

2003 County Junior Miss comes in as second runner-up

By Karen Krien

Jenny Weems, Cheyenne County's 2003 Junior Miss, placed second runner-up in the Kansas Junior Miss contest on Saturday night.

"I was extremely surprised," Jenny said. "At first, I was in shock and then I started to cry."

The senior girls in the contest had spent the past week working hard on routines and talent numbers but there were some fun times as the girls participated in a number of activities and got to know each other.

Jenny said that it was an awesome week and she had met some really nice girls including making a new "best friend."

Vickie Cress, chairman of the county program, reported that Jenny had done an exception job.

"Her poise was outstanding, her physical fitness routine was suburb as was her talent number," she said.

Jenny's talent number on Saturday was a clarinet solo, "Beauty and Joy" by Chenette. Mrs. Cress said there was a microphone problem

which did not help the outcome of the number but Jenny still performed well.

Each contestant was asked a question. Jenny's question was "How would you handle a difficult person?" Jenny said that she would think, "this person is just one in a million—I just need to get through this one situation and then things will be fine."

Each girl had a host family and Jenny's family was Mikel and Janelle Hadachek, Erica and Gary.

"I loved my host family. They helped me so much and my host mom and I would talk for hours each night—they treated me like I was one of their own children," she said.

"People just don't realize how much contestants appreciate the support from home. I received flowers, cards, letters and calls en-



Weems

couraging me—that support really helped."

The winner of the contest was Moriah Wagner from Mankato. She will now compete in the national Junior Miss pageant in Mobile, Ala., in June.

The first runner-up was Valerie Brax representing Washington County.

County program recognized

The Cheyenne County Junior Miss program was also recognized Saturday night as the Most Outstanding Program in the state of Kansas and Mrs. Cress was there to receive the award.

"We do have an excellent program but it would not be possible if it were not for the support and help of the people in Bird City and St. Francis," Mrs. Cress said.



DICK EVANS GETS a hand loading his bike, from McDonald's Gerald Lee, after he finished his 70 mile ride. Wife Marty and great grand daughter Alea watch. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Age can't catch cross country bicyclist who "rides his age"

By Casey McCormick

Dick Evans of Wray is not one to sit back and wait for the years to pass him by. Rather he chooses to hop on his bike and "ride my age." This may not sound like a great accomplishment until you know Mr. Evan's age. Last Sunday he advanced to 70.

Sunday was a good day for the ride, despite a little wind, so he

saddled up his bike and headed east. The journey took him from Wray, across the Kansas border and to the town of McDonald 70 miles away. It's no wonder Mr. Evans looks good for his age. He said at 50 he started "riding my age" and hasn't stopped yet.

He was met in McDonald by his wife, Marty, and great-granddaughter, Alea Hardesty,

who was groggy from the long drive with Great-Grandma. The three loaded the bike into the back of a sports utility vehicle while Mr. Evans wore a grin of accomplishment.

"I would challenge all to hop on a bike and ride your age," he said before they drove to the west however, he let Marty drive.

Sale to add library books and videos

Through "Books Are Fun", the Bird City Public Library will again be offering an opportunity to buy selected books, videos, CDs and other items at 30 percent to 60 percent off the publisher's price and help the library earn books and videos.

The items will be on display from April 7 until April 19. Patrons can look at the selections, indicate on the order form items they wish to purchase and leave the money with the librarian. Then on April 21 the items ordered and paid for will be left at the library for pick-up by patrons. As in the past the selection will vary but will include items for ev-

ery age group, from babies to adults. Cookbooks, reference, devotional, storybooks, do-it-yourself and craft books are just a few types of books that will be available, as well as CDs, bookends, picture frames, videos and stationery.

Along with providing patrons an opportunity to purchase new, high quality items at a reduced price, the library will receive a free book of video for every 10 items that are ordered.

The library is open from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and from 9:30 am to 1 pm on Saturday. Volunteers man the library on Monday and Friday

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