

# Agency opens election for administrative representative

Plans are being made to select a representative for the Local Administrative Area of the Farm Service Agency.

The agency's County Committee election will be held this year on Dec. 10. This Local Administrative Area covers the southwest part of Cheyenne County. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice. Blank FSA-669's may be obtained at the county office. Each FSA-669A submitted must be:

- Limited to one nominee.
- Signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected.
- Postmarked or delivered to the Cheyenne County Office no later than Aug. 1.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A farmer is eligible to be a committee member if the farmer lives in the Local Administrative Area and is an eligible voter. County Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations, if these positions pose a conflict of interest with agency duties. These

positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary and positions on boards or Executive Committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the county office.

The duties of County Agency Committee members include:

- Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the Farm

- Service Agency programs.
- Keeping the State Committee informed of Local Administrative Area conditions recommending needed changes in farm programs
- Recommending needed changes in farm programs.
- Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- Performing other duties as assigned by the State Committee.

## Farm loans for storage available to producers

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for commodities.

The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and re-manufactured oxygen-limit-

ing and other upright silo-type structures.

All Farm Storage Facility Loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A minimum down payment is also required. For details, contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture county office staff.



**TIMELINE** was signed by members of the Historical Society Tuesday. Those signing are clockwise: Marvin Zimbelman, Glenn Isernhagen, Ruben Schultz, Erva Gene DeAragon, Althea Lebow is observing. The signatures indicate when each member came to Cheyenne County.

Herald photo by Janet Carmen

## Ag Talk with Jeanne

### Wheat Rust Headed Our Way?

By Jeanne Falk, K-State Multi-County Agronomist

There is a great deal of activity to our south, spraying fungicides on wheat.

Should we be getting worried in our area? First, to the south farmers are spraying for several diseases, leaf rust, tan spot and powdery mildew. Right now, leaf rust is the greatest concern for this area.

When we start hearing about leaf rust outbreaks, we start listening to the south.

Leaf rust is able to be moved easily in the wind. Dispersal of spores is favored by dry, windy weather.

Three things need to be present for the infection of leaf rust. The first two things we need are the host and the pathogen. This is wheat and leaf rust.

We know the leaf rust pathogen is present to the south and we have been having windy conditions to move the pathogen into our area. The last thing we need is moisture for the rust pustules to get into the leaves. This can be a light shower or as little as dew in the morning.

In addition, rust development is favored by daytime temperatures between 65 and 80 degrees.

So what do we do now? First, it is a good idea to determine the susceptibility of your wheat varieties. Several of our most popular varieties do not have a lot of resistance to leaf rust. On a scale of one to nine, with one equaling highly resistant and nine - highly susceptible, Jagalene, Jagger, and TAM111 are rated as nine for leaf rust. T81 and 2137 are rated as a seven. Other varieties are more resistant, such as Stanton as a two.

Treating with fungicides is also an important decision.

The growth stage of the wheat at

infection is important. The earlier the infection, the greater the impact on yield.

Losses are greater when leaf rust infects the flag leaf at flowering (30 percent loss with 65 percent flag leaf infestation) than when infection at the soft dough stage (7 percent loss with 65 percent flag leaf infection).

The weather in the next five to 10 days will play a huge role in the potential outbreak. Warmer weather (65 to 80 degrees) with humidity or dew promotes leaf rust development. Finally, the yield potential and economics must be considered. Run the numbers to decide if the fungicide

treatment will pay for itself.

Fungicide treatments also differ. There are preventative treatments, providing protection for two to three weeks.

These fungicides can be applied until full head emergence. These include Headline and Quadris.

There are curative treatments (when the rust is two- to four-days old). These include Tilt and Propimax.

Finally, there combination treatments that include Quilt and Stratego. Both the curative and combination treatments can be applied up to full head emergence, when supplemental label is in hand during application.

## Nursing home week is May 13-19

May 13-19, is National Nursing Home Week and Mother's day was May 13. Many nursing home residents are the people who planted the seeds that have made our community grow stronger.

They have been the teachers, the business people, the parents and other central figures who produced all of the good things that we now enjoy

This week is a chance to honor these special residents, as well as the

families, staff, volunteers and community.

The year's National Nursing Home Week theme is "Treasure Our Elders." The Good Samaritan will be holding a variety of events to showcase residents and give them a chance to shine.

Don't forget to stop by the Village and say "Hello." It can make the day for residents and can give the visitor a warm feeling.



### Bird City News

Dean and Theresa Knapp traveled to Eaton, Colo. last weekend where they attended the Regional Track meet in which their granddaughters, Kelsi and Kendra Miller were participants. Kelsi is the second leg of the 3200-meter relay team which placed third and qualified to go to state this weekend in Pueblo, Colo. Their time was 10:23.07 Kendra also qualified to go to state in the triple jump with 32'10". This is the second year Kendra had qualified in the triple jump. Kelsi is a senior at Strasburg High School and will graduate May 20 Valedictorian of her class. Kendra is a sophomore at Strasburg High School.

Nathan Hendricks has completed his Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University. A celebration of his accomplishment as well as his recent engagement to Lindsay was held at the home of his parents, John and Sharon Hendricks. Guests were; Nathan Hendricks and Lindsay Walter of Manhattan, Chad Hendricks of Bird City, Linsey Mackley, Jace and Dalton of Sharon Springs, and David and Amy Hendricks, Kaylynn and Matthew of Bird City. Nathan has been awarded a fellowship from the University of California at Davis, Calif., to pursue his doctorate degree in Agricultural Economics in the fall.



Dr. Gary Benton  
Cardiovascular  
Surgeon



Dr. Jeffery Curtis  
Interventional  
Cardiologist



Dr. Christine Fisher  
Interventional  
Cardiologist

## Introducing the Newest Member Of Our Cardiac Team!

Richard Rigmaiden, III, M.D., Interventional Cardiologist

### Welcome, Dr. Rigmaiden!

#### We're Pleased You've Chosen DeBakey Heart Institute!

DeBakey Heart Institute welcomes Dr. Richard Rigmaiden to the heart team that includes Cardiovascular Surgeon Dr. Gary Benton, and Interventional Cardiologists Dr. Christine Fisher and Dr. Jeffery Curtis. Combined, these highly skilled specialists in heart surgery, cardiovascular diagnosis and treatment represent many years of experience in cardiac care.

Dr. Rigmaiden completed medical school at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. He completed his cardiology fellowship at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha and is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Rigmaiden is now accepting appointments for new patients. For more information, call Toll Free 888-625-4699 or ask your primary care physician.



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HealthGrades™, the nation's leading independent reviewer of healthcare quality, has ranked The DeBakey Heart Institute at Hays Medical Center among the Top 10 Hospitals in Kansas for Heart Surgery, and the Top 10% Nationwide for Coronary Interventional Services.



## Club Clip

### McDonald Town and Country Garden Club

The McDonald Town and Country Garden Club held their annual Plant and Food Sale on Wednesday, May 9 at the McDonald Senior Center. As always the shoppers came early to find the tables loaded with lots of plants and delicious food. Two of the members have greenhouses, so are able to start lots of annual plants. Margie Hubbard had started all the plants that members planted in the barrels on Main Street. The barrels were planted with a variety of plants, and should be pretty for Memorial Day.

At noon the members ate lunch at The Frosty Mug before going back to the Senior Center for their business meeting. Betty Knapp opened the meeting with a prayer. All re-

ports read were accepted. Vera Kacirek reported on the State meeting in Olathe. No one from the club was able to attend. She had received the following ribbons in the mail: Rating Sheet; Purple Ribbon, Year Book; Red Ribbon for second place in the state, Arbor Day Book; Red Ribbon, Publicity Press Book; Red ribbon, a purple ribbon was sent for

Allie Frisbie for her State winning poster.

Discussion included the June Garden Tour, the October District meeting that the club will host, and the decorations for the Alumni Day tables.

Members then worked on renewing the flowers in the hanging baskets for the Gazebo.

Heritage and family are important to all of us.

Fairs, jubilees and other celebrations are highlights and markers in our lives.

In closing, Mr. Keller told the group that the past is important and helps us plan for the future. Digitalizing photos, genealogies, and other printed archives are an important step for the Cheyenne County Museum.

In seeking grants to fund such a genealogical center, the Historical Society is planning for the future. Mr. Keller and Mrs. Lebow helped the members of the Historical Society see the importance of their role in the county.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Troy Burr, Bird City; Charles Merklin, Bird City; Dale Hazuka, Bird City; Cheyenne County Extension, St. Francis; Leon Brethower, Bird City; Demi

Shahan, Bird City; Dave Flemming, Bird City; James Tracy, McDonald; Annabelle Nelson, Bird City; Ed Kogl, Commerce City; Gary Leach, Bird City.