



SHADRYON BLANKA was busy hunting for candy hidden in the park.

Halloween in the Park was enjoyed by many spooks

By Karen Krien
 Halloween in the Park, sponsored by the Association to Benefit Cheyenne County, was a "howling" success!! Young and old children entered into the activities all dressed in costumes, ready to be judged, play games, enjoy treats and participate in the scavenger hunt.

In the 4-and-under age group, the winner of the costume contest was Hadleigh Hilt. Others entering were: Shadryon Blanka, Cassie Cooks, Seth Prentice, Lyden Lampe, Mia Morrow, Jessica Confer, Brice Hays and Kaleb Hays.

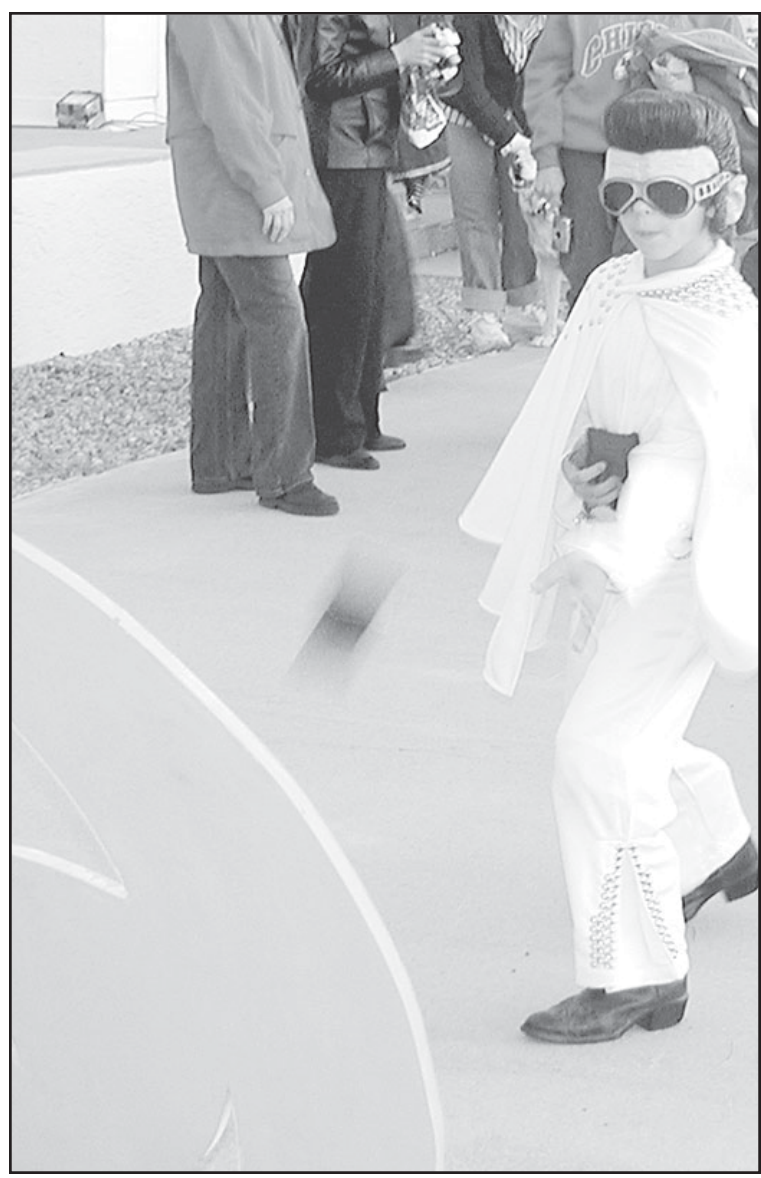
In the 5-to-9 age group, the winner was Brianna Cooks. Other participants were Shakotah Blanka, Mandi Cooks, Alex Miller, Dallas Reed, Jakob Church, Lakyn Pettijohn, Luke Lampe, Jenna Confer, Wyatt and Seth Hilt, Niky, Matthisen Witzel and Reagan Beims.

In the 10 through 14 age group, the winner was Chloe Miller. Others entered were Logan Whitmore, Taylor Archibald, Bill Lee, Nathan Lamb and Jordon Easter.

The age 15 and up group winner was Margo Douthit. Other participants were Chrsity Miller, Nikki Tafoya and Amy Hilt.

The scavenger hunt found groups looking for items such as clothes pins, bobby pins, rubber band, can of root beer, tea bag, shoe string, Q-Tip and golf tee, just to name a few of the items. The team to make it back to the park first with all of the items and a list of where they got them would be declared the winner.

The first place team was J.D. Perry, Bill Bussell, Jeff Meyer and Ricky



ELVIS (Payton Beims) was trying his luck at the Jack-o-Lantern toss.

Bussell. Second place went to Crissy Cooks; and the third place winner was a tie between Margo Douthit and Amy Hilt.

Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick

Representative returns from session

Elmer Kellner, St. Francis, recently returned from Topeka where he participated in the 23rd annual Kansas Silver Haired Legislature as a delegate from Cheyenne County.

The organization, established by the Kansas Legislature, consists of individuals, aged 60 and older, elected by their peers to develop bills and resolutions that are of interest and concern to Kansas seniors and their families.

The 2005 Kansas Silver Haired Legislature considered and recommended the following legislation:

- Volunteer ombudsman recruiting and training which would implement policies to recruit and train volunteer ombudsman to all areas of the state.
- State workforce investment program to prescribe membership on the state and local boards and designate older Kansans as a special target population.
- Financial assistance for grandparents with custody of their grandchildren.
- A health care fund for seniors with money derived from new tobacco companies participating in

the tobacco litigation settlement.

- A resolution calling for the Kansas Legislature to prohibit a lump-sum settlement of previous tobacco settlement money.

Young Indians start season

By Betty Jean Winston
 The eighth and seventh grade boys moved from playing football to practicing basketball recently and are now preparing to begin their first competition on the court.

The players will represent St. Francis in Northwest Kansas League play beginning today and ending with the league tournaments on Thursday, Dec. 15. The teams are under the leadership of coaches Jeff Beims and Kent Kechter.

The schedule has the St. Francis teams playing all the other league teams during the season beginning with Decatur County/Oberlin in Oberlin today (Thursday). Game time is 4:30 p.m. The first home outing will take place on Thursday, Nov. 10 when

Oakley visited St. Francis. Starting time is 4:30 p.m.

The complete roster is listed below

Eighth grade: Trent Raile, Drew Zwegardt, Freddie Pacheco, Marvin Miller, Darris Keller, Matt Raile, Benjamin Neitzel, Grady Brunk, David Stephens, Terrence Lamb, Jeff Meyer, Alex Long.

Seventh grade: Cody Killingsworth, Brett Lampe, Garrett Figgins, Brandon Finley, Adam Guthmiller, Tyler Lauer, Trevor Reed, Ryan Owens, Ty Gilliland, Cody Sherlock, Zach Zwegardt, Alex Draper, Robbie Herman, Brandon Keeker, Brooks Hobrock, Ricky Bussell

Schedule
 Thursday, Nov. St. Francis at Decatur

Community/Oberlin, 4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 8: St. Francis at Quinter, 4 p.m.
 Thursday, Nov. 10: Oakley at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Nov. 17: Rawlins County/Atwood at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, Nov. 21: St. Francis at Hoxie, 4 p.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 29: Colby at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 8: Goodland at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, Dec. 12: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, first round
 Thursday, Dec. 15: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, A team at Decatur Community/Oberlin, B-team at Hoxie

St. Francis man supports beef producers on television

Japanese consumers are interested in what independent cattle producers have to say.

Mike Callicrate, St. Francis, owner of Ranch Foods Direct, will join the likes of Steve Forbes, Bill Gates, Jack Welch and Michael Eisner by appearing on one of Japan's premier financial television shows to explain the efforts of independent U.S. beef producers to raise the finest quality beef possible.



A feature segment on the topic is being planned to precede the expected re-opening of the border to beef trade between the two countries. Trade was suspended following the first U.S. discovery of BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) — commonly called mad cow

disease — in December 2003.

The show will appear on TV Tokyo, one of six Japanese television networks and the one responsible for producing Japan's only daily business and economic news programs, "World Business Satellite" and "News Morning Satellite." These programs average 5 to 6 million daily viewers, including Japanese business leaders and influential politicians, many of them among the most affluent and highly educated in the country.

"Our viewers (Japanese consumers) are involved in the U.S. beef industry by importing from the large meat packers who are unfairly reducing the benefit for individual farmers and ranchers," says producer Chiori Iwaki. "So I would like to provide more information about U.S. beef production, and I hope the information which we will provide will help to make a difference for

the U.S. beef market."

The producer describes U.S. ranchers like Mr. Callicrate as "unsung heroes who are working hard for the best beef in the world."

Recent surveys in Japan indicate that 67 percent of consumers believe the ban on U.S. imports should not be lifted.

Despite public fears, the country's Food Safety Commission has agreed that the risk of mad cow disease in young U.S. and Canadian cattle is "very low" with proper slaughter procedures, making it comparable to the risk in domestic Japanese beef. That review is expected to open the way for imports of younger cattle to resume by year's end.

In recent months, Ranch Foods Direct has hosted several visiting trade teams from Japan.

Dinner and musical planned at the school

A madrigal is being planned with festivities beginning at 7 p.m. on Nov. 22 in the high school cafeteria. The feast will be a four-course banquet with entertainment being provided throughout the evening.

Queen Elizabeth, played by Sheryl Miller, is inviting the "good lords and ladies" to attend her festive madrigal for "Medieval merriment." The music will be performed by the high school Advanced Music, vocal and band students.

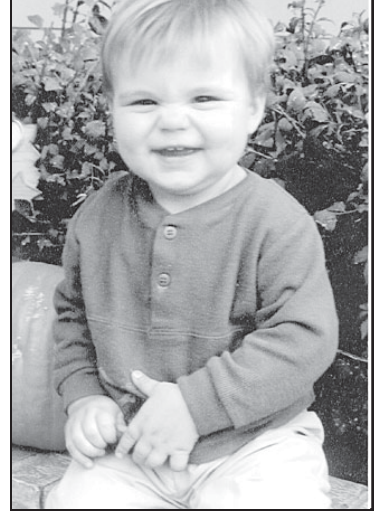
The Royal Court includes: Andrea Blair, Andrea Born, Cassie Dankenbring, Ashley Dowgwillo, Kattie Ford, Janae Glidewell, Shaina Gohl, Grace Hnizdil, Heather Hnizdil, Katelyn Jones, Sara Miller, Sheryl Miller, Megan Rice, Brandon Rueb, Gavin Smull, Angela Van Allen, Teri Walters, Janelle Zwegardt, Jade DeGood, Mac Frewen, Sarah Guthmiller, Cara Hunt, Sam Marin, Jacob Riedel, Brennan Van Allen, Kim Voeller, John Weems, Matt Whitmore, Kim Church, Scott Ford, Miranda Teeters, Sawyer White, Candice Wiese, Hailey Woodcox, Zach Mills and Heather Perry.

Invitations can be purchased at either Bankwest or First National Bank.

"The tickets will go fast as there are only a very limited number available," said Debbie Fiala, music instructor.

Guests are encouraged to dress in their finest Renaissance attire and are reminded to bring lots of pennies for the beggars.

"Mark your calendars now for an evening of 'Medieval merriment!'" said Mrs. Fiala.



Ben Busse

First birthday celebrated

Ben Busse celebrated his first birthday with his family on Oct. 20.

Students calling

In the next couple of weeks you might receive a call from a student of Lyn Wiley's Advanced FFA Class. This class has in the past helped design and write the Cheyenne County's Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) Plan in conjunction with Gary Rogers and the Cheyenne County Emergency Management Office.

Due to new requirements there needs to be some updates added to the plan. The students will be asking a few simple questions as to the legal of your farm, pens and pen capacity, pasture capacity (when not in use for yourself) loading and unloading facilities and etc.

This information will be added to the local Foreign Animal Disease Plan as well as the Kansas Animal Health Plan.

The survey will also be asking if any of your facilities could be used in the event of a Foreign Animal Disease outbreak as a designated receiving unit. Only disease free, in transit animals, would be unloaded at your location.

Some of these calls may be in the evening but should not take more than a few minutes. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give Gary Rogers, Kansas Emergency Management at (785) 332-2560 or his call (785) 332-8522.

Hale Stag

Thursday,
Nov. 10
At Hale Hall
Supper
6:30-8:30 p.m. MST

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