



SHAKOTAH BLANKA leads his goat as **Skip Peterson** and **Robin Witzel** work the premium sale for the 2005 Cheyenne County Fair.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Congressman talks to county residents

By DeAnza Church

Congressman Jerry Moran visited Bird City's City Hall on Monday to discuss issues ranging from agriculture to the constitutional amendment. Twenty-six Cheyenne County residents were present during the town-hall meeting. Some asked questions while others sat quietly and listened to the ideas and concerns of the Congressman.

"What can we do to ensure that St. Francis and Bird City are here for another generation," he asked. "We haven't figured out how to have our sons and daughters return and make a living. That's how you change the future of business."

One area of importance is the beef industry. Congressman Moran agreed with Troy Burr of Bird City, that Japan needs to reopen its border to beef products.

Although the United States has reached an agreement to open trade with Japan, it hasn't happened yet. According to Congressman Moran, Japan sells twice the amount of goods to the United States than they buy.

Congressman Moran backs a bill that will impose retaliatory trade

sanctions against Japan if they don't live up to their agreement with the United States. An upcoming meeting in Washington with Japan's prime minister will determine what steps the government will take.

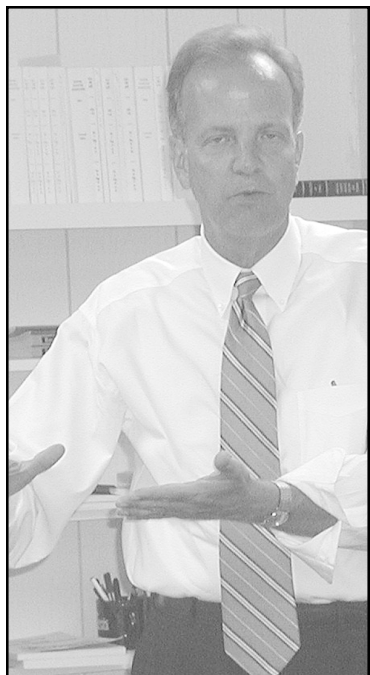
Congressman Moran said that the number one topic of conversation during his tour has been fuel prices. He discussed the energy bill, saying that it has been voted on six times in nine years.

Although supply and demand still has a role to play, he would like to see the United States become less dependent on foreign oil. He pointed out that 62 percent of America's energy is imported from abroad.

When asked about the constitutional amendment regarding the definition of marriage, Congressman Moran said the senate votes haven't been there. He explained that the courts still have power to determine the state law. It's in the house to restrict court decisions.

"Judges need to interpret the law, not make laws," Congressman Moran said.

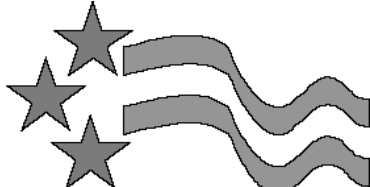
Congressman Moran touched on issues such as health care, drought



Moran

assistance and the farm bill. He mentioned government spending and the need for the government to say no to certain funding in an attempt to decrease the deficit.

"I'm a Republican that still believes the deficit matters," he said.



Local golfers compete in tourney

The St. Francis golf team placed sixth in the Sugar Hills Golf Club's 16th annual KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Classic Golf Tournament held in Goodland. The Goodland team upset the three-time defending championship team from Norton for the team championship.

Some 12 teams consisting of 11 golfers each competed in the unique tournament, with the four top teams, finishing within 10 strokes

of each other.

The Goodland team finished with 774 strokes, Norton in second place with 777. Colby totaled 778 and Atwood finished at 787. Burlington was fifth, St. Francis, sixth, followed by Sharon Springs, Tribune, Oakley, Hoxie and Benkelman in a tie, and the Oberlin.

Dev Mull of the Goodland team was the medalist for the event as he fired a three-under-par 68. Scott

Focke of Colby was runner-up medalist with a one-under 70. Kevin Largent and Joe Herman led the Norton team with 72's. Arnie Hoxsel of Atwood shot a 73, Dale Crabtree of St. Francis and Kevin Shaw of Oakley both had 75's and Mike Grinnan led Burlington with a 76. Jeff Cameron and Jarod Spillman of Hoxie led their team by shooting 78, as did Rich Johnson and Zach Loker of Benkelman. Jon Wishon of Oberlin fired a 78, while Skip David of Sharon Springs led his team with an 80 and Eric Arnold of Tribune had an 81.

In all 132 golfers competed on a hot, sticky afternoon in Goodland, according to tournament director Kay Melia.

Also representing Cheyenne County were Cale Rieger, Terry Rieger, Rich Grace, Roger Lauer, Roger Faulkender, Devin Dinkel, Bob Lippert, Luke McCain, Derrick Tice and Larry Gabel.

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Club Clip

St. Francis Lions Club

The St. Francis Lions Club meeting, held on Monday, Aug. 8, at the Windmill Restaurant, was called to order by President Dorothy Kellner. There were 16 members present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Norman Morrow gave the Invocation. Elmer Kellner won the drawing.

Business items dealt with included thank you notes from Mike Milne, recipient of this year's scholarship, and the Good Samaritan Society. Mr. Kellner presented certificates of appreciation to Rueben Schultz and Milton Lampe for recruitment of new members in 2004. It was announced that Paul Rainbolt had spent six hours helping close things down at the Tri-State An-

tique Engine and Thresher Show on Monday, Aug. 1.

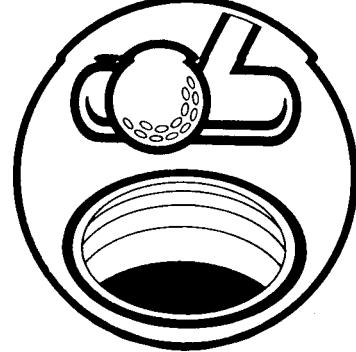
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Lot 2 1990 Ford Tempo DL, 2 door	Lot 7 1994 Toyota Corolla, 4 door
Lot 3 1979 Pontiac Bonneville, 4 door	Lot 8 1994 Chevy Astro EXT van
Lot 4 1988 Chevy Corsica, 4 door	Lot 9 1983 Lincoln Continental Mark VI, 4 door
Lot 5 1991 Ford Tempo, 4 door	Lot 10 1986 Toyota Camry, 4 door

Drug forfeiture vehicles to be sold by the Thomas County Sheriff's Office

Lot 11 1999 Dodge Intrepid, 4 door	Lot 14 1997 Dodge Caravan
Lot 12 1996 Pontiac Grand AM, 4 door	Lot 15 1995 Chevy 1500 pickup, w/ topper
Lot 13 1996 Dodge Ram pickup	

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