



**WITH TEMPERATURES REACHING in the 100s on Tuesday, these kids had the right idea, and what a refreshing treat for those doing business at the post office. Selling lemonade were, left to right: Katie Lambert, Maggie Lambert, Ashlynn Lambert and Matt Tygart.**  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



# First West Nile virus activity confirmed in Kansas this year

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has confirmed the presence of West Nile Virus in a bird in Sedgwick County. This is the first confirmed West Nile Virus activity in 2004.

West Nile Virus is carried by birds and transmitted by mosquitoes that bite the infected birds, which then transmit it to horses and people.

"We know it (the virus) is in the state and will be here throughout the summer," said Susan Roelfs, county health nurse.

"Everyone responds to the virus in different ways. Some individuals become extremely ill with long-lasting side effects and in rare cases, the virus can lead to death."

Nurse Roelfs urges people to protect themselves by being prepared but not scared of the virus. The best way to protect themselves is by using an insect repellent containing DEET and reducing mosquito breeding grounds.

She also urges Cheyenne County people not to wait for the virus to be reported in the county before taking action.

"We must protect ourselves and our families every day by getting rid of mosquito breeding grounds and using insect repellents," she said, noting that pamphlets about the virus are available at the county health office, located on U.S. 36.

Gail Hansen, Acting State Epidemiologist for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment said that there have been no human cases reported to Kansas department this season.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment also reminds physicians to report West Nile Virus cases with neuro-invasive disease to the state.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment recommends the following to reduce the risk of West Nile Virus:

- Use insect repellent with DEET and wear protective clothing when practical.
- Remove standing water (where mosquitoes breed).
- Use larvicide in water that cannot be drained or removed.

## Attracting mosquitos during the summer

Most people like to sit outside in the evenings or like having cookouts but they don't like those pesky mosquitos, especially now that they have the potential to carry the West Nile Virus?

The following tip was recently brought into *The Herald* office. It was shared at a recent gardening forum.

Put some water in a white dinner plate and add a couple drops of Lemon Fresh Joy dish deter-

gent. Set the dish on the porch, patio or other outdoor areas.

It is not known what attracts the mosquitos — the lemon smell, the white plate color or what, but mosquitos flock to the plate and drop dead shortly after drinking the Lemon Fresh Joy mixture. They die usually within about 10 feet of the plate.... it works just great.

While this tip may seem trivial, it may help control mosquitos around the home.

- Change water frequently in bird baths, pet bowls and wading pools.
- Limit outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitos are most active

### Finding dead birds

Those finding dead birds such as crows, bluejays, magpies or birds of prey (hawks, owls, eagles) should report them to the state by calling 1-877-228-2287. Birds being tested must meet the following criteria for testing:

- Bird should not have been dead longer than 24 hours;
- Bird should be intact and should be placed in double plastic bag in

freezer until submitted.

In 2003, 90 human West Nile Virus cases with neurological illness were confirmed through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Division of Health and Environment Laboratories. Of these 90 cases, seven deaths were confirmed cases. In addition, private labs confirmed 731 human West Nile Virus test results. Three additional deaths were attributed to the virus, but unconfirmed through lab work. In 2002, 22 West Nile Virus human cases with neurological illness were confirmed and no deaths reported.

# Legislation clarifies car tax

The Kansas Department of Revenue has been busy. As of July 12, Legislation which became effective July 1, states that the base for computing the sales tax on a private car sale (individual to individual) will be the stated selling price of the motor vehicle or the property tax value, whichever is higher.

The county treasurer will collect the sales tax on the higher of prop-

erty tax value or the stated selling price unless the vehicle is wrecked or damaged. Only when the vehicle has a salvage or re-built title will it be considered "wrecked or damaged" for purposes of defaulting to the stated selling price.

For example, if an individual purchases a 2004 Cadillac from another individual for \$4,000, the buyer takes the title to their county treasurer's office where a title and registration application is processed. During the transaction, the value of the vehicle is determined by assignment of a personal property tax class code based on year, make and model. The value of the class code calculates the personal property tax due at the time of registration, as well as the amount to be paid annually with registration renewal.

In addition to personal property

tax, sales tax is also collected at the time of initial title and registration. The county treasurer checks the assigned class code on a cost chart and determines the cost value of the vehicle.

If the stated selling price is lower than the cost value obtained from the chart, sales tax is calculated based on the class code cost chart and not the stated selling price. If the stated selling price is greater than the cost chart value, sales tax is calculated on the stated selling price.

The law was changed based on a recent Legislative Post Audit report. The report indicated the state was potentially losing sales tax revenue, because many times buyers of privately owned vehicles were underreporting how much they had paid when registering purchased vehicles at the county treasurer's office.

## Senior named runner-up

Leslie Wetzel, Concordia, was named the first runner-up in the 2005 Cloud County Junior Miss scholarship program on June 26 in Concordia.



Wetzel

The Concordia High School senior is the daughter of Joni (Peter) Wetzel and Bruce Wetzel and the granddaughter of Keith and Marjorie Peter, St. Francis.

Leslie received a \$250 scholarship for the title plus received the Scholastics award of \$100 and the "Be Your Best-Self" Essay award of \$50.

For her talent, she performed an original color guard routine to a marching band arrangement of "Evil Ways."

Crowned as the 2005 Junior Miss was Mikki Saltman of Jamestown. The program was held at the Brown Grand Theatre in Concordia.

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State of Kansas  
Recreation Commission 2005

The Governing Body of St. Francis Recreation Commission will meet on the 26th day of July, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Francis High School cafeteria for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at the USD 297 superintendent's office and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES**

The Proposed Budget Expenditures (below) are the maximum expenditure limits for the budget year.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2002-2003	Current Year Estimated 2003-2004	Proposed Budget Year 2004-2005
General	29,105	27,282	40,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29,105</b>	<b>27,282</b>	<b>40,000</b>

Lease Purchase:  
Principal Balance @ Beg of FY: 0

Anita Marin  
Recreation Commission Secretary

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6:30 p.m. MDT

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**The more entries, the more the pay out!**

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1st Place - \$1500  
2nd Place - \$1000  
3rd Place - \$ 500  
4th Place - \$ 250  
Flag Prize - \$ 25

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**Compact Cars**

1st Place - \$400  
2nd Place - \$200  
3rd Place - \$100  
Flag Prize - \$ 25

**CAR INSPECTIONS BEGIN AT 3:30 P.M. MDT**  
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## Re-elect John Faber

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John Faber believes in:

- **LIMITED GOVERNMENT**  
Decentralization of government authority should be encouraged.
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Government should learn to live within its means.
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Attempts to hamper free and competitive markets should be opposed.
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The family is recognized as the key to social stability.
- Voted to add an average of \$200 per student to all of our schools without raising taxes.
- Has 8 years experience; he has earned your vote.

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## Coming Soon ...

# Cheyenne County Fair

## New this year!!

Pre-fair section features 4-H's, fair and carnival activities, schedule of events and other interesting happenings at fair time. After-the-fair section features the results and many photos.

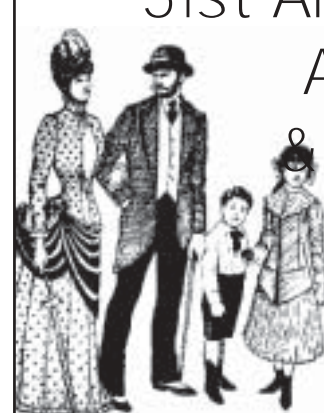
**Aug. 4 - 7**

## 51st Annual Tri-State Area Antique Engine & Thresher Show

Tri-State Antique Auto Display, Swap Meet and Flea Market

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