



Aunt Bee (Amanda Coon), the queen bee (above) asks Wanda Bee (Kelsey White) what kind of bee she wants to be (left). Other members of the first grade class singing were (Back left) Alex Goodwin, Adison Avelar, Zane Bateman, Kinsey Volk, (middle) Isaac Walton, Caylee Williams, Christina Alvarez, Janelle Grammon, (front) Austin Keim and Elizabeth Fulcher.

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First grade gives musical program for bees

By Pat Schiefen
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If you're a Wanda Bee, how do you convince the queen bee that you wanna be a honey bee, even if you got a B- on the apiary test?

The first graders at West Elementary School gave their musical program, "To Bee or Not to Bee...With songs for Me, Mine and Yours," for family and friends on April 18 at the high school auditorium.

Roscoe the rooster (Jacob Fisher) got the show started. A young bee, Wanda Bee (Kelsey White) had to prove that she could be a honey bee to Aunt Bee, the queen (Amanda

Coon). Coon told White that since she got a B- on her test, she couldn't be a honey bee and needed to choose what kind of bee she wanted to be.

Her friend (Nolan Deeds as Johnny Bee) introduced her to Webster Bee (Alex Goodwin), supervisor of the spelling bees. Next White met the supervisors of the quilting bees (Braelyn Holting as Sonya and Kaitlyn Daise as Sophie). They showed her what quilting bees do.

The supervisor of the drones, Dudley (Kasey Stramel), demonstrated the humming skills needed

there. Wanda Bee didn't want to be a spelling bee, sewing bee or drone, though; she wanted to be a honey bee.

As she sobbed in misery, the flowers, Blue Bell (Jamie Nemechek), Rose (Rebekah Athey), Daisy (Elizabeth Fulcher) and Sunny Sunflower (Caylee Williams) encouraged her to show the queen bee she could be a good honey bee because she already knew how.

The apple tree, Granny Smith (Abigail Neal) suggested that Wanda take a basket of nectar the flowers gave her to the chief nectar

inspector, Hector Bee (Zane Bateman) to show that she could be a good honey bee. Then the queen bee said Wanda Bee had demonstrated that she could be a honey bee and that was what was important.

Kate Zelfer, Kaleigh Sloan and Ashley Anderson welcomed the audience to the show. Gardeners were Mathew Wood and Dusty Johnson.

Members of Marianne Gray's class are Ussiel Gallegos, Dalton Arntt, Paige Cullens, Chalee Luther, Hagan Hoss, Brenae Bahe, Christyl Dudley, Norelia Ordenez, White, Deeds, Myrna Ruiz, Clavin Linnell, Sianna Miller, Ariel Tabor,

T.C. Ruhs, Margaux Thompson, Jose Ledesma and Heather Smith.

Pat Thompson's class included Sloan, Kelcie DeHoyos, Amber Martell, Gabriela Galindo, Alexandria Adair, Savannah Brighton, Autumn Johnson, Wood, Nemechek, Shavaun Barnes, Mercedes Garza, Anderson, Fisher, Tate Withington, Simon Bassett, Claudia Soto, Stramel and Zelfer. Janet Davis' class members in the show were Makayla Schartz, Goodwin, Alyssa Wear, Isaac Walton, Williams, Christina Alvarez, Janelle Grammon, Neal, Austin Keim, Fulcher, Tobi Stegggall,

Johnson, Athey, Erica Hernandez, Erin Floyd, Erica Fairchild, Dillon Gillming and Kennedy Dinkel.

Members of Lynette McClain's class were Bateman, Kinsey Volk, Coon, Tayler Thorson, Hoelting, Josh Smith, Kylie Jimenez, Noah Hernandez, Jacob Brown, Daise, Dominick Lewis, Alexi Vasquez, Xavier Hernandez, Adison Avelar, Anthony Hernandez, Janessa Selbe, Aidan Flodin and Maria Aguirre.

Music teacher Linda Lucas directed the songs.

Tractors, farm equipment stolen in three counties

By Sharon Corcoran
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Farmers, be sure to lock your tractors up at night. And be on the lookout for an unusual equipment on the loose.

Tractors and other farm equipment have been stolen from three Kansas counties, and sheriff's departments in at least five counties have been involved in the search for them. Two tractors from Wichita County (Leoti) were recovered in Hutchinson and in Ness County, but now the Wichita County sheriff's department is looking for two more, plus a planter and a seed hopper.

And the Lane County (Dighton) sheriff is looking for a tractor stolen from the southwest part of the county in January.

The Rush County (La Crosse) sheriff has recovered a dump truck stolen from the county's landfill in December and a pickup and tractor stolen from SemGas Gathering in January and has three suspects in jail on theft, burglary and criminal damage charges.

A 2000 John Deere 8210 front-wheel-assist tractor, a 1997 John

Deere 1770 16-row planter with a 100-gallon tank attached and a 2005 Red Patriot 220 seed hopper on a black car trailer were reported stolen last week in Wichita County.

Undersheriff Mike Wilson said the department doesn't know if the latest thefts are related to the January thefts. They don't have any leads right now, he said.

Two tractors stolen from Wichita County in January were recovered in Hutchinson and in Ness County in February, Wilson said.

A tractor stolen in Lane County has not been recovered, he said, and the tractor, planter and seed hopper were stolen either the night of April 20 or early morning the April 21.

The tractor and planter belong to Charles Whitham, Wilson said, and the seed hopper to Gary Wilbur. The tractor is worth between \$80,000 and \$90,000, Wilson said, the planter is worth \$40,000 and the hopper and seed are worth \$20,000. They were stolen from fields in northwest Wichita County, he said.

The two Versatile tractors stolen in January were a 1981 model 895 and a 1982 model 950, valued at

\$20,000 each. They had been taken and used by subcontractors doing dirt work, Wilson said — one was abandoned at a truck stop in Hutchinson and the other was found in Ness County after a Pawnee County detective arrested Sammy Duane Jahay, 42, from Ellinwood, on another charge and questioned him.

"We lucked out on that one," Wilson said.

Jahay is in jail in Barton County, Wilson said, on charges from Rush County, and Wichita County has a warrant for him. The county also has a warrant for Terry Joseph Hekele, 53, of Great Bend, the undersheriff said.

Jahay is in jail, Wilson said, so he couldn't have stolen the equipment in April, but he was working with others who could have been involved in these thefts. Right now, he said, there are no leads, so the sheriff's department is trying to get the word out in hopes that someone who saw something will call it in. The phone number for the Wichita County Sheriff's Department is (620) 375-2723.

A 1995 John Deere 8300 was reported stolen the night of Jan. 26 or early morning of Jan. 27 from a farm building in the southwest part of Lane County. The sheriff's department believes it was stolen by the same suspects as the first two tractors in Wichita County, said Communications Director Mary Eitel, but has not recovered the tractor. They are taking calls at (620) 397-2452.

Hekele and Jahay are charged with theft, burglary and criminal damage, Rush County Sheriff Ward Corsair said, for the pickup and tractor, and Jahay and Dana Jay, 37, have been charged with theft, burglary and criminal damage for the dump truck. Jay is originally from Rush County, Corsair said, but he lived in Stafford County when this happened. They are in jail in Barton County, Corsair said, because Rush doesn't have one.

The tractors stolen in January were parked in a shed for a while and then distributed from there, Wilson said; the tractors were tracked through several counties, including Scott, Lane and Ness.

They did some dirt work in Hutchinson with one, he said, and then it seems the "heat" got to them.

The work was reported in a newspaper there, and the thieves abandoned the tractor.

student of the week



Name: Alicia Felver
Parents: Jon and Elaine Felver
Grade: Senior
Age: 17
We've nominated this student because: Alicia, a quiet, discerning student, brings her own unique insights and droll wit to the material. She has a strong academic record and has been a dedicated and active member of American Field Service. Her community service activities span many years.

Student Comment: My favorite aspect of school is hanging out with friends in the library.

Activities involved in at school: band, vocal and American Field Service (as a member and a officer).

My choice of movies, books, and games: Princess Bride, The Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: continue my education and invade Canada.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: 28; also Supreme Dictator of the Planet!!! (Sinister Crackle)!

Favorite Quote: "Outside a dog a book is man's best friend; inside a dog it's too dark to read." Groucho Marx

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