

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
With holidays just around the corner, here's what your readers can expect at the Post Office this holiday season.

On Oct. 23, four holiday nutcracker stamps will debut. The eye-catching nutcracker designs-Santa, a king, a captain, and a drummer-will add colorful, humorous touches to 2008 winter holiday cards, letters and packages.

Also debuting on Oct. 23 will be this year's traditional Christmas stamp, which features work from a detailed painting titled, "Virgin and Child With the Young John the Baptist!" by the Italian master Sandro Botticelli. The painting, tempera and oil on wood, dates to around 1490 and is now in the collection of the Cleveland Museum of Art. The new holiday stamps will be available online at usps.com/shop, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-4.

This holiday season, the Post

Office features a larger Priority Mail Flat Rate Box. Ship as much as can be properly secured in the box, up to 70 pounds, to any United States location for only \$12.95. And there is a \$2 military discount when sipping the large flat rate boxes to an Army Post Office (APO) or Fleet Post Office (FPO) address. Flat rate boxes can also be sent internationally-check with your Post Office, or usps.com, for pricing and information.

Looking to add something unique and fun to your holiday greetings, turn your favorite photo into a postage stamp, greeting card, or both, at usps.com.

Whether it's online at usps.com, or at the Post Office, we look forward to seeing you this holiday season. Thanks for your business.

Sonja Weeden  
Postmaster  
Bird City



## Public Notice

### Annual meeting published

To be held in the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, Wednesday, November 5, 2008. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meal following.

THE AGENDA:  
Reading of the annual report.  
Election of one director.  
All other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

To help us plan the amount of food needed for this year's Annual Meeting we need your help. Please call 785-332-2281 with the number of guests attending. R.S.V.P. 785-332-2281

Robert Draper, Secretary

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF WHEELER COOPERATIVE MERC. EQUITY UNION

# 2008 season ends for racing family

The Janicke family ended the 2008-racing season at Alma, Neb. on Oct. 19. The weather can be very unpredictable this time of the year, but clear skies, warm temperatures and calm winds were the order of the day.

Walker Janicke raced first in the 125C class. He is back in good racing form after the concussion he suffered June 1, but was careful in the first corner as to not get hurt for his last football game. Walker worked hard and got his first trophy in the 125C class with a very respectable 10th place. There are normally around 20 riders in this class.

Devon and Jordan Janicke raced in the next race, the 65 class. They were both in very tight points chases in their respective classes with other riders; their finishes on this day were very important.

Devon worked hard after a very tough playoff football game the night before. He finished the day in second place. He benefited from some riders going down in the first corner, but he was already out in front so he was not caught up in the crash.

Jordan had a good day with a hard won fifth place finish for the day. He

needed just one more lap to catch his friend, Kelson, but it was not meant to be on this day. They have traded spots all year long and become good friends in the process.

Clayton was last to race. He decided to match up with the young guys in the 250C class. He was able to hang with them at the last race in Wauneta two weeks before and came in second. This day brought quite a few more riders from eastern Nebraska. He finished a respectable seventh place. He let one pass him so he would not affect their yearend points battle.

The boys all qualified for yearend awards. Walker finished in ninth place overall in the 125C class. There is no age limit for this class so he competes against racers of all ages. It has been different, but he gets better each race, also giving his dad a run for his money when they race at home.

Devon was able to capture second place overall in the 65 (ages 9-11) class by one point. His great finish at Alma made all the difference in coming in second compared to a fourth place finish.

Jordan finished in third place overall in the 65 (ages 6-8) class. He missed second place by one point.



CLAYTON JANICKE catches some air coming off of a jump at the race in Alma.

He was very disappointed, but has had fun and made good friends.

Clayton raced in three races this year so he did not have enough

rides to qualify for yearend awards. They will receive their awards at the Cornhusker Motocross banquet on Nov. 22 in Kearney, Neb.

## Bird City News

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Busse of St. Francis were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch. Ted is a nephew of Keith.

House guests of Maude Elliott last week were Bill Elliott of Amarillo, Texas, and Becky Babcock of Castle Pines, Colo. They did

many tasks for their mother such as repairing, replacing and winterizing, all of which were much appreciated.

On Wednesday, Cynthia (Shay) Deines of La Porto, Colo., was a visitor and had lunch with Maude Elliot, Bill Elliot and Becky Babcock.

## Club Clip

### Go-Getters 4-H Club

The Go-Getters 4-H Club had a meeting on Oct. 19. Isaac Sturgeon called the meeting to order, the group went old and new business.

Cateline Isely led the group in the song "Throw it out the window."

Trevor Sturgeon is now treasurer.

Rachel and Elizabeth Keltz led a game and the group was adjourned.

Savannah Isely  
Reporter

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