

A HAPPY HUG!! Taylor Rogers hugs Lauren Ross, 2007 Cheyenne County Young Miss, following the crowning. Waiting his turn is his brother, Travis. Mindy Cooper, second runner up, looks on.
Photo courtesy of Marla Ross

2007 Young Miss is crowned

By Karen Krien

Lauren Ross was crowned as the 2007 Cheyenne County Young Miss at the program held Saturday in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.

First runner up was Megan Rice; second runner up was Mindy Cooper; and Janelle Zwegardt was

awarded third runner up.

"We had a very talented and fun group of young ladies who made the week go very fast," said Vicki Cress, coordinator for the program.

"The judges were very impressed with the group and the scoring was very close in all categories."

Eight girls were vying for the title

and after a rigorous week of activities and practice, the girls were ready for the performance.

Each contestant was judged in the categories: Academics, Individual Interview, Performing Arts which was the talent they performed on Saturday evening, Endurance in the special presentation; and Grace and

Elegance, as, in evening gowns, they were presented to the judges. The Academics category is worth 30 percent of the scoring.

Lauren earned the Academics award and the Grace and Elegance award, which, at the end of the evening, earned her the 2007 title.

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Renovations are moving on schedule

By Karen Krien

The hospital administrator reported that renovations are pretty much on schedule and the new physical therapy department is now up and ready for patients. At the Thursday meeting of the Cheyenne County Hospital Board, questions were asked by the board about some of the plans for the ambulance entrance and barn.

Administrator Les Lacy said the ground work for the emergency entrance metal building was done. The plans are expected to start going up shortly.

He said there had been a slight snag when the back hoe hit and broke a phone line which took the hospital's service line down for several hours.

The administrator and board talked about a gas line which will need to be moved at the hospital's expense. They also talked over the generator which will soon be purchased for the hospital.

Swede Calnon, board member, was concerned that the generator which the hospital administrator plans to purchase, might not be large

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Lucky person may win \$1,000 in scrip money

It may be a little warm but it will be just right for the Christmas In July promotion held by the St. Francis merchants. There will be sidewalk and in-store sales by eight businesses on Saturday, July 22.

To add a little excitement to the event, there will be a \$1,000 giveaway in scrip money. One lucky person, when his/her name is drawn, will be given the opportunity to spend that money in any one or all of the participating businesses.

The \$1,000 Christmas In July giveaway replaces the Fall Shopping Spree.

"The participation by business has been outstanding and I think everyone will enjoy the activities and sales businesses have planned," said Casey

McCormick, ad manager.

Schultz's already has a summer Santa and plans to use it in the promotion.

Rodney Neitzel, Hilltop Market owner, has some great prizes to be given away in an in-store drawing. Some of the prizes are giant candy kisses.

For the next four weeks, special advertisements will be featured in The Herald. Check them out and plan to shop these businesses because that's where customers can enter the contest.

Businesses include: Burr Retail Liquor, Donna's Gift Palace, Hilltop Market, K-Store, Owens True Value, Ross Manufacturing/Sunshine Travel, Schultz's and The **See \$1,000 on Page 9A**

Member of the 1936 class honored at alumni reunion

By Karen Krien

Opal (Dayton) Seaman was the only member of the 70-year class attending the St. Francis Community High School alumni celebration on June 17 in St. Francis. During the introductions, Mrs. Seaman was recognized.



Seaman

Mrs. Seaman said there were 33 students in her class of 1936. Today, there are still nine living and there

are two they have no address for. Two or three of the deceased classmates were killed in World War II.

The school building changed dramatically in 1935-36 as that was when the addition to the school was added to the north.

Students went to school in the band shell at the park, in the basement of the courthouse and at the Christian Church.

"In the winter, it was so cold and, of course, we walked everywhere," she said.

Girls in those days were not allowed to wear slacks.

"We had long coats and, if we

were lucky, there was a little fur on the collar," she said.

The guys participated in sports with other towns but the girls had intramural sports. Mrs. Seaman said she really didn't remember much about girl sports as she wasn't interested.

However, she liked drama and had a part in the junior-senior play the year she graduated. She didn't remember the name of the play but she remembers that she played the part of an older woman with gray hair.

"To make my hair white, they put

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Highway boss retires

Kenny Richers, highway maintenance supervisor from St. Francis, recently retired from the Kansas Department of Transportation's sub-area office in St. Francis.

Mr. Richers started work for the Kansas Department of Transportation in 1973.

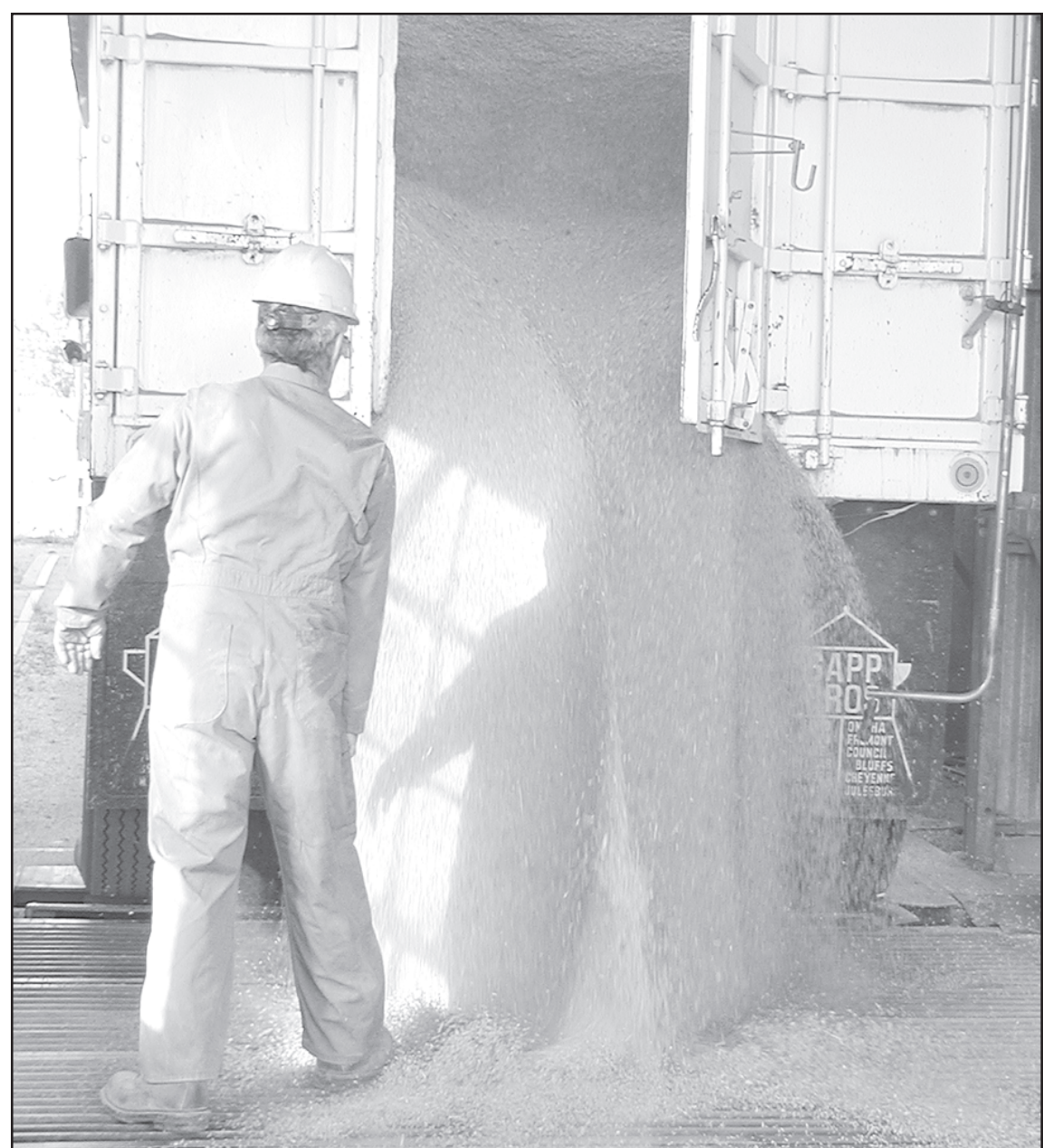
Mr. Richers plans to hang the "gone fishing" sign and relax in retirement. He will continue to work with the farm animals and horses. He and his wife Gene plan to travel to see children and grandchildren.

Mr. Richers has five children: Chantel, Devlin, Kellie, Jessica and Chelby; along with three stepchildren: Natalie, Alysa and Lynn.

He has five grandchildren: Ariel, Gabrielle, Hunter, Tristan and Isabel.



STOLEN HORSE RETURNED — The jump horse that was recently stolen has been returned to the park. Dorothy Carpenter, who donated the horses in memory of her husband, said the horse had been found at the car wash and the city crew had welded it back on.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



UNLOADING WHEAT — Jim Walters was helping unload wheat at Bartlett and Company Grain on Tuesday. This load was brought in by Mills Ranch.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Harvest is winding down

Wheat harvest is rolling right along and, by the end of the week, the cutting should be winding down.

Tim Burr, St. Francis Equity manager, said the harvest is better than he expected and better than last year.

But, harvest last year was terrible.

Normally, the wheat is cut in the south part of the county first but rains slowed down the southern harvest. This year, farmers to the north are bringing in their wheat first.

As of Tuesday, farmers were selling their wheat for around \$4.50 a bushel. The price could go up but, after 6 years of drought, most farmers are letting it go now.