



CLASS OF 1980 (left to right): Front Row- Pete Kinen, Darrell Boll, Todd Miller, Rod Weeden, Tim Richard; second row - John Bengston, Virginia (Kellner) Bouza, Kim (Straub) Ritter, Kelly (Krien) Allen, Tamara (Brunow) Erdle; third row - Mike Petitjean, Keith Zwegygart, Mark Keller, Jo (Wickwar) Rogers, Darci (Roberson) Zwegygart.



CLASS OF 1985 (left to right): Front Row- Lex Landenberger, Danny McCurry, Ralph Smull; second row - Andy Beikman, Mike Bandel, Darrell Vandike, Eric Younkey; third row - Martin Hillt, Mark Hilt, Tina (Wright) Elliott, Paula (Kramer) Crabtree, Tammy (Douthit) Grice; fourth row - Jae-Dene (Ewing) Carey, Sherri (Confer) Jacobs, Crystal (Bracelin) Faulkender, Kristi (Ross) Guthmiller.



CLASS OF 1990 (left to right): Front Row- Jim Schorzman, Aimee (Cress) Northrup, Shaun White, Kyle Schultz; second row - David Krien, Terri Corder, Sean Straub, Raquel (Keller) Grover.

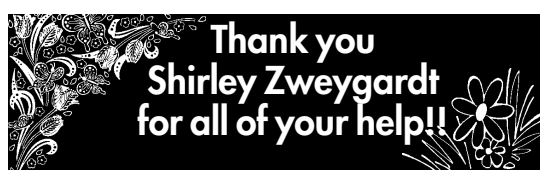


CLASS OF 1995 (left to right): Front Row- Derek Crabtree, Teresa (Douthit) Slough, Melody Renzelman, Angela (Straub) Sundstrom, Sara (Sherlock) Houtman, Kendra (Nokes) Hoffman; second row - Gena (Miller) Bowers, Nikki Rose, Angela (Jolliffe) Henson, Kayla (Raile) Weber; third row - Penny Montoya, Leigh Ann Faulkender, Amber Kechter, Jill (Smull) Bracelin, Jenny (Cassidy) Busse; fourth row - Mike Fossett, Kendall Day, John Raile, Ryan McAtee, Dustin Maybury.

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NORM DORSCH and Ken Beougher (not shown) cut a wheat field behind the thresher show grounds with a McCormick grain binder. The grain binder is owned by the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association.

Times staff photos by DeAnza Church

The grain binder can be seen at the thresher show grounds

By DeAnza Church

Farmers in the 1920's had their work cut out for them. Some remember the days of the old Reaper, McCormick's first usable cutting machine. Although this invention made harvest a simpler task, it was still, by today's standards, a painstaking duty.

By the late 1920's McCormick built the grain binder. Originally horse drawn, this cutting machine cut the work load in half. The grain binder cut the wheat and loaded it into the shaft which then automatically tied the wheat into bundles with twine and spit it out the side. This invention allowed for easier pick-up of the bundles.

Ten bundles were gathered together to form a shock to dry out then would be picked up and thrown into a threshing machine.

Used until the early 1940's, the McCormick grain binder was a "modern-day" invention that made life much simpler for those who were able to acquire one.

A McCormick grain Binder can be seen at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show grounds.



MAYOR Larry Henry picks up a bundle of wheat after it was tied by the grain binder.

Conservation Field Day is planned

The Ruder family has been farming and ranching in northwest Kansas since the 1930s. For almost 35 years, however, three generations of Ruders have been developing something unique: a 160-acre Bundleflower Plant and Wildlife Preserve.

The Ruders will be opening their private preserve to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on July 13 for Agroforestry and Wildlife Conservation Field Day. Their experiment in blending agricultural production with natural resources management will be the backdrop for an array of learning sessions, organized by the Kansas Forest Service and Kansas State University Research and Extension. The field day also will give participants a chance to see some of the preserve's regular inhabitants and visitors: mule deer, whitetail deer, ring-neck pheasants, bobwhite quail, wild turkeys, mourning doves, waterfowl, songbirds, fish, and other pond and stream life.

"The registration fee will also cover the cost of the barbecue," said Bob Atchison, rural forestry coordinator for the state forest service.

"The preserve is an amazing place. It includes managed rangeland, a protected pond area, a wooded creek and a waterfowl wetland project. It has nesting areas, food plots and thousands of hardwood trees planted by the Ruder family," Mr. Atchison said. "But another interesting aspect of the preserve is the amount of project help - in terms of expertise, services and funding - the Ruders have been able to access from both public and private resources.

Partners in the field day programming are Kansas Wildlife and Parks, the Solomon Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, and the Rooks County Conservation District. Local and regional experts

will be teaching the sessions.

Program topics include: field windbreaks, tree and shrub species for conservation plantings, perennial food plots, Arizona cypress, growing black walnut trees, hazelnut plantings, weed barrier problems, deer damage control, packrat damage control, managing grasslands for wildlife, riparian management, managing timber for wildlife, an alternative water source for livestock, and financial assistance for conservation projects.

Registration and more information about the field day are available for those calling the Kansas Forest Service at 785-532-3300 or looking on the Web at <http://www.kansasforests.org/rural>.

The Bundleflower Plant and Wildlife Preserve is 5 miles west and 3 miles north of Plainville, directly north of U Road between roads 11 and 12. Plainville itself is 25 miles north of Hays on U.S. Highway 183.

For more information: Bob Atchison is at (785) 532-3310

Two attend livestock show in Colorado

Darin Wiley and Katherine Lyn Jones, St. Francis, will exhibit Angus cattle at the 2005 National Junior Angus Show at the National Western Complex, Denver, July 17 to July 23, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the American Angus Association.

Darin and Katherine Lyn, both junior members of the American Angus Association with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo., are two of 694 young Angus breeders from 36 states who have entered a total of 1,494 head in the show.

Vance Uden, Franklin, Neb., will judge the bred-and-owned breeding cattle and cow-calf pairs. Randy Daniel, Colbert, Ga., will evaluate the owned breeding heifers. Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala., will judge the steers.

The National Junior Angus Show is the largest single-breed registered beef cattle show in the world. This year's event will host a beef cook-off, team sales com-

petition, public speaking, photography, graphic design, writing and poster contests in addition to the traditional cattle show.

Introducing

Jackson Oliver Boyson

Jayden Boyson wishes to announce the birth of his little brother, Jackson Oliver Boyson, on June 20, 2005. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Parents are Nick and Heather Boyson of Bird City.

Grandparents are Carol Weems, Kansas City, Mo.; Dale and Sherry Weeks, St. Francis; and Mike and Belinda Boyson, Bird City.

Great-grandparents are Chuck Petitjean, St. Francis; Norris and Doris Anderson, St. Francis; Bill and Pat Weeks, Hoxie; Darlene Burr, Bird City and Billy and Dolly Boyson, Bird City.

Ruth Petitjean of Arapahoe, Neb., is a great-great-grandmother.