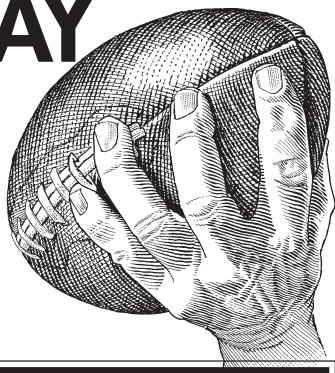


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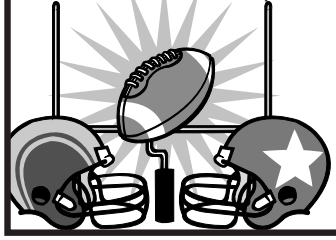


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CRAFT SHOW — Erika Lehman and Jo Ford are looking and Jennifer Milne were among some of the exhibitors. over the crafts and pet supplies at the craft show. Kelly Doyle

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

4-H Family of the Year announced

The daughters of Ron Curry, Cindy Burr, Cara Weeden and Christy Wurm were recognized as the 4-H Family of the Year at the Cheyenne County 4-H Achievement banquet held Sunday in Bird City. Mr. Curry had given many years to the county's 4-H program and died September 2005.

Tye Faulkender, county Extension director, welcomed everyone to the program and Sydney Busse gave the invocation. Presiding throughout the program were 4-H'ers, Amy Hilt, Aryn Sturgeon and Teri Walters.

Reports were given by Heidi Yonkey, Erica Wieck and Christina Schoenrogge. Many of those attending camp at Rock Springs told about their experiences. Steve Douthit, president of the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau, presented the Camp Counselor Recognition Awards to Ms. Wieck and Corbin Sherlock.

Francis O'Leary and Richard Walters hand out awards in the new shooting sports program. Awards went to: BB rifles - Jude Faulkender, Emily Elfers; pellet rifles - Christina Schoenrogge, Taylor Archibald; shotgun - Matt Raile, Trevor Reed and Courtney Douthit.

The best Junior Record Book winners were Jandy Dunn and Shakotah Blanka. Alecia Zimbelman had the best Senior Record Book. This award was sponsored by Farm Credit of Western Kansas.

Other special awards went to: Pleasant Hill 4-H Club for the Herdsmanship Award.

Dallas Reed received the Tillie Schlepp Memorial Gardening Award.

Kaycee Williams received the Paul and Bernice Gorthy Memorial Award.

Margo Douthit was the recipient of the Robert Pianalto Memorial Award.

Katelyn Jones received the Paul Sr. and Vera Gorthy 4-H Style Revue.

Alecia Zimbelman received the Dale Shoemaker Award sponsored by Lawn Ridge 4-H Club.

Valerie Wurm received the Kevin Wright Memorial Award which was established by the Go-Getter's 4-H Club.

Teri Orth was recognized as the Friend of 4-H.

County-wide project award winners are determined by the 4-H'er's record book that is completed. They are:

Achievement - Alecia Zimbelman.

Arts and Crafts - Valerie Wurm, Jandy Dunn, Mariah Beikman, Kaycee Williams, Bailey Merklin, Katelyn Jones and Kyla Bandel.

Beef - Valerie Wurm, Allyson Northrup and Jude Faulkender. Breeding Beef - Jandy Dunn and Allison Grice.

Bucket Calf - Kyla Bandel, Lakyn Pettitjohn, Elizabeth Keltz.

Cats - Allyson Northrup.

Clothing and Textiles - Mariah Beikman, Valerie Wurm, Katelyn Jones, Heidi Yonkey, Jandy Dunn.

Dog - Alecia Zimbelman, Teri Walters, Kaycee Williams.

Entomology - Joshua Keltz.

Fashion Revue - Alecia Zimbelman, Allison Grice, Valerie Wurm, Kyla Bandel, Tristan Archer, Shakotah Blanka, Jude Faulkender.

Fiber Arts - Allison Grice.

Foods - Kyla Bandel, Allison Grice, Valerie Wurm, Katelyn Jones, Mariah Beikman.

Forestry - Valerie Wurm.

Gardening - Dallas Red.

Grow and Show - Christina Schoenrogge.

Horse - Alecia Zimbelman, Shakotah Blanka, Jandy Dunn, Bailey Long, Allison Grice, Kaycee Williams.

Industrial Arts/Welding - Mariah Beikman, Caleb keltz, Joshua Keltz.

Knitting - Christina Schoenrogge.

Leadership - Alecia Zimbelman, Katelyn Jones.

Meat goats - Heidi Yonkey, Bailey Long, Dale Northrup, Shakotah Blanka.

Photography - Allison Grice, Aryn Sturgeon, Bailey Long, Peyton Beims.

Poultry - Logan Lampe.

Rabbits - Laura Brunk, Garrett Brunk, Dale Northrup, Trista Orth, Ashlee Orth.

Reading - Jandy Dunn, Stephanie Busse, Taylor Archibald.

Safety - Valerie Wurm.



HANDING OUT AWARDS — Richard Walters and Francis O'Leary handed out the awards to the kids at the 4-H Achievement banquet.

Sheep - Jandy Dunn.

Shooting Sports - Shakotah Blanka, Taylor Archibald, Allison Grice.

Swine - Kaycee Williams, Mariah Beikman, Valerie Wurm, Lauren Bandel.

Wood Working - Allyson Northrup, Tristan Archer, Jude Faulkender.

Wildlife/Sports Fishing - Ashlee Orth, Trista Orth.

Tag-A-Longs
Those Tag-A-Long 4-H'ers were: Regan Beims, Mandy Cooks, Rachel Keltz, Joslyn Ketzner, Luke Lampe, Dalton Straub and Matthisen Witzel.

Awards
Membership pins: Tristen Archer, Payton Beims, Casey Keller, Darris Keller, Wyatt Long, Lakyn Pettitjohn, Aryn Sturgeon, Issac Sturgeon, Trevor Sturgeon.

Bronze pins: Taylor Archibald, Mariah Beikman, Shakotah Blanka, Garrett Brunk, Jude Faulkender, Emily Elfers, Bailey Merklin.

Clover pins: Lauren Bandel, Kyla Bandel, Brianna Cooks, Thomas Douthit, Ashlee Orth, Valerie Wurm.

Emerald pins: Trista Orth, Logan Lampe, Bailey Long, Allyson Northrup.

Silver pins: Laura Brunk, Stephanie Busse, Jandy Dunn, Teri Walters.

Silver guards: Mikaela Grace, Allison Grice, Caitlin Northrup.

Leadership pins: Dale Northrup, Courtney Douthit.

Gold pins: Katelyn Jones, Kim Voeller.

Gold guard pins: Kattie Ford, Heidi Yonkey.

The Key Award is the most prestigious award in the 4-H program. To have a Cheyenne County 4-H'er receive this award is an honor. The 2006 Key Award recipient is Alecia Zimbelman.

Club Seal awards: Go-Getters 4-H club, red seal; Lawn Ridge 4-H club, purple seal; Pleasant Hill 4-H club, purple seal; Plum Creek 4-H club, purple seal.

Time to start planning for the Parade of Lights

By Karen Krien

Thanksgiving may seem like a long way away but in just two weeks, it will be "Turkey Day." The following day, Nov. 24, will be the last day to get a float ready for the fourth Parade of Lights down St. Francis' Main Street.

"The first year, we thought we would be lucky if we could get a dozen floats entered in the parade and hoped it would grow each year," said Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce secretary.

Little did she or any of the Christmas Planning Committee dream there would be 25 entries. Since then, there have been about the same number of floats and this year, the committee is expecting even more.

Rodney Neitzel, owner of Hilltop General Store, is talking about bringing back the "Darlins" from

the Andy Griffith show and there are several other people who have been talking about a neat float for the parade.

Mrs. Bracelin said that as the last floats go down the street, people are already talking about what they will do for next year's float.

"We are expecting more floats this year," said Secretary Bracelin. New this year will be the double exposure of the floats.

The parade will begin at the high school, go down Main Street to Video Kingdom, around the block north, then, as the last float goes down the street, the parade will begin again up toward the high school.

There is no theme, just Christmas (No Santa's are allowed but the "real" Santa on the last float). Entries can be floats, four-wheelers, horse and buggies, hayracks, walking individuals — the limits of an

entry is limitless. Santa will mark the end of the parade and he will hop off to meet kids at one of the banks.

Unlike the Fair Parade, there will not be the need for a fancy float with lots of paper.... Just pick a theme for the float or entry, add lights, maybe some music and plan to have fun. (Lights are generally run by a generator and some are battery operated.)

As usual, there will be the People's Choice Award and the winning entry will have the honor of displaying the plaque for a year. Last year's winners were the employees at the Cheyenne Court House.

Anyone having questions should contact Secretary Bracelin at 785-332-2961 or one of the committee members.

The Parade of Lights is part of the Christmas Opening in St. Francis.

The Christmas Planning Committee has been meeting and has several ideas which will make this holiday season one of the best.

While all of the plans are not finalized, it has been revealed that Santa will be in town on Christmas Opening and children will need to be making their lists. The Treasure Hunt will also be held opening night.

"We just want everyone to have fun and start getting into the Christmas season," said Secretary Bracelin.

The businesses will be open later and many have stocked their shelves with lots of items to fill the Christmas gift lists. The grocery stores and restaurants will be open to accommodate shoppers and those who are just too tired to cook. The St. Francis Senior Center will also be serving soup and cinnamon rolls.