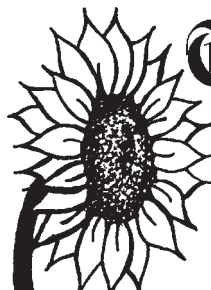
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