

# Several attend festival

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Cheyenne County was once again well represented at the Sampler Festival.

Held over the weekend in Concordia, the weather was nice allowing over 5,000 people to attend. From the county, Eddy and Sherry Schultz and Kenny and Gloria Bracelin manned the Popcorn Corner, giving away over 1,000 bags of popcorn.

That's about 80 pounds of popcorn, said Mrs. Bracelin.

"We could have given away more but the popcorn popper we were using was not quite big enough to keep up," she said.

Nevertheless, they said they had fun visiting with the people and talking about Cheyenne County and northwest Kansas.

They also manned the "Wheel of Wonder," where people can spin the wheel and if they correctly answer the question about northwest Kansas, they win a prize.

"It was pretty popular this year," Mrs. Bracelin said.

Attending this year and located in the northwest Kansas tent was Monty's Beef Jerky from Bird City. Tim and Robyn Raile, Wade Carmichael and Sherry Carmichael were busy handing out samples of their product. They also sold out of their "hot" jerky. Their jerky was very popular, Mrs. Bracelin said, but she wondered if maybe it was because Tim and Wade were wearing "utility kilts."

There were also T-shirts and



**IN THEIR KILTS — Wade Carmichael and Tim Raile are busy in the Monty's Smoked Jerky booth.**

hats for sale in their booth.

The jerky business is located at 215 S. Bird Ave., and tours are welcome, Mrs. Bracelin said.

Becky's Bierocks had a booth selling bierocks for lunch or breakfast, as well as by the dozen. She also had cinnamon rolls for sale.

Mrs. Bracelin said former residents, Scott and Mindy Condray and Blake Waters, were at the festival and sent their greetings back to St. Francis.

For the next two years, the Kansas Sampler Festival will move to Leavenworth.



**THE WEEK OF MAY 11 THROUGH 15 is National Peace Officer's Week. The VFW Post 1528 and its auxiliary presented the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department and the St. Francis Police Department with floral arrangements decorated with poppies and a "poppy puppy" to show appreciation for their service to country and community. Sam Miller (l) and Wanda Dowdy (r) presented Norvin Anderson, Craig VanAllen and Carol Gamblin with flowers.**

# Funding available through quality incentive program

Speaking on May 5 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Organic Standards Board, Kathleen Merrigan, agriculture deputy secretary, announced \$50 million for a new initiative to meet the Obama Administration's promise to encourage more organic agriculture production. Funding for the initiative is being made available as part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

"Assisting organic producers is a priority of the 2008 Farm Bill as well as for Secretary Vilsack and the Obama Administration," said Ms. Merrigan. "The objective of this initiative is to make organic food producers eligible to compete for Environmental Quality Incentives Program financial assistance."

According to Eric B. Banks, Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist, Kansas received over \$1.5 million for the initiative. Applications received from organic producers or producers in transition to organic farming will be accepted under this initiative from May 11 through May 29. Producers may still sign up for the Organic Initiative after May 29. However, applications received through May 29 will be ranked at that time and considered for funding.

The 2009 Organic Initiative is a nationwide special initiative to provide financial assistance to National Organic Program certified organic producers as well as producers in the process of transitioning to organic production. Organic producers may also apply for assistance under general

Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

"The Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service continues to support the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Organic Initiatives," said Mr. Banks. "The Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service is working with our conservation partners to provide training to field office employees to improve the conservation service technical assistance related to organic production systems."

Under the Organic Initiative required minimum core conservation practices will be determined by specific resource concerns. The practices are: Conservation Crop Rotation; Cover Crop; Nutrient

Management; Pest Management; Prescribed Grazing; and Forage Harvest Management. States must consider using any appropriate practice that meets the resource concern on a particular operation.

Ranking criteria has been established based on resource concerns that link to the National Organic Program objectives and the core conservation practices.

Visit your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office for more details about conservation planning and programs to help you protect your farm. For more information go to <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip> and click on Kansas 2009 EQIP Information.

## Club Clip

### Kanred Club

The Family Community Education group, Kanred, met on Monday, May 4, at the LeBow Manor in Bird City. There were four members present, Jerry Cress, Dorothy Mast, Wanda Dowdy, and Wanita Stately.

For roll call, each member brought recipes that contain protein. This was really interesting as each shared some really different recipes - from main dishes to desserts to snacks.

For the lesson, Jerry Cress taught, "Vary your protein." This was a very important lesson because everyone needs protein in their diet and some do not get the

recommended amount.

Most people's health would benefit from getting more variety in their protein rich food choices. In order to achieve good tasting and more affordable meals - along with improved health - tips were shared about choosing and using lean or low-fat protein-rich foods, including dry beans and peas, dairy products, eggs, fish, nuts, seeds, poultry and red meats.

At the end of the lesson, members enjoyed blueberry and bean muffins that were prepared by Wanda Dowdy, which was also her recipe that she shared made from red beans.

# Area students will receive scholarships at graduation

Seniors from Cheylin High School and St. Francis Community High School are among the students who will receive one of the 186 scholarships given by the Pete Henry Foundation.

Scholarships range from students who will receive \$1,500 each semester for eight semesters to students who will receive one-time scholarships for \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$750.

The scholarship was created through the generosity of Pete Henry who was a farmer for many years in the Brewster area. Pete had an inquiring mind and knew the value of hard work, thrift and good management.

He was born in 1910 and was raised on a farm near Campbell, Neb. His mother died when he was 13 and his immediate responsibility was to care for and manage the household for his four younger brothers and sisters while his dad struggled to earn a living. Pete left Nebraska for California when he was 21. Times were hard. He slept in cars, washed dishes for food and eventually rented a garage for \$6 a month to sleep in.

He signed on with the Civilian Conservation Corps forest service to harvest trees and build roads. The forester recognized Pete's innate engineering talent and assigned him the responsibility of being the librarian where he immersed himself in a surveying course. He became the head of the surveying crew which built many roads and fire lands in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Later in the 1930s, Pete was hired by Douglas Aircraft Company to work in the engineering department designing and constructing fighter planes. All of this was accomplished with only an eighth grade education.

The 1940s, found Pete in and out of the Army Air Corp where he was flight engineer of the B-17, B-24 and B-29 aircraft. He also participated in top secret training, with some of the airmen from his base being the ones that dropped the atomic bomb.

In 1949, Pete rented ground south of Brewster from former neighbors in Nebraska. Pete, always the keen observer, adapted

his Nebraska farming experiences to western Kansas. He never farmed prime cultivated land; he saw each acre as unique and managed each type of soil differently to achieve maximum productivity. He watched his neighbors and learned from their successes and mistakes, managed his money frugally, investing in good machinery and income-producing assets but lived a spartan life himself. He provided essentially all the labor on the farm until he was 88-years-old and, until his death in 2002, made all the management decisions.

His dream was to assist local students to further their education. He established a foundation to award academic and technical training scholarships to self-starting, determined individuals with leadership and work experience from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties.

He hoped to give others the opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

Cheylin and St. Francis students and their scholarship

amounts include:

- \$1,500 each semester for eight semesters: Cheylin: Sydney Busse.
- One time \$2,000 vo tech or college scholarships: Cheylin: Jay Keithline, Tyler Miller, Amanda Walden, Rex Weishapl, Jacob White; St. Francis: Chase Barnhart, Kim Church, Trevor Hilt, Logan Lampe, Ethan Zweygardt
- One time \$1,500 scholarships: St. Francis: Kim Voeller.
- One time \$1,000 scholarships: Cheylin: Jaden Cahoj, Nikki Johnson, Justin Miller; St. Francis: Sidnee Crabtree, Courtney Douthit, Elizabeth Gienger, Andrea Holzwarth, Cara Hunt, Jami Pevler, Joni Pevler.
- One time \$750 scholarships: Cheylin: Debra Banister, Tia Sager; St. Francis: Scott Ford, Megan Gilliland, Sarah Guthmiller, Casey House, Talon Jones, Taylor Kennedy, Lacey Kibel, Trent Kinen, Tyler Larson, Lance Owens, Jesse Pacheco, Taryn Richards, Jacob Reidel, Sam Sowers, Shawn Warren, Matthew Whitmore, Candice Wiese, Hailey Woodcox.

## Bird City News

Last Saturday, Maynard and Lucille Wright, and Phyllis Wright attended the Baptism Service at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bird City.

Andrew Royce and Abigail Renee Wright were baptized. The twins were born Feb. 22, 2009.

Monday, Meta Dankenbring and Phyllis Wright attended the May birthday party at the Bird City Senior Center. They enjoyed the cakes and fellowship of all who attended.

Tuesday afternoon callers of Meta Dankenbring and Phyllis Wright at Meta's home were, Donna Wright, Nancy Semler and Lucille Wright.

Thursday afternoon, Gerald Wright took his wife, Phyllis to Goodland for her appointment with her surgeon. She is still recuperating in Meta's home.

Wednesday evening visitors of Meta Dankenbring and Phyllis Wright were Keith and Cinda

Dankenbring, St. Francis.

Mother's Day visitor of Meta Dankenbring was Mil Dankenbring, Hutchison. He took his mother and sister, Phyllis to dinner at the Bird City Diner. He returned home that evening after a brief visit with Keith and Canda Dankenbring, who also brought Mother's Day greetings to Meta.

Mother's Day visitors of Dottie Cook were her sons Buster Schneider, Waunita, Neb, and Fred Schneider, Benkelman, Neb. Fred took a lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers and prepared potato salad.

Also visitors to Brad and Linda Schneider's home on Mother's Day were Dwayne Nelsen and Scott Smith. It was a great time of card playing with Dwayne and Brad playing pinochle against Dottie and Buster. Dwayne and Brad beat their four games out of four. Linda's sister, Pam Stevens, also stopped by for lunch.

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