

Man with St. Francis ties bound for cowhorse event

By Karen Krien

Troy A. Rogers of Los Lunas, N.M., has qualified his American Quarter Horse, "Slider" (Doublewide Sliders), for the 2005 American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show, Nov. 5 through 19, in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Rogers is one of the more than 3,000 entries expected to compete at this invitational show which features nearly \$3 million in prize money and awards. He and Slider will compete in the Senior Open Cowhorse event on Sunday.

Mr. Rogers is a reining, cowhorse and versatility ranch horse competitor, clinician and instructor. He was born and raised in St. Francis. He is the son of Delphine Zweygardt, Albuquerque, and Gordon Rogers, Vancouver, B.C., and the grandson of Tobe Zweygardt, St. Francis, and the late Melvin Rogers.

Mr. Rogers moved with his family to New Mexico where he finished high school and attended college. After college, he eventually went to work for Purina Mills specializing in horse and retail dealer

business.

In an article published in the November issue of the "Rocky Mountain Horse Expo," Durango, Colo., it said that Mr. Rogers' love for horses, combined with an intense desire to compete, has let him to success and won championship awards in numerous performance horse events including team penning, reining, working cowhorse and versatility ranch horse.

In 2002, the new American Quarter Horse Association Ranch Horse Versatility Class became Mr. Rogers' newest challenge and primary focus for competition. From the very first event, he and Slider have consistently placed at all the shows in the Southwest region including the 2002, 2003 and 2004 New Mexico State Fair events and championship wins at the New Mexico Horse Expo, Four Corners Quarter Horse Show and The New Mexico Quarter Horse Association Year-End High Point Championships.

Mr. Rogers is now very active in promoting and producing ranch

horse/cow horse events and clinics throughout the southwest. He hopes his demonstrations and clinics will get more folks interested in this new event.

"It's a lot of fun and exciting to show horses in these ranch horse classes," he said in the article. "The horses really seem to respond to and enjoy this because we're doing so many different events, which make for a true 'all-around horse.'"

To qualify

To qualify for the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show, horses earn a predetermined number of points at American Quarter Horse Association shows season and a world championship title and trophy are the epitome of success in the show arena.

In addition to the working cowhorse events, Troy and Slider also compete in American Quarter Horse Association Reining and Ranch Horse Versatility on a state and regional level at which they have won numerous events and awards.



HELPING OTHERS, members of the Pleasant Hill and Lawn Ridge 4-H clubs present Robyn Raile, Good Samaritan Village, with a \$200 check. The 4-H'ers raised the money at a bake sale during their Craft Fair. The money will go to the Village Wheelchair Fund. Presenting the check are (left to right) Allison Grice, Valerie Wurm and Kattie Ford.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Shriners to collect toys for Children's Hospital



The Cheyenne County Shrine Club members will be collecting used and new toys for children in the St. Louis Children's Hospital and the toys will be distributed the week before Christmas.

The local Shrine Club members have been collecting toys for the children's hospital for the last five years. Shriner Jim Milliken reported that the toys which Cheyenne County people have brought in have been extremely good and either new or in excellent used condition.

Mr. Milliken and Ron Loudon will be at their homes with their garage doors open from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The Milliken home is located on 202 W. Webster; and the Loudon home is at 511 E. Jackson.

Mr. Milliken noted there are a number of parents in the area whose children have outgrown their toys and they would make ideal donations. They ask that the toys be in good, usable condition and that they be clean. The toys will be taken on to Salina where Shriners will go through them.

Some suggestions include:

- Crib and playpen toys: Rattles, squeeze toys, busy boxes, snap beads, activity centers, chimes, etc.

- Pre-school and developmental toys: See and Say, farm sets, xylophone, Busy Big Bird, Sounds Around, medical kits, dress-up trunk, etc.

- Board games: Battleship, Aggravation, Memory Game, Monopoly, Scrabble, Clue, Trivial Pursuit, etc.

- Dolls and stuffed animals: Large and small stuffed animals, Raggedy Ann and Andy, Muppet Babies, Button-up Dolls, etc.

- Boys' toys: Lego building sets, Matchbox cars, Hot Wheels cars, Tonka trucks, Transformers, Stoppers, etc.

- Card games: Playing cards, Uno, Old Maid, Character games, etc.

- Travel games: Hangman, Battleship, Wheel of Fortune, Memory, Hi-Q, 20 Questions, Trouble, etc.

- Puzzles: 24 pieces, 60 pieces, 100 pieces, mini puzzles, etc.

- Arts and crafts supplies: Crayons, coloring books, doodle art kits, magic markers, cross stitch kits, Play Dough, etc.

- Paper products: Stationary, stickers, notebooks, etc.

- Balls: Footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, baseballs, ping pong

balls, etc.

- Teen gifts: Perfume, cologne, jewelry, Swatch watches, radios, wallets, etc.

Batteries are also needed and they include: AAA, AA, C, D, 9-volt.

Cash donations

There may be some people in the community who would like to help these children who are suffering but have no toys. Mr. Milliken said that cash donations are also accepted and will be used to fill in wherever there is a lack of appropriate gifts. For more information, contact Mr. Milliken or Mr. Loudon.

Club Clip

Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club met Tuesday evening, Nov. 8, at the home of Carol Rogers. Marti Schlittenhardt was the assisting hostess.

The business meeting was conducted by Bonnie McQuillen, president. Pat Confer, secretary, read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report.

A very interesting program was given by Mary Lee Frewen on Thanksgiving traditions and history. She gave an oral quiz which all tried to answer, then everyone was rewarded with a treat from her Horn of Plenty.

The meeting adjourned by repeating the Club Collect.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments to the 17 members present.

St. Francis News

Tyler Krien, Salina, and Kate McNellis, Greeley, Colo., were weekend guests of Billy and Karen Krien. They also visited Bill and Leone Krien.

Tuesday visitors of LaVera Beringer were Sylvia Queen, Kim, Derek and Alex Queen.



Obituary

Vera Berniece Willt

Jan. 25, 1920 - Nov. 9, 2005

Vera Berniece Anderson was born Jan. 25, 1920, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, to Ross and Rhoda Anderson.

She grew up on a farm 5 miles south of Wheeler with sister, Esther and brothers Kenneth and Raymond. She was baptized and confirmed in the Zion Lutheran Church.

She was united in marriage to Henry Willt on Feb. 27, 1941. In 1944, the couple moved to their farm southwest of Wheeler. She taught school for three years and then stayed home to raise her family.

To this union were born two

daughters, Kathy Sue, born June 14, 1944, and Carolyn G. born Aug. 2, 1945.

She was very active in both Zion Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church, teaching Sunday school and various other activities in the church. She also attended the Lawn Ridge Homemaker's Club for many years.

Vera was always willing to help and befriend people who were handicapped and needed assistance.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two young sisters; her daughter, Kathy; granddaughter, Gail Lynn and her husband, Henry.

She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Carolyn; five grandsons, Doug and Tom Zimmerman, Robert, Terry and Ricky Wattenburg, and granddaughter, Brenda Dickinson; great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and a host of neighbors and friends.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 12 at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, with Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Casket bearers were Eddie Dankenbring Jr., David Penton, Danny Penton, Tony Howard, Todd Neitzel, Tadd Neitzel.

Interment was in the Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, Wheeler.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

PAST REFLECTIONS



St. Francis Band

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St. Francis EQUITY

State board changes hourly requirements for 2009 grads

By Karen Krien

The State Board of Education has changed the requirement of hours that the 2009 students must meet to graduate. The St. Francis Board of Education discussed how this will be worked out in the school's classes when they met on Thursday. No decision was made but there was discussion on present board policy and the revised policy will be studied at future meetings.

The changes in the requirements for the 2009 students will be to take and pass three units of science instead of two. Students will also need to take and pass one unit of fine arts.

"This year's freshmen will need additional science, math and fine arts requirements," Carl Werner,

superintendent, said.

He pointed out that almost all students will have no trouble getting the fine arts requirement but there will be some students who will have trouble passing the more difficult math and science classes. There are some teachers who think the students should rise to the challenge and, if they don't pass, they don't pass. However, neither Mr. Werner nor the board appeared to want students to drop out because they were overwhelmed with the new requirements.

He and the board discussed adding "science one-half" and "geometry one-half" classes. These classes would allow the students to know a little about both subjects which will help them when they take state tests.

Bruce Feikert, board member, asked if there were enough teachers to cover the additional classes?

Mr. Werner said it was a good question! That it may be necessary to combine classes. He had talked to some of the teachers concerning the matter and the board also discussed the possibility of using the satellite classes. No decisions were made.

Cliff Raile, board chair, said that he was not sure he agreed with everything that the state board was doing! One of the board members asked if the additional classes could affect the co-op classes and the superintendent said that was a possibility. Other classes such as industrial arts could also be affected.

Because the board will need to change school policy to comply with the state's requirements, the policy on school's graduation requirements will be written up and studied by the board. It will be reviewed and discussed at the December and January meetings (or more if necessary) before being approved.

Local family continues to sell Christmas trees

By Karen Krien

A rural Cheyenne County family is selling Christmas trees again.

Todd and Tracy Neitzel and their two sons are once again selling Christmas Trees from their family farm 5 miles south of Wheeler and 3 miles east on Road I.

"For years, my dad sold Christmas trees in Goodland," Mrs. Neitzel said. "I was used to good Christmas trees."

About 10 years ago, she decided to offer good Christmas trees to the people in the area.

She and Todd will pick up the trees on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. They are freshly cut and the those growing the trees are crossing them so they have better needle retention. The trees are sheared annually and are better shaped than many.

Trees on sale will be Concolor,



White Pine, Fraiser Fir, Canadian Fir, Noble Fir and this year, she is adding Balsam Fir. Sizes range from tabletop to 10 foot. Mrs. Neitzel will also take special orders for larger trees or wreaths.

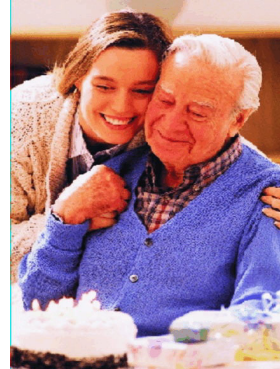
She also sells decorated wreaths and decorated crosses but orders need to be called in no later than Nov. 22. Call 785-332-5590 or 785-332-2217.

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