



SENIOR BIRTHDAYS are enjoyed at the senior center each month. This month's birthdays were celebrated by Lucille Wright who is 94 years old, and Val Coleman.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Club Clip

The Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars

The Auxiliary of the VFW Post 1528 met on July 17 at the city hall in St. Francis.

There were five members present: Connie Rooney, Marlys Poulignot, Ruth Moore, Dot Hill and Wanda Dowdy.

A communication was read. There was a lot of communication from the department meeting that Connie had attended in Salina.

For a fun and sharing time, President Rooney gave each one a page to fill out so they could find out what the members true

colors are. They were to rate the words that best or least describe the group. They would use the number four for the word that best described them, the number three for the next best word that described them, number one for the word that least described them and number two for the next least liked.

There were five rows of words with four columns. These words were bold, responsible, show feelings, curious, competitive, sensible, dramatic, problem

solver: adventurous, respects authority, sensitive, investigative, likes excitement, follows rules, loving, independent worker, skillful, dependable, romantic or values intelligence.

After they filled in the numbers, they were to add up all the columns to see which color was the members true color attributes. The four colors were orange, gold, blue and green.

Then the members were given a sheet showing what each of these attributes would mean and what the strong points were in these attributes. Then there was a sheet showing factors creating stress for each of the color groups. And then there was a page for each color showing the contributions to the organization, leadership style, preferred work environment and potential pitfalls. This was really enlightening for everyone as they examined these pages, and contemplated the club's True Colors.

Anyone who is eligible to be a part of the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is welcome to join the group as they meet to serve veterans. The usual meeting time is the third Monday of each month at the city hall in St. Francis at 1:30 p.m.

Members encourage people to meet with them and give ideas for the next year.

Three wheat farmers claim Kansas yield prizes

A St. Francis farmer was among three Kansas wheat farmers to earn \$1,000 by winning their respective regions in the 2011 Kansas Wheat Yield Contest.

Chuck Downey, St. Francis, in the Western Region, recorded a 61.76 bushel per acre yield with the variety Winterhawk. Tom Austin, Minneapolis, harvested 104.82 bushels per acre with a field of Armour, to claim the Central Region. James Kesler, Sabetha, won the Eastern Region with AgriPro's Art variety, which yielded 61.34 bushels per acre.

Winners will be presented checks and plaques at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson at 1:15 p.m., Sept. 15, at the Kansas Wheat Exhibit inside the Pride of Kansas Building.

"Farmers were challenged in 2011 with drought and excessive heat. Yet the farmers who participated in the 2011 Kansas Wheat Yield Contest persevered, pushed the envelope and maximized yields," says Justin Gilpin, chief executive officer of Kansas Wheat, the cooperative agreement between the Kansas Wheat Commission and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. Kansas Wheat and BASF were co-title sponsors of the second annual contest.

The 2011 yield contest features a quality component that measures protein, test weight and milling and baking quality. Results from those tests will be announced at the Kansas State Fair.

Mr. Downey said the Kansas Wheat Yield Contest provided just the right incentive to try and maximize wheat production on the Douthit-Downey Land and Cattle in Cheyenne County, which he operates with his father-in-law, Walter Douthit and his wife, Megan.

This year, he "threw the kitchen sink at the wheat crop," using a host of micronutrients and macronutrients to take care of his wheat crop.

Mr. Downey said starting the crop properly with high-quality, treated seed is critical.

"Every variety has a weakness. I choose varieties that I can control these weaknesses," he said.

This was the first year he tried WestBred's Winterhawk variety, which had performed well in the Sherman and Cheyenne county test plots, and had a disease package that fit in well with his conservation tillage program. He planted about 1.05 million seeds per acre, treating the seed with Dividend and an Amway product called Nutriplant, prior to planting. He added 40 pounds of 11-52-0 at planting.

Downey waited until spring emergence to determine how intensively he wanted to treat the wheat crop.

"I hate to get too much money tied up into the crop before winter," he says. "Rain is our limiting factor in northwest

Kansas. If it dried up and quit raining, you could lose quite a bit of money if you were to put a lot of fertilizer on in the fall."

His contest plot, which totaled 13.9 acres, looked promising coming out of winter dormancy. Thus, he added 65 pounds of nitrogen and 15 pounds of sulfur in April, and followed that at jointing in May with copper, zinc, coron and chloride, plus the fungicide Tilt and the herbicide, Barrage. At the flagleaf stage, he added another 9 ounces of Twinline fungicide, plus the micronutrients Headset and Megafol, and 32 ounces of Coron.

There is no substitute for

crop scouting; Downey walks his wheat fields weekly from the time they break dormancy until harvest. Cheyenne County Extension Agent Marty Fear supervised the harvest.

Next year, he plans to implement more no-till into his wheat acres in order to save as much moisture as possible.

"If you're not trying something new, you cannot expect anything to change," he said.

Yield: 61.76 bushels per acre
Wheat variety: Winterhawk, WestBred

Certified seed source: Sharp Brothers Seed

Certified crop consultant: none

Hazardous waste collection set for Saturday, Aug. 27

By Karen Krien

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Cheyenne County is having a household hazardous waste collection day from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the county landfill, 2 miles east of Wheeler.

People are asked to leave all materials in their original containers. If the container is leaking, pack it "as is" in another larger container and label it clearly.

If another container is used, be sure it is clearly labeled. Do not mix the contents of different containers and securely package materials before transporting.

Keep a harmful product away from children and animals until it is disposed and do not carry open containers of liquids with strong odors or spill potential in

a closed vehicle. Pack containers so they won't tip, break or spill during travel. Waste oil should not contain gasoline, solvents, degreasers, paint or antifreeze.

Items not taken at this collection include empty paint cans and dried paint. These can be disposed in the household dumpster.

Other items not taken are appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, medical waste or radioactive waste.

Materials accepted

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Materials accepted include paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries and used oil. Automobile lead acid batteries will be accepted. Please have the materials in sturdy boxes for easy and quick unloading. Have your used oil in disposable containers. Farm chemicals, appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, school lab chemicals, medical waste, radioactive waste, ammo, compressed gas cylinders (propane), asbestos, dioxins or silvex will not be accepted. Program organizers reserve the right to reject delivery of materials.

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Due to KDHE regulations these are items that can't be picked up during the City-Wide Cleanup later in the month. You do not need to call prior to bringing items to the Landfill. If you have questions, please call the Landfill at 785-332-8842, Tuesday through Saturday.

No Household Hazardous Waste items accepted early or after the clean up date.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

David McIntosh of Lakewood, Colo., was a Wednesday overnight guest of Myra Miller and Iris McIntosh.

Janice Antholz and Iris McIntosh joined Deloris Reeh of Atwood, Sharon Jumper of Colby, and Ann McKnight of Goodland for lunch at River Bottom in Atwood on Friday.

Clint and Ella Bethel of McCook, Pastor Mark Adams, and Tish Loker all called on Ray and Marlene Johnson Friday morning. Brandon Sabatka and children visited Friday afternoon.

Brent Johnson of Aurora was a Friday overnight and Saturday guest of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

Saturday morning, Ray and

Marlene Johnson, and Brent Johnson visited the Ray Magnani family in Bird City.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the Kacirek family reunion Sunday at 4-H Building in Atwood. The Theo Kacirek family hosted the event.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended St. John's camp out on Saturday evening after Mass.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz, Craig and Jeri Antholz and family, and Roy and Blanche Koons had a corn party Saturday.

Eleanor Swihart attended the Cheyenne County Fair Parade Saturday morning and enjoyed lunch with Bruce and Shirley Swihart.

Jim Morelock's son, Tom Morelock of Kansas City is visiting Jim and Lois for a few days.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bernadette Luncsford

Winner of the Toshiba portable DVD player.

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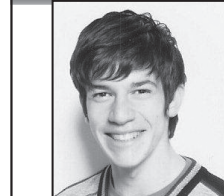
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Elisa from Italy, 16 yrs. Likes to play tennis, swim, loves to dance. Elisa hopes to play American softball and learn American 'slang' while in the USA.

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