

Spring show held

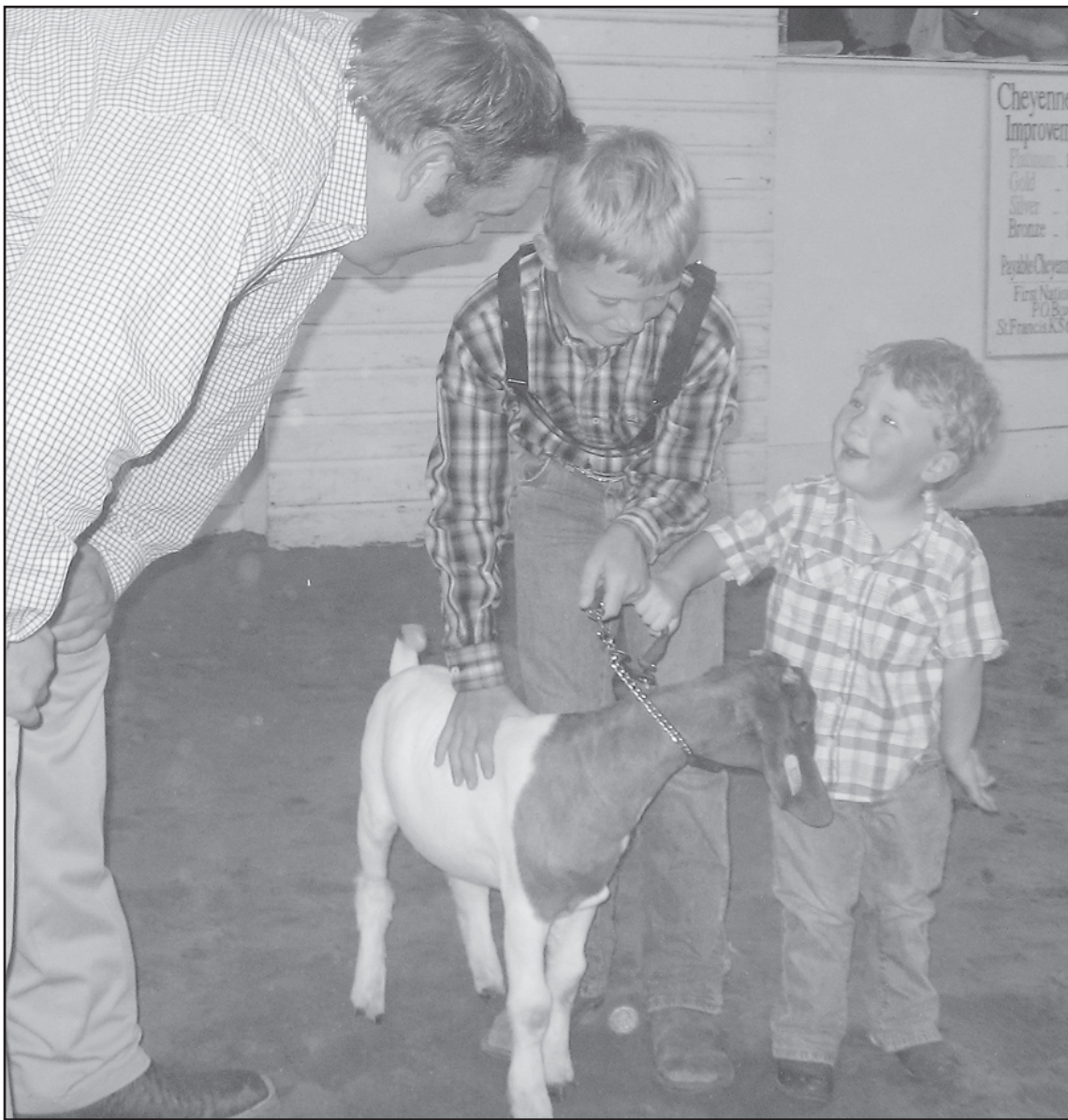
The Cheyenne County Spring Livestock Show was held in St. Francis on Saturday May 26. Close to 75 exhibitors competed with swine, sheep, goats and cattle from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska.

Every exhibitor who entered livestock received a Spring Show T-shirt while belt buckles and plaques were awarded to the champions and reserve champions in each species. Ben Cooley, livestock judging coach at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo., evaluated the livestock for the day.

The results are as follows:

Swine
 Showmanship: Senior: Grand Champion - Regan Gittlein, Imperial, Neb.; Reserve Champ - Drew Curtis, Grant, Neb.; Intermediate: Grand Champion - Gabrielle Hammer, Sharon Springs; Reserve Champ. Hudson Stramel, Winona; Junior: Grand Champion - Chalea Kvasnicka, Winona; Reserve Champ - Regan Stramel, Winona. Overall Grand Champion Swine went to Cahlyn Kvasnicka from Winona and Reserve Champion honors went to Regan Gittlein from Imperial. No Cheyenne County youth exhibited swine.

Sheep
 Showmanship: Senior: Grand Champion - Shandra Johnson, Imperial; Reserve Champ. Jandy Dunn, St. Francis. Receiving blues in showmanship from Cheyenne County were: Taylor Archibald, Laura Brunk and Emily Elfers; Intermediate: Grand Champion - Lauren Prior, Imperial; Reserve Champ. Stephen Johnson, Imperial; Junior: Grand Champion - Hannah Dechant, Goodland; Reserve Champ - Kendall Prior, Imperial. Grand Champion Market lamb went to Hannah Dechant from Goodland. Reserve Champion was awarded to Hannah Robertson, Elsie, Neb. Receiving blues from Cheyenne



SHOWING GOATS — Judge Ben Cooley talks to Andrew Andrist during the Pew Wee Goat Showmanship. Shadryon Blanka helps hold the goat.

Picture courtesy of extension office

County included Taylor Archibald, Laura Brunk, Jandy Dunn and Emily Elfers.

Goats
 Showmanship: Senior: Grand Champion - Sydney Winston, Goodland; Reserve Champ. Valerie Wurm, St. Francis. Receiving blues from Cheyenne County were Shakotah Blanka and Bailey Merklin. Intermediate: Grand Champion - Cassie Wells, Colby; Reserve Champ - Katie Wurm, St. Francis. Junior: Grand Champion - Shadryon Blanka, St. Francis; Reserve Champ - Garin Cooper, St. Francis. Grand Champion Market goat went to Bailey Merklin St. Francis. Reserve Champion was awarded to Valerie Wurm from St. Francis. Receiving blues from Cheyenne County included Shadryon Blanka, Shakotah Blanka, Garin Cooper,

Bailey Merklin, Katie Wurm and Valerie Wurm.

Cattle
 Showmanship: Senior: Grand Champion - Logan Wright, Monument; Reserve Champ. Garrett Brunk, St. Francis. Receiving blues from Cheyenne County were Kyla Bandel, Laura Brunk and Gavin Cooper. Intermediate: Grand Champion - Grady Hammer, Sharon Springs; Reserve Champ. Brady Gittlein, Imperial. Receiving a blue from Cheyenne County were Karly Bandel. Junior: Grand Champion - Cally Stubbs, Sharon Springs; Reserve Champ - Shadryon Blanka, St. Francis. Receiving blues from Cheyenne County were Jesse Baxter and Garin Cooper. Grand Champion Breeding Heifer was awarded to Cooper Breining from Arapahoe, Neb. Reserve Champi-

on was awarded to Cally Stubbs, Sharon Springs. Receiving blues from Cheyenne County included Kyla Bandel, Shadryon Blanka, Shakotah Blanka, Laura Brunk, Garrett Brunk, Garin Cooper and Gavin Cooper.

Grand Champion Market Beef was given to Brady Gittlein, Imperial. Reserve Champion went to Gabrielle Hammer, Sharon Springs. Receiving blues from Cheyenne County included Kyla Bandel, Karly Bandel, Jesse Baxter, Shadryon Blanka and Shakotah Blanka.

Those helping with the Spring Show and the sponsors were: Bumper to Bumper, Douthit Herfords, Frontier Ag, High Noon Feeds, Mill and Seed, St. Francis Equity, Wiley Cattle and 4V Herfords.

Family enjoys geocaching trip

Recently, Megan Gartland, Kelli Githens and Carson of Denver, Emileigh and Brady Dinkel and Eddy and Sherry Schultz of St. Francis had a fun morning geocaching around St. Francis.

Geocaching requires a GPS or GPS-enabled phone to navigate, as well as a geocaching.com membership.

There are little treasures and bits of interest hidden all over the world, and there are at least seven spots around the edge and within 3 or 4 miles of St. Francis.

They are all in public areas, said Ms. Githens, and you get hints of where and what to look for, and the GPS tells you how to get there.

Some of the spots have little odds and ends in a container. If the seeker takes one, he or she is to replace it. Some are just lists that the individual signs and dates.

You learn a lot of historical in-

formation and it is a fun challenge, she said.

There are rules, such as being respectful of whatever area they are in, and if they find trash, they are to clean it up to help keep the environment clean. Individuals record on the GPS that they found "it," and if there are any problems, they report it to whoever placed it there. They are responsible for maintaining the "cache."

The next day, the Schultz's, Kelli, Megan and Carson visited six more historical sites in Cheyenne County, Yuma County, Colo., and Dundy County, Neb.

It is amazing how you find that people from all around the nation have been here and signed those lists, said Mrs. Schultz. It is a very fun family or friends event.

For more information, go to geocaching.com for more information.

Obituaries

Coy Laoda DeGood

April 2, 1920 - June 9, 2012

Coy Laoda DeGood, 92, died on Saturday, June 9, 2012. He was born April 2, 1920, in St. Francis, Kan., to J.W. Dorsey and Eva Pearl (Slagle) DeGood. He had one sister and one brother.

On Aug. 13, 1941, Coy married Bertha Holzwarth. Coy and Bertha had two sons, Dwen Dean and Lanny Van, both currently residing in St. Francis. Bertha DeGood passed away Dec. 16, 1983.

Coy married Neva (Knitigaase) on Aug. 29, 1988.

Coy lived on his farm west of St. Francis from 1939 until 1999, at which time he moved into town. He loved farming and working with his black angus cattle. His two boys worked with him, as well as on their own farms south of town. He enjoyed people, was on the St. Francis Senior Center Board, and an active member of the United Methodist Church, where he was baptized and served

in various offices and sang in the church choir. He was also a member of the Cheyenne County Historical Society. Coy enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Preceding him in death are his parents, J.W. Dorsey and Pearl; brother, Elrie Duane; sister, Ruth (Peter); four grandchildren and one step-grandson.

Coy is survived by his wife, Neva; son Dwen and wife Charilyn (Gleason) DeGood; son Lanny DeGood; step-daughter, Tammy and husband Richard Larson. Five grandchildren and their spouses, three step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, June 12 at the United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and the St. Francis Senior Center.

ANNOUNCING — The winners of the 2012 Harvest Countdown

Shelley Culwell - First Place \$50

Dave Fry - Second Place \$35

Shawna Blanka - Third Place \$15

First load of wheat is brought in on June 9 at 1:49 p.m. from the Ramsey Trust by Jon Waters. Pictured is Jon Waters and Dale Weeks.



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