

Chad Raile modeled for Ralph Lauren/Polo (above) and appeared on the cover of "Stay Fit" (bottom).

# Farm boy now big city model

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He was raised on a farm northwest of St. Francis, but found a different and exciting world when he became a model in New York City.

Chad Raile grew up helping his parents with the chores and going to school in St. Francis. He went off to Kansas State University in 2000 and, his freshman year, answered an ad in the *Collegian*, the student newspaper for guys interested in modeling.

He went to a screening in Kansas City, where three agencies, one in Baltimore, one in Kansas City and one in Wichita, picked him.

They asked that he lose about 15 pounds, going from 200 to 185 pounds, and get a tan. Halfway through the summer, he sent photos to the agencies.

His photos were laying on the desk in the Baltimore agency when a scout with trendy teen retailer Abercrombie stopped by and just happened to see them. He liked Raile's photos and about three weeks later, an Abercrombie person called him to try out.

The photo sessions were to last a week. There were about 50 people and as the week wore on, many left, but Raile continued to make it through the screening and was one of three young men selected to model.

At that time, he said, the photographer advised him to find an agency, even recommending the one he thought was best.

The agency signed him, and he says they have been very understanding about his school scheduling, working around times when he couldn't appear for a job. Raile said he was fortunate to have worked his way into modeling as easily as he did.

Since then, he has modeled for Ralph Lauren/Polo, Perry Ellis, Joe Boxer, D & R fashion magazine, Cosmo Girl and Cosmopolitan magazine, Modern Bride and Tommy Hilfiger, just to name a few. In fact, he is featured in ads twice in the latest Cosmo.

He recently signed for a year with Polo, a company which features clothing, shoes, cologne and home decor for the entire family. This is a big step up, as he will be featured in Polo ads in magazines, department stores and on bill boards.

Raile is the son of Delbert and Marilyn Raile of St. Francis and has three younger brothers still living at home.

His portfolio has been compiled, and he carries a comp card where he is pictured on the front side, and, on the back, there are more pictures

along with his measurements and sizes. He said that most companies looking for male models want basically the same size — about 6- to 6-foot 2-inches tall, muscles but not too bulked up, and good facial structure.

"Companies do not want to have a variety of clothes sizes," he said, "so they look for someone who will fit their clothes and give the look they are after."

Raile said he generally doesn't fit into the European look but is more the "all-American look."

He said that guys are able to model longer than women, some of them are in their 40s and 50s. Women's careers are shorter lived, from 16 to 23, and their careers are more stringent and more demanding than the men's.

He had a busy summer in New York as he was modeling and going to castings, taking intense acting lessons and working out. The day started early in the morning and generally ended about 11:30 p.m.

He really would like to get into acting and auditioned for several spots on television soaps.

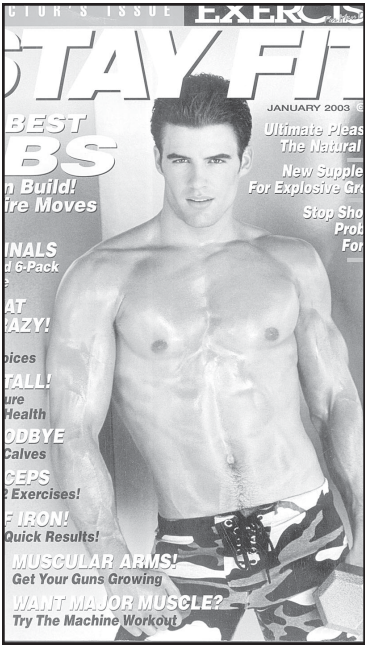
"I love acting," he said. "I met great people and felt like I made some strides in that area," he said. "It was great!"

Raile still has one more year before he graduates with a degree in kinesiology.

"I think it is important that I get my degree," he said. "The degree is an achievement in itself.

"I am still young, and I will see where (modeling and acting) takes me."

If he decides to go another direction, he said he will consider taking pre-med studies or just using his kinesiology degree in some other way.



## Red Hat Ladies tour Victorian house



David Branda gave the Oakley Red Hat Ladies of the Plains a tour of the 1902 Victorian house at 13th and Center Tuesday. The Red Hat Ladies are an international organization of women who aim to meet middle age with humor and verve.  
Photo by Bill Wagoner/The Goodland Star-News

## club news

The Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary met Thursday, Sept. 25, with President Barb Whisler presiding. Fourteen members were present.

Thank yous were read from Grant Junior High and North Elementary for the contribution to students for Make a Difference Day.

Mary Harper has American, POW/MIA and Kansas flags for sale. A card was signed for Private First Class Doug Lalicker, who is now in Iraq.

Floriene Whisnant reported on the homecoming of the organization's national president, Evelyn McCune, in Wichita. Buddy poppies will be used at the rod run, and a new order will be sent.

Veterans make the poppies, and one cent of the proceeds goes to the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children.

The 9th District meeting will be held in Victoria on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18 and 19. At 8 p.m. on the 18th, luminaries will be lit in honor of auxiliary sisters who have dealt with cancer.

Our auxiliary donated \$20 for this project in honor of Deb Snethen, Betty Saint, Tess Luckert and

Carmelita Clark.

The auxiliary donated \$10 to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation and \$100 to the Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars Endowment fund for scholarships. These will be awarded in February.

Children or grandchildren of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or its auxiliary are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

The Voice of Democracy theme for this year is "My Commitment to America's Future." Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to present a taped 3-5 minutes speech on this topic.

A Halloween safety message will be displayed on Channels 9 and 13 as the auxiliary's effort to encourage children to be careful on Halloween.

Pop tabs are being collected for the Ronald McDonald House. They can be brought to the post home until Wednesday, Oct. 15. The auxiliary will continue to collect them all year, but the ones collected by the 15th will be delivered to the district convention.

The auxiliary voted to raise the price of candy bars at bingo to 75 cents. This will take effect in October.

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