

# Art association announces program

A unique opportunity to bring outstanding drama, music and a variety of programs to the northwest Kansas area is being made available by local memberships through the annual promotion by the Western Plains Arts Association. Until July 20 memberships are available to persons in the Cheyenne County area.

These programs bring not only performances for the general public, but special programs to the schools. The program, or programs, to be held in St. Francis are to be announced. Those in the area may purchase memberships from Althea Lebow, (785) 332-3377, Helena Landenberger, (785) 332-2528 or Lee Nichols, (785) 332-3581.

Programs already scheduled include:

Sept. 14: New Orleans Blues Serenaders, with a show of traditional New Orleans Jazz from the stars from Broadway's *One Mo' Time*. at Hoxie.

Oct. 5: *A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra* by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan at Colby.

Oct. 16 and 17: Wichita Children's Theatre will do *The Wizard of Oz* for area schools with an evening performance for the public at Colby.

Oct. 26: *Cowboy Envy* with western music in the tradition of the Sons of the Pioneers at Hoxie.

Nov. 7: Popular selections by The Heartland of America Band from Offutt Airforce Base in Omaha, Neb., at Colby.

Nov. 16: Aries Brass Quintet, a select group from the Denver Brass at Atwood.

Dec. 12: The annually featured Christmas program when the Nebraska Theatre Caravan presents

the classic *A Christmas Carol* at Colby.

Jan. 11: The Seem-to-be-Players will present the beloved *Tales of Tom Sawyer* at Oakley.

Jan. 18: A variety show featuring Kelly Werts "fiddling," singing and story telling and playing some unusual instruments at Sharon Springs.

March 4: Windwood Theatricals will present a large-production musical of the famous *Unsinkable Molly Brown* at Colby.

March 14: Glen Road, an Irish traditional music group will have an especially appropriate program for St. Patrick's Day at Quinter.

April 1: Red, Hot and Blue, a song and dance revue from Branson, Mo., will take the audience on a musical journey through the 20th Century at Oakley.

April 25: Stardust, a vivacious female vocal trio whose spirit captures the essence of bygone eras will be at Goodland.

Performances at various schools are also on the agenda throughout the year.

Despite a seemingly full agenda, other programs being planned include the CCC Jazz Ensemble and Sunflower Singers, Accessible Arts Theatrical Company with *The Return of the Scarlet Pimpernel* and an organ recital and workshop by Janet Kraybill.

Plan now to have a fulfilling season filled with a variety of entertainment that would not come to the communities and schools without the support of memberships. The cooperative efforts of those supporting the Western Plains Arts Association brings into the area excellent performances that would not be affordable on an individual basis.



ADAM ORTEN tees it up during junior golf at Riverside Recreation in St. Francis.

Times staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

## Junior golfers busy on Friday mornings

By Betty Jean Winston

Riverside Recreation is busy on Friday mornings with young golfers from Cheylin and St. Francis. They are either just being introduced to the sport of golf or are being helped to increase their skills by George Banister, coach.

"Golf is a life-time sport," Coach Banister said. "I encourage kids to get involved."

Young Riverside Recreation junior golfers can participate in the Northwest Kansas Junior Golf tournaments, which are held each Monday leading up to the Division Playoff on July 21.

This Monday, Riverside was represented in the tournament at Oberlin and on Monday, June 16, Emily Walz placed first in the Jun-

ior Golf tournament in Atwood.

Friday practice sessions begin at 9 a.m. and run until noon. The last hour of the practice session, Coach Banister spends special time with golfers who are interested in attending tournaments.

"I'd like to see some kids go to Goodland on the 30th," he said.

As there are a number of kids attending the practice sessions, Coach Banister is recruiting help from some senior golfers.

"Tyler Lampe and Cale Rieger, who are greens keepers, also help when possible."

Golf is a good family sport and you see a lot of former junior golfers on the course when families hold reunions or even at the St. Francis Community High School Alumni

Reunion which was held over the weekend, when classmates took to the golf course.

"In the spring at Cheylin, high school athletes are able to participate in both track and golf," Coach Banister said. "I'd like to see golf in the St. Francis high school."

Call Coach Banister at (785) 538-2495 if you have questions concerning the program.

"You're welcome to just show up at practices on Friday also," he said.

Participating in the program so far this year are Sydney Busse, Craig Busse, Stephanie Busse, Aubrey Mills, Zach Mills, Brandon Keeker, Wil Orten, Adam Orten, Trevor Reed, Cody Sherlock, Mitchell Jensen, Trevor Reed, Garrett Zweygardt, Ethan

Zweygardt, Taylor Spike, Justin Sherlock, Kali Rueb, Brandon Rueb, Brock Zweygardt, Ty Zweygardt, Drew Zweygardt, Zach Zweygardt, Emily Mullins, Dalton Magnani, Grady Brunk, Kaycee Williams, Darris Williams, Matt Raile, Benjamin Neitzel, Terrance Lamb, Alex Long, Chris Waldon, Emily Walz and Brett Lampe.

The West Division of the association has the following tournaments left on the schedule:

June 30: Goodland  
July 7: Norton  
July 14: Oakley  
July 22: Division Playoff at Ellis  
Tournaments have already been held in Colby, Hoxie, Atwood and Oberlin.

Members of the East Division of the Northwest Kansas Junior Golf Association include Phillipsburg, Hill City, Rooks County, Fort Hays, Smoky Hills, Russell, WaKeeney.

## Emergency loans available to farmers

"Cheyenne County has been named as a contiguous county under a Secretarial Disaster Designation allowing county farmers and landowner's the opportunity to apply for low interest emergency loans," said Angie Berens, director of the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency office. "This designation is based on drought, extreme

heat, grasshopper infestation and high winds that occurred from July 1, 2002, and continuing."

Applications will be taken through Jan. 14 for those producers who had actual physical or production losses due to these weather conditions. Emergency loans help cover a portion of farmers' actual losses taking into consideration the

extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability. The loss must be at least 30 percent of any essential farm or ranch enterprise. Qualified applications will receive a 3.25 percent interest rate. Interested producers should contact the Farm Loan Program staff at the Goodland Farm Service Agency office at (785) 899-3070.

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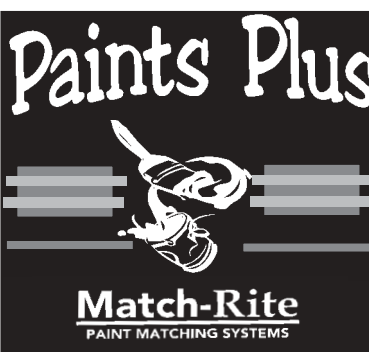
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