



KUINTON HEATH, sleeps while Dan, Dan the Magician ties up the pearls taken by Pirate, Haileigh Hickert while Patrick Heath watches.
Times Photo by Norma Martinez



A COMBINE stirs up dust while harvesting wheat for Lynn and Candy Glasco.

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South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Kristina, Braxton, and Lanxton Springer were weekend guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children.

Kathy Banister spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Wichita. She was a Tuesday overnight guest of Brandon and Amanda Winter and children. Wednesday morning Kathy called on Uncle Jack and Aunt Ann Kruse. On her return trip home, Kathy stopped in Lindsborg to see her old roommate, Ellie Anderson and had lunch with her. Kathy arrived at home Wednesday evening.

Last week's news

Kelly, Tayten, and Tru Dewey were participants in the Atwood Swim Meet Saturday morning. Barb Morton and Braxton

Springer were Sunday supper guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children.

Tru and Tayten Dewey attended the Atwood Summer Rec. Art Camp Monday through Friday this past week.

Merinda Binning, and Marc Tamburro and son Joseph were weekend guests at the Binning Ranch. Devon and Trinity Crayton, who had been visiting this past week, returned to Denver with them.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Deacon Ordination for the Salina Diocese at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina Saturday. Kathy's brother-in-law was one of the deacon candidates. Mark Vrbas of Atwood was confirmed as a deacon Saturday also.

Harvest Countdown winners announced

By Karen Krien

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The Harvest Countdown contest ended with the first load of wheat brought in to a Cheyenne County elevator. Bracelin Brothers brought the first load to the Wheeler Elevator at 10:51 a.m. on Thursday, June 27. The weight was 57.2 pounds and moisture content was 12.9 percent. The wheat was harvested from a field at the old Chic Wilbur place, just east of St. Francis on U.S. 36.

The winner of this year's contest is Carol Redding, St. Francis, whose guess was 11:03 a.m. on June 27. Her guess was within 12 minutes of the exact time and it was made at Majestic Service. She wins \$50 in scrip money.

There were a really good number of total entries, ranging in date from June 25 thru July 10. There were 10 entries made for the day of June 27, and the three winners were all within thirty minutes of the time the first load was brought in, said Tim Burr, advertising manager for The Herald and Times.

Winning second place is Ted Busse who guessed 11:13 a.m. and wins \$30 in scrip. He registered at Pizza Hut and was within 22 minutes.

Tom Williams' guess of 11:20 a.m. earned him third place and \$15 in scrip money. He placed his guess at Captain Hook's Fine Dining.

Kip Wiese and Bob Brown

brought in the first load to the St. Francis Equity at 3:31 pm on Thursday. The wheat had been harvested from a WZ Partners field west of St. Francis.

As of Monday, both Bartlett Elevator in St. Francis and Frontier Ag in Bird City are expecting to receive their first loads soon. Look for pictures of their first loads in next weeks paper.

Much of the wheat harvested, so far, is east and south of St. Francis where the soil is lighter. Harvey Neitzel, who has brought in the first load in prior years, was the second producer to bring in wheat to the Wheeler Equity. Skip Peterson was also harvesting wheat off of ground just east of St. Francis over the weekend. On

Monday, a number of producers were preparing to test cut, and at least one custom harvest crew was working in a field south of town.

North of St. Francis and in the Bird City area, the wheat is still a little green but the yields are expected to be a little better than the wheat already cut.

Last week, the temperatures were in the 90s and 100s which was accompanied by hot wind. The weather is supposed to be cooler this week, generally in the 80s, which could slow down the ripening.

Harvest is expected to be full swing by the end of this week, and, if the weather cooperates, the majority of it will be completed within two weeks.

ANNOUNCING

The Winners of the 2013 Harvest Countdown

Carol Redding - First Place \$50

Ted Busse - Second Place \$35

Tom Williams - Third Place \$15

The official first load of wheat was brought in on June 27 at 10:51 a.m. by the Bracelin Brothers.

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WHEELER EQUITY — Bill Bracelin and Brady Dinkel wait for Dale Weeks to get the test weight and moisture in their first load of wheat.



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