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JADE KETZNER (1 to r) LOOKS INTO his grandfather's, Ernie Ketzner, lunch box to see what special treats were

there, while his sisters Joslyn and Jacquelyn have already started on their basket.

It was not a large crowd at-

tending the Saturday evening

boxed lunch auction, but what

was lacking in numbers was

made up in having a good time

monthly activities that are be-

ing planned by the Bird City

125-year Birthday Activities

Committee through to June

Royce Rambat was the auc-

tioneer for the evening along

with his side kick, Wade Car-

michael who kept track of the

bids. Rod Young and Ernie

Ketzner displayed the baskets

After the auction was over,

everyone sat down with their

meal that consisted of home-

made goodies like fried chick-

en, enchiladas, even a bottle of

in all manners of way with col-

Baskets were gaily decorated

At the close of the event, an

award went to the best deco-

rated basket and the winner

was Stan and Dee Dorsch with

a basket of cardinals nesting

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hall meeting held in Bird City Sun-

day morning, Ward Cassidy, St.

Francis, announced that he plans

to run for Representative of the

120th District on the Republican

ticket. The position is presently

by groups from Decatur, Nor-

ton and Phillips counties, asking

him to consider running because

He said he had been approached

held by John Faber, Brewster.

At a meeting following the town

wine was in one basket.

orful paper and fabrics.

among the food.

The auction was the first of

by everyone.

for bid.

Fair needs volunteers



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With the fair only six months away, the Cheyenne County Fair Board members got down to the business of getting acts lined up and scheduled events set. At the meeting was the newest fair board member, welcomed by contacting Megan Douthit-Downey.

After the approval of the financial report and meeting minutes, derby rules were reviewed and accepted A local talent show will be added to this year's scheduled shows. Dick Bursch, president, presented a list of possible acts to be considered.

Derby rules

Clay Zimbelman, heading the Derby Committee, presented to the members the derby rules. With only some changes in wording on the car vehicles, they are basically the same as last year's rules.

and put right back into action, something we didn't allow last year," Mr. Zimbelman said.

He said Syracuse wants to be a part Colby and Goodland. Mr. Zimbelman said that since the Cheyenne County Fair is the last of the derby races, it will be up to the fair board to add up the points and announce the winner. Also, the points system is being reviewed and will be better than last year's. The points rules will be separate from the derby rules.

Discussion followed on how to collect money from the other derby fair board sponsors. Members agreed that it was important to pay addition, they request the money to be presented to the Cheyenne County Fair Board by July 1. Members also set the money from each sponsor at \$300.

Talent show added to venue

Gary Cooper, secretary, re-Music Club and the club agreed Cheyenne County. they would put on a local talent ics discussed was the public announcement system.

He had talked to Roy Elfers about the times he and Scott King had been disc jockeys together. Mr. Elfers said he had talked to Mr. King and he agreed to allow his sound system to be used if it is operated by Mr. Elf-

This is the kicker, Mr. Cooper said. Roy is the swine superintendent and is involved with the weigh in on Wednesday night. Roy said he could do the sound system on Thursday night for the talent show.'

Mr. Cooper said the club was willing to do the talent show on either Wednesday or Thursday. Furthermore, there may be some people from Goodland who would participate in the talent show.

Discussion followed with providing some monetary incentive for the talent show. Mr. Cooper said the Music Club makes donations to the community by way of scholarships. the price of the gate tickets would in St. Francis.

be. Mr. Cooper will get more information about the length of the show to get an idea of what to charge at the gate.

In keeping with the topic of the amateur talent show, making a stage available was discussed. Several ideas were tossed around, but it was Drew Flemming. Volunteers are the consensus that the fair board needed to do various duties and are should provide a nice stage since the club is putting forth the effort to

> night it would be scheduled. Members agreed that Friday would set for the amateur talent show with more details forthcoming.

Area scheduling

aside for rodeo roping. Last year, there was a good turn out for the roping and he was wanting to see if cowboys from the Yuma County bumpers and safety bars inside the Fair would be available for roping

Megan said that she had talk-"This year, the cars can be patched ed to someone concerning the roping and there were people who wanted to come. The roping will be on Wednesday night.

of the derby-point system, as well as night for the horse verses horsepower followed and was agreed to have it on Thursday night. It was also discussed to have a mutton bustin' event.

Mr. Bursch said the committees should have a meeting before the next board meeting and bring the information updates.

Livestock disease meeting

Mr. Hobrock said he had attended the recent Homeland Security meeting that addressed the topic of what to do in the event the winners the night of the derby. In of hoof-and-mouth disease in Cheyenne County presented by Gary Rogers, emergency manager.

Mr. Hobrock said that basically the Federal Homeland Security required a plan from the county. He added that everyported that he had visited with one hopes that it never happens and Ruth Milliken of the St. Francis it would be nationwide, not just in

The fairgrounds are in the plan, show for the fair. One of the top- but may or may not be used," he said. "Local livestock owners are being asked to provide materials to build a corral and quarantine area, except for horses.'

If there were a diagnose of hoof and mouth, a trench from Garden City to Denver, Colo., would have to be dug to handle the extermination of all the animals in the area. He volunteered to be on the committee that addresses the issue.

Miscellaneous items Members briefly discussed the

following:

- Parking across from the fairgrounds will be available this year and in the future.
- exhibit building is going to be revised. Issues about utilities need to be addressed.

Next meeting

Next meeting is set for Thurs-Mr. Bursch asked him what the club day, March 4, in the commismight want for performing and what sioners' room in the courthouse

Conservation meeting planned for Tuesday

The annual Cheyenne County for our most priceless resources Conservation District meeting and supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. on life habitats. Tuesday in the cafeteria in the St. Francis Community High School.

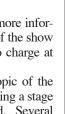
Honored this year will be Jon Waters, Bird City; Ron and Beth Maifeld, St. Francis; and ZAZ Farms - Ron, Bonnie and Zack Zweygardt, St. Francis, who are the Bankers Conservation Award winners. The Windbreak Award winners are Marty and Tammy Church, St. Francis. Others recognized at the meeting will be the student winners of the poster con-

The meeting is held each year to county who nurture, tend and care sible.

— the land, windbreaks and wild-

During the business meeting, there will be a report of finances and activities from the supervisors of the county's conservation district. The term of board member, Lonnie Willis, will be expiring and an election will be held.

Check the special Cheyenne County Conservation issue inserted in this week's issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times. There are articles about the award winners and conservation practices. Take special notice of the advertisers honor the men and women of the who helped make the section pos-



have the talent show. The last issue is deciding what

Brian Hobrock, board member, wanted to discuss having a night set

Some discussion about the

- The rental agreement for the
- Bill Ehrman, Amusement Authority, will be contacted to talk about the restroom situation. Porta-potties were suggested to handle the long lines.

he is recognized throughout the area and they thought he will do a good job representing Northwest Kansas. "I am pleased that these people feel I could be a candidate for the 120th District," he said. "I have been told that someone who

spends their career in education would not be a good candidate because we are all about raising

"That is a long way from being accurate!"

Mr. Cassidy believes that everyone should do everything possible to maintain communities without raising taxes.'

At the town meeting on Saturday, Mr. Cassidy said Les Lacy, Cheyenne County Hospital administrator, did a great job of stating how all the entities in a community are woven together — when ture will take notice.'

one gets hurt, they all get hurt.

Mr. Cassidy has been in education for 40 years, working six years as a teacher, 16 years as a counselor and 20 years as a prin-

Being in education, I can think of several ways we can cut state costs, Mr. Cassidy said.

"To me, that is the solution everyone working together to solve problems," he said. "We need to preserve our lifestyle and after exhausting every other means, if it is necessary to raise taxes, then so be it!"

As a representative, Mr. Cassidy is asking those living in Northwest Kansas for input on how issues and new bills would affect them.

"I have many farmer, business and medical friends that have great knowledge and would always be willing to help," he said. "The key is input from Northwest Kansas people — not lobbyists and special interest groups.

"If we don't all stand up to protect our Northwest Kansas way of life, we will have to take what is dished out."

He is asking the people to come to the polls in August and Novem-

"I want to see the largest turnout in the history of our five counties," he said. "Then, maybe the legisla-

We have the best people and a lifestyle that we have worked hard for, he said. Let's fight to keep it that way!

CHAD HENDRICKS (1 to r), Barbara Waters, and Bradley Waters sit down and enjoy the

baskets their bids won during the auction. No one left the American Legion Hall hungry.

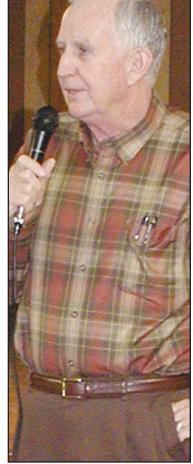
Sainty man plans to run for election

Mr. Cassidy earned a specialist degree in education finance from Fort Hays State University and a master's in administration and counseling from Northwest Oklahoma State University.

He has served on numerous boards including: Kansas State High School Activities Association Board (3 years), Board of Secondary School Principals (8 years); board member for State Access for Handicapped Students, St. Francis Fire Department and was on the board of directors for Riverside Recreation, St. Francis.

He was named Area Principal of the Year (1989). He was a motivational speaker (1991-2000), Colby Community College Outreach instructor in education (6 years); Fort Hays State Outreach instructor, taught school and community relations and current educational issues (6 years)

Mr. Cassidy and his wife, Gloria, who is first grade teacher, have two daughters: Jenny and husband, Cory Busse, who is a farmer; and Penny and husband, Kody Krien, who is a businessman on St. Francis' Main Street. They have six grandchildren, Tate, Cassidy and Ben Busse, and KC, Adam and Ellie Krien.



Time staff photos by Linda Schneider

WARD **CASSIDY** nounced to the audience in Bird City his plans to run for state representative

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