



DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER – Hal Sager came prepared for the cold weather as he participated in the annual trout fishing contest at Keller Pond. *Times staff photo by Karen Krien*

Twenty-four teams compete in contest

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The annual trout fishing contest held by the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization was held Sunday at Keller Pond, northwest of St. Francis.

Despite the cold, damp, blustery day, 24 teams of two lined the edge of the pond. They came prepared wearing winter clothing and boots.

Terry Rieger, one of the coordinator, reported 95 fish were caught weighing a total of 207 pounds. The pond was stocked earlier with 400 pounds of trout.

That leaves almost 200 pounds of trout just waiting to be caught, Mr. Rieger said.

There were two "tagged" fish in the pond. Trevor Reed caught one and was given \$25.

Taking first place was the team of Mike Henderson and Melvin Crow. They caught nine fish weighing a total of 21.8 pounds.

Second place went to Trevor and Isaac Sturgeon, Bird City. They caught 10 fish weighing 21.6 pounds.

Slim and Jake Baxter also had 10 fish weighing 21.6 pounds but the Sturgeon boys weighed in first so the Baxters took third place.

Mark Brown and Alex Draper took fourth with eight fish weighing 17.4 pounds.

Taking fifth was the team of Ben Killingsworth and Tye Gilliland. They caught seven fish weighing 14 pounds.

"Everyone had a good time, there was lots of laughing and a lot of cold," Mr. Rieger said.

With the contest over, the pond is open to anyone who wants to fish. It should be noted that a Kansas fishing license is needed if the person is between 16 and 64 years old.

"Plan to take the kids and go fishing," Mr. Rieger concluded.

Good food, good friendship enjoyed

The dining room at Riverside Recreation on U.S. 36 outside of St. Francis was sparked by cupid's arrow Feb. 15, with decorations and sweets to greet the Red Hat Mamas of Bird City and McDonald and their guests, The Classy Classics of St. Francis. New this year, is the arrangement of events, assigned to individuals celebrating birthdays that month. Betty Lewis, Joan Tongish and LaVina Waters are to be commended.

Phyllis Wingfield, humorous reading chairwoman, added wit and laughter with several stories and a visual experience of the unusual dates of 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, and 11/11/11. Now take the last two digits of the year you were born, plus the age that you will be this year and it will equal 111.

Thirty-nine adorned ladies were joyfully serenaded by members of the St. Francis Community High School singing Valentine telegram brigade. Songs were: "I Swear," "I'm Yours" and "Will You Go With Me" performed by Favii Baudet, Robbie Herman, Brandon Keeker, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Ross Nicklos, Stephanie Perry, Trevor Reed and Logan Whitmore on guitar.

Queen, Margaret Voorhies, presented gifts of appreciation to Beverly Higgins for assisting



Margaret, Edna Roesener for photography, Phyllis Wingfield for humorous reading and Iris McIntosh for editing.

The March 17 meeting will be held at the Manor in St. Francis as guests of the Classy Classics ladies.

Classy Classics attending were: Neva DeGood, Barbara Ewing, Colleen Gardner, Helene Landenberger, Kathy McBride, Nancy McCumber, Ilene O'Leary, Laura Pugh, Ruth Reynolds, Madeleine Roberson, Charlsie Rogers, Carol Rogers, Joyce Russ, Valjean Schultz, Shirley Sherlock, Arlene Walz, Sally Wieck, Dolores Wiley, Raedell Winston and Donna Zimelman.

Red Hat Mamas attending were: Ana Antholz, Florence Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Bethel Goldt, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Connie Rooney, Edna Roesener, Joan Tongish, Margaret Voorhies, LaVina Waters, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.



QUEEN Margaret Voorhies present a gift of appreciation to Beverly Higgins at the luncheon. *Times staff photo by Norma Martinez*

Commissioners discuss health insurance

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners met for a short meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

A phone conference with the commissioners and Shirley Weber, Northwest Kansas Local Environmental Protection group was held to talk about the governor's proposed funding cut. Kenneth Knorr, St. Francis, the board representative from Cheyenne County, was also present.

The program protects against water pollution and protects drinking water by inspecting water wells; assures that on-site wastewater treatment systems meet design standards and are installed correctly by competent contractors.

The environmental protection program is asking each of the counties in the district to give an additional \$2,000 for next year's budget. This will help compensate the governor's cut.

The commissioners felt that the additional money is a small price to pay for the services gained. They offered their support and pledged to help with the funding.

Cheyenne County will give a

total of \$2,880.

County health insurance
Commissioners, Dale Patton and Ernie Ketzner, had attended the St. Francis City Council meeting the night before. The city has Blue Cross Blue Shield while the county has Corporate Plan Management insurance.

They had several questions about the county's plan. They have budgeted \$550,000 for insurance and noted the county will have enough insurance providing there is no catastrophe. However, they also questioned that the county could be \$260,000 short.

No decision was made concerning health insurance.

Check held
A check for \$1,293 which was made payable to Manatron, who bought out Nex-Tech, was withheld for payment. The company had sent a bill for 7 hours of phone technical support for a computer problem. Terry Miller, clerk, said they had not solved the problem. However, the technician with First National Bank had fixed the problem and didn't charge.

The commissioners asked that Clerk Miller get an itemized bill

from the company before they paid it.

Road and bridge department report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, had a highway permit which would allow Max Bell to bore under a county road. The permit would allow the placement of an encased electric line. The commissioners signed the permit.

County bridges repairs were discussed. Mr. Flemming noted it would not be necessary for the landfill to close for a day to clean up the blowing trash. The landfill, he said, has 24 hours to clean up blown litter.

Mr. Flemming asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. Upon coming out, no decision was made.

In other business

In other business:
• The commissioners signed the Developmental Service of Northwest Kansas Agreement. They will fund the service \$8,480.

• A resolution in favor of maintaining state funding for the Local Environmental Protection Program was reviewed and approved.

• The commissioners approved of a purchase for a snow blade for the weed department's four wheeler. The cost is approximately \$795.

• Employees were asked to not park in front of the courthouse during snowstorms, so the snow could be removed for parking.

• Karen Flemming, deputy appraiser, discussed county policies. No decision was made.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



Tornado drill set for 1:30 p.m. March 8

National Weather Service offices, in cooperation with emergency management officials, have designated the week of March 7-11 as Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week.

During the week of March 7-11, weather hazards and safety information will be discussed each day and disseminated on NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards, sent to all media outlets, and displayed on our web page.

The highlight of the week is the tornado drill, when National Weather Service offices serving the state issue a test tornado warning through normal communication channels. The test warning this year will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, and will air on all radio and television broadcast stations as well as NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards.

Everyone is encouraged to treat

the test warning as if it were an actual emergency and review preparedness procedures. Municipalities throughout the state are encouraged to sound their tornado sirens at that time.

Storm spotter training classes in the tri-state area will begin March 1, and wrap up on March 29. In Cheyenne County, the storm spotter and safety class will be held in St. Francis starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, at the high school cafeteria.

The classes are open to people of all ages who have an interest in learning more about High Plains' storms, weather safety or storm spotting. Classes are free and there are no prerequisites.

Topics will include thunderstorm formation, organization and evolution, clouds associated with thunderstorms and their meaning for spot-

ters, thunderstorm hazards, safety, what severe weather elements to report and how to report.

For more information, David Floyd at david.floyd@noaa.gov, or call 785-899-6412. The web site is www.weather.gov/goodland.

Other spotter class locations include:

• Rawlins County - 6:30 p.m.,

March 2, Prairie Developmental Center, 208 S. 4th, Atwood,

• Sherman County - 6:30 p.m. mountain time, Murray Center, Northwest Tech College, 1315 Eustis, Goodland.

• Dundy County, Neb. - 6:30 p.m. mountain time, high school distance learning room, 400 9th Ave. W, Benkelman, Neb.

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