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Back row: Betty Jean Winston, Casey McCormick, Karen Krien; Front row: Sandy Barnhart, Lezlie Hilt; Not pictured: Margaret Bucholtz.

The Saint Francis Herald & Bird City Times



A FIRE MYSTERIOUSLY started behind the grandstand during the football game with LaCrosse. Brett Poling quickly jumped the fence, brought a hose from his father's home and had the fire almost extinguished before the firemen arrived.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Local ranch honored

The American Hereford Association recently rolled out the red carpet to honor families who have stood the test of time and are dedicated to the Hereford breed. Golden and Century honorees have been breeding registered Hereford cattle for more than 50 or 100 years. Honorees, family and friends were treated to an open house and reception at the American Hereford Association headquarters on Oct. 24 and were recognized at the annual membership meeting on Oct. 25 in Kansas City.

Mills Ranch in St. Francis was a Golden Award winner and the ranch was represented by Mark and Julie Mills.

More than 400 Hereford families were honored. Each honoree has



Julie

Mark

maintained an interest in the Hereford breed from 50 to 100 years and continues to remain active within the association.

"The Hereford cattle, and the families who believe in them, have been an influential part of the development of the beef industry and especially the Hereford breed," Jack Ward, American Hereford Association's Chief Operating Officer and Director of breed Improvement, said.

"The Golden and Century Awards represent a tremendous milestone that very few families who are involved in production agriculture rarely see and we commend the dedication and longevity of these families."

— Outdoors with Chuck —

Another elk season is in the books, and a great one it was!

I drove into camp, thru 2 feet of snow on Wednesday and the boys arrived on Thursday. We did a little scouting on Friday and a lot of catching up on each other's lives.

Saturday by 2 p.m., Burns had harvested a 4 by 6 bull, and O'Connor, Kribs, and Meridith had tagged their cows. We were off to a pretty good start, with two more bulls (I had a bull tag also) and two cows to fill us out.

Sunday the boys went up to pack

in my cow, 2.4 miles each way, and broke camp rule number four. "Always take at least one rifle while packing." They didn't and ran into a BIG bull and two cows, exactly what they needed to fill their tags! We finished out with our good start, one bull and three cows, for a 50 percent success rate. Pretty darn good.

If we hadn't gotten a thing, it would have been a super trip. Oh yeah, before I forget — "If it's big and black and doesn't run away, it's a Moose!"

From "Hunters" Chuck Kribs

Club Clips

Hospital Guild

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met at the St. Francis Senior Center on Nov. 1 with 12 members and one guest present.

Vickie Reuber, the director of the Home Health Care at the Good Samaritan Village, gave an interesting program on the services they provide. She explained the PACE program.

Reports were given and the committee appointed to decorate the waiting room wall of the hospital,

reported that the project is completed. Scott Schultz helped hang the arrangement. The cost of the project was told and it was decided to pay the bill.

Members voted to have Sherry Schultz buy a table and chairs for a children's corner.

The meeting was adjourned and Naomi Holliman and Alice Lampe were hostess for the afternoon.

The next meeting will be Dec. 6.

Tuesday Club

ValJean Schultz was hostess for Tuesday Club on Nov. 9. There were 15 members present. She served a delicious dessert.

The program was given by Fleda Raile and Virginia Cooper on the 1940s. Fleda told that the VJ Day on Aug. 14, 1945, was the most kissing day in history and Pearl Harbor boomed on Dec. 7, 1945. She also passed a ration book around which she saved from the 1940s. The WAC was formed in 1942. These were some of the

highlights of her part of the program.

Virginia gave all the members a pin with the letter "V" on it that symbolized victory. She told about the Roosevelt family who lived in the White House in the 1940. They both presented a very interesting program.

At the close of the meeting all members repeated the Club Collect.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party on Dec. 14 at the Dusty Farmer.

Gym offer withdrawn by board members

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

A \$50,000 offer the Goodland School Board accepted on Oct. 1 for the old Edson gymnasium has been withdrawn, and the board voted unanimously last week to relist the building on e-Bay for three months at a cost of \$350.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said Carroll Clark of Glendale,

Ariz., backed out of the deal, saying he could not convince his wife to make the move to Kansas. He had said the couple would start a sheep-milk-soap factory here.

Clark's bid was received on the last day of the initial three-month period the building was listed. He could not be reached for comment; he reportedly was in Oklahoma attending to a business there.

County to host annual convention in Wichita

Over 500 county conservation district supervisors and others interested in natural resources conservation will gather in Wichita to attend the 60th annual convention of the Kansas Association of Conservation District.

Representing Cheyenne County will be Spencer and Lisa Schlepp, Herman Antholz, Roger Orth, Lynn Query, Randy and Rikki Rueb, Jeanne Dunn and Joan Gienger. Cheyenne County will be a host county for the convention.

The meeting will be held at the Airport Hilton Nov. 21 through Nov. 23 and will follow the theme of "Water for Kansans."

"Kansas Association of Conservation District is celebrating its 80th year," Don Rezac, president, Emmett, said. "and it is fitting we pay tribute to all the conservation work that has been accomplished."

"However, we must not rest on past accomplishments. There is an old saying, 'The future is what we make it,'" President Rezac said "Much soil and water conservation has been accomplished in Kansas, but there is much to do in the future to protect our water quality and quantity."

"We're looking forward to the 2005 program year and another banner year," he said.

"The conservation leaders will be busy throughout the three-day convention attending area meetings, committee meetings and break-out sessions. A lot of the time will be spent learning more about the Conservation Title of the 2002 Farm Bill and new issues on the horizon so district supervisors can represent their district well."

"Conservation districts are the catalyst that brings conservation and people together. It is our job to address all the natural resource conservation needs within our district, whether the need is for air quality, water quality and quantity, rangeland health, wildlife habitat improvement, or pesticide and nutrient management," he said.

Kansas Association of Conservation District is a grassroots organization that provides representation to districts at the state and national level.

Richard Jones, executive director of the organization from Salina pro-

vided the following as the highlights for the Monday and Tuesday activities.

Monday: Committees will be in session until noon when the State Conservation Commission hosts a noon luncheon. Keynote speaker will be Joe Harkins, director of Natural Resource Policy, from the Governor's office. Luncheon attendees will also hear the Kansas Association of Conservation District Speech contestant winner.

The State Conservation Commission will also recognize district supervisors and employees with 20 years of service.

Luncheon attendants will also hear the first-place speech winner sponsored by the Association's Conservation Education and Youth Committee.

At the afternoon area meetings, two State Conservation Commission commissioners and three Kansas Association of Conservation District directors will be elected.

Tuesday: In the morning, supervisors, district managers, and secretaries and others will have the opportunity to attend three of the six break-out sessions. Some sessions attendees can choose from are: Ogallala/High Plains Aquifer, Cover Your Accountability, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy, and Capital Development Water Supply Development.

At the Tuesday afternoon business session, committee chairpersons will present resolutions for the conservation district supervisors to vote upon.

The annual convention concludes Tuesday evening with an awards banquet.

Conservation districts are local entities of state government offering a variety of resource conservation programs through technical and financial assistance. Districts play a key role in delivering the federal farm bill programs, as well as state and local natural resource programs. The directors and commissioners oversee their respective organizations' programs and budgetary responsibilities.

For more details about the convention and the proceedings, contact your local county conservation district office or Richard Jones at (785) 827-2547.

