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As we approach the end of the year, reflect back on 2012 and think of the positive things that happened in your business and make plans for a successful 2013.

• Throughout the year the Cheyenne County Development Corporation will be offering workshops on business subjects at no charge. From 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Development office at 107 W. Washington, will be "Understanding Cash Flow." Advanced registration is required in order to prepare materials for all attendees. Register at <http://ksbdc.eccenterdirect.com> or contact Megan at 785-734-2592 or e-mail at mlhorinek3@fhsu.edu.

• A Young Entrepreneur Workshop, "Owning a Business Tool Kit," will be held on

Saturday, Feb. 23, and Saturday, March 23, in St. Francis, for youth ages 10-21, to help design and plan a business. Tool Kit workshops consist of eight lessons with many resources which will assist in developing a productive business. These workshops will take place at Zero's, 218 W. Washington from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both Saturday workshops are free, but students will be asked to purchase a \$10 Tool Kit workbook and bring their lunch. Snack will be provided.

Start Up Funds will be available to participants who complete the Tool Kit workshops. Each participant will have the opportunity to present their business plan to a grants committee to receive start up funding for a new business or to grow an existing business. Registration deadline is Dec.

31. For questions or additional information feel free to contact Judy at Rural Young Americans or e-mail ruralyacent@centurytel.net or check the web site www.yacenter.org.

• If you are considering an addition or new construction to your property and your investment is \$5,000 or more, you may qualify for the Cheyenne County Neighborhood Revitalization/Tax Rebate Program. Applications are available at the Cheyenne County Appraiser's office, and Bird City and St. Francis city offices. This program rebates property taxes on the qualified portion of a property over a 10-year period.



RED HATTERS EAT at the St. Francis Senior Center after decorating for Christmas. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Grandstand entertainment set

By **Karen Krien**
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The four nights of grandstand entertainment during the fair on July 31 through Aug. 3 were set when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met on Thursday night.

The roping will be held on Wednesday; Thursday, a garden tractor pull; Friday, Tuff Trucks; and on Saturday, the demolition derby.

Members of the Garden Tractor Pull Club, wanted to know how the board thought the tractor pull event went last year when it was held in between heats during the demolition derby.

It was the consensus of the board that it took too much time and it was also noted that people said they had come to see a derby, not a tractor pull.

The tractor pull members felt they were trying to put too much of the tractor pull in a very short time. Since they had started the club several years ago, the membership had grown and had enough people competing to fill an evening of the fair. They said they carried their own insurance but asked that the board pay them \$300 to help with some of the expenses.

After they left, the board agreed that it would be worth \$300 to have the Garden Tractor Pull Club have the grandstand entertainment on Thursday evening of the fair.

Bronco cheerleaders

Several years ago, the Denver Bronco cheerleaders came to the fair during the Friday grandstand show. The board agreed that it might be a nice addition to one of the grandstand shows, possibly the Friday or Saturday night shows and see if they would consider being a part of the parade.

Dick Bursch, president of the board, said he would check into it

and report back at a future meeting.

Walk, run and rock event

Joe Caldhart and Jason Padgett were back. At the last meeting, they had asked that the board allow them to hold a Walk, Run and Rock for a Cure at the fairgrounds on April 27. The event will be a benefit to raise money and awareness for reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome.

There will be an 8.9K walk-run starting a 8 a.m. in Wheeler. At 1 p.m., the bands will start playing. So far, Mr. Caldhart has lined up seven musical acts, two from Nebraska, one of Missouri, one from Indiana, one from Florida and two from St. Francis. In between, there will be people speaking about the chronic pain they suffer from the disease. The event is expected to end about 10 p.m.

There will be a silent auction, opportunity for food vendors to set up booths and lots of fun and music while raising money for a good cause.

The board was concerned about insurance. After the November meeting, Mr. Bursch had talked to a commissioner who said he thought the commissioners would approve as long as the fair board rules were followed. He then talked to the county's insurance agent, who said they would not cover any type of hard rock music. Mr. Caldhart, at the Thursday meeting, said the event would be fully covered by the non-profit insurance company which will be involved with the St. Francis event.

Mr. Bursch said he would have the county attorney talk to the non-profit insurance company personnel and get back with Mr. Caldhart.

One of the other rules at the fairgrounds is no alcohol consumption would be allowed.

Mr. Caldhart said that the April

27 event was for families which included young kids through adults. I want it to be safe for children, he said.

The music groups, he said, were selected with families in mind. There will be something for everyone and there will be no punk rock or heavy metal.

Other business

Other items of business included:

- Ashley Buffington, board member, suggested that if they need some entertainment some time, maybe the Budwieser Horses could be lined up. She also said that she is a friend of the Miss Rodeo Kansas and she might be interested in coming to the fair.
- The roof on the restroom in the arena area needed and had needed for the last three years, re-shingled. The board agreed that they were busy and that Dick should get a bid.
- Gary Cooper, board member, said the Girl Scouts were looking for community service projects. They could paint the names on the board's chairs and tables.
- They talked about food vendors during the fair. Would vendors pay for the electricity they used? Where would they get their electricity?
- Joe Hoffman, board member, hadn't attended a meeting since July. A call was made to Mr. Hoffman who said he was resigning.

Next meeting

The January meeting is the fair board's holiday party at Big Ed's. They will meet again in regular session at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Ag Talk with Jeanne

Efficiency of Off-Season Irrigation

By **Jeanne Falk**
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Some irrigators with medium-to-fine-textured soils like to make use of their available water supplies during the off-season by making an irrigation application before the crop is planted. This allows them to make sure the soil water profile is in good shape before the growing season begins, in hopes that this will help their irrigation system better keep up with crop demand during the growing season.

In this way, "off-season" irrigation applications can be a form of insurance. This does not apply to sandier soils with low water-holding capacity, however.

Off-season irrigation

applications are almost always less efficient than in-season irrigation applications, but that's a tradeoff that some irrigators are willing to accept. Water applied during the off-season can be lost due to drainage from the soil profile or through evaporation. This applied water may also become unnecessary if there is an unusually heavy amount of precipitation during the spring that would have filled the profile even without the off-season irrigation.

It's not possible to completely eliminate any risk of inefficiency from off-season irrigation. The question is, how inefficient is off-season irrigation likely to be under

various situations? And how can producers maximize the efficiency of these applications?

There are three main factors that determine the efficiency of off-season irrigation on medium-to fine-textured soils: 1) The amount of precipitation that falls between the time of the off-season irrigation application and the time of use by the crop; 2) The amount of time between the off-season application and the time of use; 3) The amount of water in the soil profile at the time of the off-season application.

The greatest effect on storage efficiency of water applied during the off-season, however, is the amount of available water in the soil at the time of the off-season application. Efficiency begins to drop off dramatically when the percent available water in the soil profile is greater than 60 percent at the time of application. If the soil profile is at 70-80 percent of available soil water, irrigators would want to seriously consider whether an off-season application is wise, especially in the fall. The efficiency of such an application under those conditions is very low.

It should be repeated that in-season irrigation applications are always the more efficient. Off-season irrigation, even at its most efficient, should be considered only if it is likely that in-season irrigation won't be able to keep up with crop needs.

Book Review

Heartwishes
by **Jude Deveraux**

What if your most closely guarded wishes suddenly began to come true?

Gemma Ranford wants the job of cataloging the documents of one of Edilean's oldest families, the Fraziers, so much that she is ready to do battle to get it. Fascinated with history, and desperately trying to finish her dissertation, she's confident that the papers will yield new information to invigorate her research.

What she doesn't expect to find are repeated references to the Heartwishes Stone, a magical talisman said to grant wishes to anyone named Frazier. Something that powerful could put the entire family in danger if it fell into the

wrong hands, but like most people, Gemma writes it off as pure legend. Yet as she spends more time with the family, she realizes that the most secret wishes of each of the Fraziers are slowly coming true, and that in the mean time, she's falling hopelessly in love with the eldest son, Colin.

The trouble is, she's not the only one who has noticed that the stone's powers have been awakened, and an international thief is also on the hunt. Working together, Gemma and Colin must find the stone before it can be used against the family, but not before each of their deepest desires is discovered..

Come and Go Baby Shower

for April Brown and Emilee
Dec. 15 • 2-4 p.m.
at the Cheyenne Manor



She is registered at Walmart and Target.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

From Parkhill and Hilt's Fireworks

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Ages 0-10 Santa Sack (Parkhill)
Ages 11-18 Camera Set (Hilt's Fireworks)
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