



MUSIC DIRECTOR ROSE HENGEN leads her vocal ensemble as they prepare for regional competition. Her music students always stand out in competition and never fail to entertain. Pictured from left to right are Samantha Beeson, Nathasha Gordon, Tyler Knapp, Kelly Ray Simmonds, Alex Hengen, Jay Poore, Alexis Weishaple, Cristi Antholz, Shellie Felzien and Megan Sramek. Accompanying on the piano is Suzan Moyer.

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ALEX HENGEN PLAYED a trombone solo at the Regional Music Festival in Oberlin.

## Musicians score at regionals

By Casey McCormick

Cheylin students excel in many fields, but musically they shine. On Saturday, March 27, music director Rose Hengen and performers traveled to Oberlin for the Regional Music Festival.

"It is extremely difficult to stand before a judge and perform," said Mrs. Hengen, "The students handled the pressure and performed

very well."

The participants were Natasha Gordon, Alexis Weishapl, Alex Hengen, Kelly Ray Simmonds, Sam Beeson, Tyler Knapp, Cristi Antholz, Tiffany Antholz, Jay Poore, Megan Sramek, Shellie Felzien, and Hanah Louderbaugh.

All of the musicians performed well and several earned "Superior" ratings. They were Tyler

Knapp for "Polka Arbutus" on the baritone and for vocal renditions of "Shannondoah" and "Little Irish Girl."

Sam Beeson also scored well with both vocals and instrumental. She sang "The Ash Grove" and "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spring" and played the tuba for "Sarabanda and Gavotte."

The other two students with

"Superior" ratings were Shellie Felzien, who played the clarinet for "Menuetto," and Cristi Antholz, who sang "I Walked Where Jesus Walked" and "As I Went a Roving."

The performers with "Superior" ratings qualified for the State Music Festival which will be held on April 24 in Wichita.

## Commissioners struggle with alcohol issue

By Karen Krien

The fair board president was at the Monday morning Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting to tell about the proposal to remodel one of the buildings at the fairgrounds. The stipulations for the remodeling were that alcoholic beverages be allowed to be served/sold in the building and the assurance that the building would still be there and available in 15 to 20 years.

Dick Bursch, fair board president, said the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization had proposed to purchase all of the materials and Brent Rueb at Tri-State Lumber would sell the materials at a reduced price but they also wanted to be able to provide alcohol at their annual banquet.

Mr. Bursch had contacted Allen Honeyman at the Alcohol Beverage Control department. Mr. Honeyman informed him that it is legal to have 3.2 beer on the property

unless the commissioners have made a resolution forbidding it. However, any hard liquor (above the 3.2 level) was not legal. He said there were several counties where the commissioners had drawn up a resolution which did allow the serving/sale of hard liquor on county land.

Mr. Bursch had contacted six of the fair board members and, while they did not feel right about taking a stand on the alcohol issue, asked that the commissioners, if they did make a resolution to allow the hard liquor, please stipulate that hard liquor could not be served or sold during the fair.

Ron Krien, commissioner, thought that the commissioners had already agreed that no liquor would be allowed at the fair grounds, however, he was not positive.

The commissioners agreed that there are times when there are weddings where they knew champagne or beer were served.

The Wildlife members are proposing to put up studs, insulation and sheet rock on the walls. The room along with the kitchen and rest rooms would be painted and possibly some more studs, insulation and sheet rock put up in those rooms. A good refrigerator and more electrical outlets were also mentioned. Right now, the ceiling is OK but in the future, there might be a need to lower it and make the building more energy efficient.

If the commissioners refuse to allow alcohol to be served, the Wildlife organization will probably not go ahead with the remodeling.

Commissioner Jane Brubaker expressed concern about alcohol being served but really didn't think the county should have a fancy building in St. Francis to be used one week of the year for the fair.

Commissioner Tim Raile said that, he, too, was concerned about the alcohol but also knew that improvements (he did not consider

sheet rock "fancy") needed to be made to the building and the Wildlife organization was willing to do it without taxpayer dollars. If the improvements were not made now, they would eventually need to be made later and this time, it would probably be with taxpayer dollars.

Commissioner Krien said there were several people who had already volunteered to help with cleanup and remodeling.

Without the county attorney being there and the fact that the commissioners needed more time to consider the proposal and get input from residents, the matter was tabled until the Wildlife members meet with the commissioners. However, it was noted that no one could guarantee that the building would be there in 15 years.

More on the commissioners' meeting will be printed in the next week's issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

## Meth lab is busted

On Friday, Kansas Bureau of Investigation officers and the Cheyenne County Sheriff officers located a meth lab 2 miles south of the Nebraska State Line and 2.5 miles west of K-161. They were assisted by the St. Francis County Department and the Dundy Police Sheriff's Department.

Arrested were Chris Reichart and Jared Wiese, both of Benkelman. They were charged with possession of methamphetamine; possession of drug manufacturing paraphernalia; possession of methamphetamine with the intent to sell, deliver or distribute; and manufacture of methamphetamine.

A third suspect is under investigation.

## Time changes Sunday

Spring is here and on Sunday, people should plan to set their clocks ahead an hour before going to bed Saturday night or you might be late to church Sunday morning.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday. The actual time change is 2 a.m. on Sunday but most people will not be up at that hour and should just take care of the clock changes a little earlier. So, if you go to bed at 11 p.m., reset the clock for midnight.

While it will stay light longer in the evening, it will still be dark when many people, especially school kids, get ready for the day. Be careful on the way to work.

It would also be a good idea to get to bed an hour earlier than usual or you'll end up losing an hour of sack time and it could take the whole week to catch up.

Everyone is also urged to change the batteries in their smoke alarms rather than to wait until there is strange sound like a bird chirping or there is an emergency and the alarm doesn't go off. Firemen suggest that by changing the batteries, it could save a life.

## Counties' selections do well

Seventeen teenage girls from across Kansas competed for a share of \$6,250 in college scholarships on Saturday and Sunday at the Belleville High School and the 2004 Cheyenne County Junior Miss walked away with \$900 of it.

Hayley Young, Bird City and Cheylin senior, was the second runner-up in the contest, receiving a \$400 cash scholarship, as well as a \$500 award for overall scholastics. Rawlins County Junior Miss, Kylie Dixon, who is also a senior at Cheylin, received the \$100 community service award.

Jennifer Jones of Salina was awarded the title of Kansas' Junior Miss 2004 and a \$2,500 cash scholarship. In addition to winning the title, Miss Jones won the \$300 overall talent award and the \$200 overall interview award. She will go on to compete in the nationally televised America's Junior Miss Finals in Mobile, Ala., in June, where she will have the opportunity to win a share of more than \$200,000 in cash scholarships.

The first runner-up, Kimberly Streit of Tipton, received a \$600 cash scholarship. The third runner-up was Stacy Johnson of Concordia and Amanda Bruna of Hanover was the fourth runner-up.



Young

Hayley said, "There were a lot of great girls there, I was really honored with (second runner-up)."

"Hayley did a wonderful job representing Cheyenne County and did an awesome job in the Poise and Fitness Categories," said Vicki Cress, chairman of the county Junior Miss Program.

She added that her jazz dance was also "right on cue."

"Cheyenne County couldn't have been prouder," she said. Kylie won the community service award for an essay she wrote about a play which second graders from Cheylin Elementary performed about the solar system. The second graders presented the play to the senior citizens.

The question for the poise portion of the program, "describe how a sport or hobby has taught you a lesson in discipline or team work?" was asked to each of the



Dixon

contestant on Saturday night.

Hayley's answer was, "While track is not considered a 'team sport,' my freshman year I was part of a relay team along with three other girls who had gone on to state the year before. I really thought it was my responsibility to be disciplined in my training so I would fulfill my own expectations and not let down the other members of my team."

Kylie answered the question, "4-H has helped me do things I really didn't always want to do, but I learned discipline and saw the rewards."

The 2005 Cheyenne County Junior Miss program will be held June 26. Mrs. Cress said there have been 14 Cheyenne County girls showing interest in the upcoming program which will have the theme "Goin' Country."

Any other girls interested in participating in the program should contact Mrs. Cress at 785-332-2490.

## 40 severe weather spotters attend Monday training

The Cheyenne County Severe Weather Spotter Training meeting held Monday evening in St. Francis drew a crowd of 40 people concerned about severe weather and giving information to the National Weather Service in Goodland.

David Floyd, warning meteorologist with the National Weather Service, talked about how to spot a tornado or severe weather and when to call a possible serious condition into the Service.

Mr. Floyd said that last year, there were 91 tornadoes reported in Kansas and that is 39 above the normal number. He also said that most tornadoes occur between the hours of noon and midnight and most tornadoes are reported in May. In fact, on May 8, there were 21 tornadoes reported.

However, tornadoes have been reported as early as February and as late as December.

If there is a tornado warning, people are urged to go to the basement or to an interior room on the lowest floor such as a closet or bathroom. Then wrap or cover themselves in coats or blankets to protect the head and body from flying debris.

If away from home, go to an interior room or hall on the lowest floor and stay away from glassed-in areas or wide-span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses. crouch down and cover the head. Also, don't take shelter in halls that open to the south or the west.

If in a car or mobile home, people are advised to abandon them immediately as most deaths from tornadoes occur in cars or mobile homes.

If there is no suitable structure nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and cover the head with your hands.

Always be prepared for a tornado by having a store of clean covered containers of water and a disaster supply kit which includes a flashlight, candles, matches and a radio.

If someone missed the training on Monday, there are two more classes in the areas. The Rawlins County class will be held at 7 p.m. on April 5 at the Prairie Development Center in Atwood. Another class will be held in Dundy County at 7 p.m. mountain standard time on April 22 at the Benkelman High School (location tentative).

Or, for more information, contact Gary Rogers, Cheyenne County Emergency Manager, at 785-332-