



ROSE MARY RILEY



NAOMI REEH

Former resident crowned queen

Naomi Reeh was elected the 2013 Homecoming Queen at Benedictine College on Saturday, Oct. 19, at halftime of the Benedictine Ravens football game. The theme for this year's activities was "Legacy," so it was very appropriate that Naomi's

grandmother, Rose Mary (Strathman) Riley of Iola, was there to crown her granddaughter. Rose Mary was St. Benedict's Homecoming Queen in 1950.

Naomi is the daughter of Jolene Reeh and the late Bob Reeh of McDonald.

Across the County

Tips to minimize storage loss of large round bales

By Marty Fear
County Extension Agent

Although large round bales reduce labor requirement when putting up hay, storage losses with large round bales are generally much higher than with small rectangular bales, particularly when stored outdoors. This indicates that a lot of large round bales might have some nutrient loss from precipitation combined with air temperature and humidity. Much of the dry matter loss with outdoor storage is associated with microbial respiration under optimal moisture, temperature, and nutrient condition for microbes.

The following are a number of ways to minimize large round bale loss stored outside:

- Increase bale density: One of the most important ways to reduce round bale loss is to tighten the outer layer of bale. If the bale is not tight enough, microbes are going to use oxygen to break down the bale using moisture and nutrients. If you can depress the surface more than a half inch, the round bale could experience significant loss when placed outside and unprotected. It's recommended to have a minimum density of 10 pounds of hay per cubic foot.
- Use covers: Round bales stored outside and covered with either plastic or canvas generally experience much less deterioration than unprotected bales. Weathering can reduce forage quality of round bale hay, particularly digestibility. Plastic wrap, net wrap, reusable tarps, or plastic twine can be used to prevent the loss from weathering. Plastic wrap or net wrap will result in less loss than twine.
- Select a good storage site: Selecting a good storage site is another important consideration

in reducing bale loss with little cost involvement. First of all, the storage site should not be shaded and should have good air circulation, which will enhance drying conditions. The storage site also should be well-drained to reduce moisture absorption into the bottom side of the round bales. A well-drained, 4 to 6 inch coarse rock base would help minimize bottom spoilage of a large round bale. Bale storage loss can be reduced by elevating the bales rather than placing them on the ground. Ground contact can account for over half of the total dry matter loss. To elevate the bales from the ground use racks, fence posts, discarded pallets, railroad ties, used tires, or a layer of crushed rock about 4 to 6 inches deep to have good drainage.

• Orient rows of bales to promote good drying: It's recommended to stack large round bales in rows, buff end-to-end, give three feet between rows, and orient the rows in a north-south direction. This will allow the area to dry faster after a rain by having good sunlight and air flow. Vegetation between rows should be mowed to allow good air flow.

• Environment makes a difference: Storage loss coincides with precipitation amount. Storage loss in eastern Kansas is much greater than in western Kansas. Bales can be stored outside in western Kansas for a couple of years before much significant loss will occur. Rarely would indoor storage pay for itself in western Kansas.

Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments.

Till next week
Marty



EDNA ROESENER is waiting for Don Jackson, and Tom Bailey to fill their plates while Rod Klepper fills his on the other side at the Senior pot luck.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Warmer temps greet potluck attendees

By Norma Martinez
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The warmer weather brought out around 25 senior citizens to the November potluck and combined birthday party. However, there were no birthday celebrants. The food was good and a good time of fellowship was had by all who made the effort at this busy time of the year.

Norm and Mary Dorsch's grandson, Levi, was in attendance and everyone was happy to have the opportunity to visit with and get acquainted with him, if they had not met him before. Mila Bandel gave seven blood pressure checks, along with blood sugar checks. Before Pastor Tom Bailey said the blessing on the food, Bonnie Burr asked everyone to tell one thing they were thankful for. Some of them said they were thankful for Mila and her willingness to take time to come and do these blood checks.

Bonnie Burr conducted the monthly meeting, and tested out the Tailgater Bluetooth Sound

System that Tom Bailey picked up to see if the center wished to purchase. They were all in agreement that it did help them to hear better, and voted to use some of the Senior Center's funds to pay Tom Bailey for it. They thought that the other groups who meet in the center might want to use it as well, as it is battery operated as well as operated with a plug. It also has an AM/FM radio and several other features.

Please make a note on your calendar that, since December is a busy month and the pot luck falls on Dec. 23, they also voted to combine the birthday party and pot luck dinner on Dec. 16. Rod Klepper volunteered to furnish the turkey and a ham. All that is necessary to bring is

a side dish. This is the Christmas pot luck and you do not have to be a Senior Citizen to attend. Anyone may come and enjoy fellowship with the seniors. They are asking everyone to come and have fun with them in celebrating the Christmas season.

Chorus shares music

Once again, the Community Chorus of Cheyenne County will be bringing a collection of beautiful Christmas and inspirational music to celebrate the season.

"Christmas Memories" will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis. Under the direction of Neala Carmichael, the 60-voice

chorus, vocal and instrumental soloists and small groups will help bring the Christmas spirit to those present.

Mrs. Carmichael said there will be some surprises. There is always a little humor to accompany the musical presentation.

There is no admission, but everyone is urged to bring two items for the Food Pantry.



Christmas In St. Francis

Christmas Opening • Friday, Nov. 29

- All Day - Treasure Hunt
- 125th Celebrate St. Francis items on sale (Herald office)
- 6 p.m. - Grand "PARADE OF LIGHTS"
- Santa will be at Bankwest after the Parade (Kids - tell your folks to bring their cameras!)
- Stores will have extended hours for your shopping convenience.
- Soup Supper at the St. Francis Senior Center

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