

Four girls vie for county title



Christina Schoenrogge was first runner up in the Young Miss program held Saturday in St. Francis.

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Kaitlin Figgins took home the title of 2012 Cheyenne County Young Miss at Saturday's program. She was one of four girls performing.

Held in the school auditorium in St. Francis, the first runner up was Christina Schoenrogge; second runner up was Jacquelyn Ketzner; and third runner up was Caitlin Northrup. There was a tie for the Contestant's Choice Award so Caitlin Northrup and Kaitlin Figgins split the prize money, each getting \$50.

Contestants were judged in the following categories: Academics, Individual Interview, Performing Arts, Endurance and Grace and Elegance. The Performing Arts involved the individual talent performed Saturday night and the Endurance award was for the group dance. Grace and Elegance consisted of the contestants' evening gown presentation.

Both the Academics and Individual Interviews had been judged earlier. The Academics category is worth 30 percent of the scoring.

Christina earned the Academics and Grace and Elegance awards. Jacquelyn won the Performing Arts award with a vocal solo, "Doll in a Music Box" from the movie "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." Jacquelyn also took home the Individual Interview award. The Endurance award went to Kaitlin Figgins.

The 2011 Cheyenne County Young Miss, Mikaela Grace, presented the flag while Neala Carmichael and Talley Morrow

sang the national anthem. Emcee was Mrs. Carmichael

Mikaela entertained with two piano solos, "The Entertainer" and "Beethoven's 5th."

A slide show of the week's activities was shown before the judges retired to make their decisions.

Young men escorting the contestants were Jonathan Butler and Lucas Carmichael.

Judges for the Young Miss

program were Lindsay Stamm, Benkelman; Christine Kramer, Topeka; Bethany Haedtler, Colorado Springs; Christina Gierhart, Benkelman; and Katie Lampe, Arapahoe, Neb. The scholastic judges included a panel with educational backgrounds.

Vickie Cress, director of the Young Miss program, said the goal of the Cheyenne County Young Miss is to boost

self-esteem, build character, encourage educational value, motivate creativity and stimulate competitiveness in college-bound senior girls. The contestants are also awarded numerous scholarships.

The 2013 Cheyenne County Young Miss program has been tentatively planned for June. This year's juniors will be the participants.



Caitlin Northrup was the third runner up in the Young Miss program.



Jacquelyn Ketzner, above, took home the Performing Arts award with her talent, 'Doll in a Music Box.' Left, Mikaela Grace, the 2011 Young Miss winner, played 'The Entertainer.'



Club Clip

Red Hat Mamas

At 2 hours and 45 minutes into summer the Red Hat Mamas of Bird City and McDonald and their guests were seated and ready to enjoy an appropriate tea party that would make Royalty take notice. The McDonald Senior Center was transformed into a fairy wonderland of lavender and lace accented with lavender pansies. The antique tea pot display was a focal point. On loan from Carol Mears was an elaborate porcelain doll, 'Lady Today.'

Queen, Margaret Voorhies, adorned in regalia, set in motion greetings to the members, who in turn introduced their guests. Awaiting was the ultra dining experience presented by Creative Catering. Each table setting had a unique china cup and saucer that would be used for a variety of hot tea flavors. Water glasses contained a slice of cucumber, sprig of rosemary and mint leaves pleasing to the palate. A variety of six epic appetizers were enjoyed, culminating with a delightful cheese cake cream containing an assortment of four fresh berries.

Queen Voorhies thanked Rita Officer for the balloons on the three tables.

A style review expounding on our attire was spellbinding. Bev Higgins brought forth a decorated basket holding unidentified baby pictures of the Red Hat Mamas which were passed out for the guessing challenge of the day. The traveling red hat birthday doll started her journey as a guest of the next birthday in the group, which is Ana Antholz.

Attending were: Ana Antholz, Florence Antholz, Sandra Antholz, Frieda Black and guest Janice Antholz, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Betty Lewis and guest Susan Nickel, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock and guest Linda Lorimer, Edna Roesener, Connie Rooney, Joan Tongish and guest Eleanor Swihart, Margaret Voorhies and guest Rita Officer, LaVina Waters and guest Kathy Frisbie, Phyllis Wingfield and guest Diane Montgomery and Marlene Young.

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