

Students go on conservation tour

The Cheyenne County Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service hosted the sixth grade conservation tour on May 8 for students of St. Francis and Cheylin.

The students were given a tour of the northern section of the county and made stops along the way to visit with producers and learn about specific conservation practices and rangeland health.

Topics discussed were; living snow fences, terraces and diversions, GPS, composting, windbreaks, cover crops, solar water pumps and wildlife habitat. Along the way, students saw a scenic view the Arikaree Breaks, and learned about erosion and habitat in The Breaks.

Their first stop was at the John Knodel farm where they saw his living snowfence, strip cropping and residue, and diversion and gully control. Cale Rieger, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, were the speakers. Mr. Rieger and Martin Hilt talked about Mr. Hilt's composting bin at stop two. Traveling north, they stopped at the Roger Orth farm where they learned about windbreaks and cover crops. Kelly Gienger showed them solar pumps and talked about rangeland health.

Students enjoyed their lunch at a pond northeast of St. Francis at the Tim Kraus farm, and ended their tour of Cheyenne County.



KURTIS MEIER with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, talked about the habitat of Pheasants and other birds with the sixth graders.



CALE RIEGER, Natural Resources Conservation Service, discusses the formation and habitat of the Arikaree Breaks with students from both St. Francis and Cheylin on the conservation tour on May 8.



SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS stopped at the Martin Hilt farm and checked out his giant composting bin.

City mayor appoints people to committees

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At the May 13 St. Francis City Council meeting, Mayor Scott Schultz made the following appointments: City attorney: Mike Day; superintendent: J.R. Landenberger; police chief: Shane Guggenmos; municipal judge: Robert VanAllen; city clerk: Glorienne Milne; treasure: Jennifer Blair; fire chief: George Harper; fire department treasurer: Scott Houtman; council member to the theater board: Paula Keller; council member to airport authority: Bruce Swihart; council member to pool board, Bruce Swihart; council member to New Generation Committee: Carla Lampe; council member to Roadside Park board: Roger Jensen; council member to 911 Board: Dale Weeks; council member to Cheyenne County Development Corporation Board: J.R. Landenberger; St. Fran-

cis Public Library board: Laura Pugh, Marty Schlittenhardt, Colleen Gardner, Virginia Cooper, Pricilla Grice; official newspaper: The Saint Francis Herald; official depositories: Bankwest, First National Bank, Western State Bank

Roger Jensen was elected president of council.

Mayor appointment standing committees:

Streets and alleys: Scott Schultz, Roger Jensen; Utility: Dale Weeks, Bruce Swihart; Parks, Recreation and Refuse: Carla Lampe, Paula Keller

Appointments to Roadside Park board: J.R. Landenberger, Janet Carman, Marlene Penton, Roger Jensen, Eric Fiala

Appointments to Swimming Pool board: Larry Finley, Jenny Busse, Kevin Lampe, J.R. Landenberger, Dee Epperson and Lisa Holzwarth

Producers urged to signup for program

Kansas Farm Service Agency will hold a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup from May 20 through June 14. Producers and landowners are urged to take action now in considering the environmental and financial benefits of Conservation Reserve Program. The signup period is only four weeks. This may be one of the few opportunities to enroll in general program for several years.

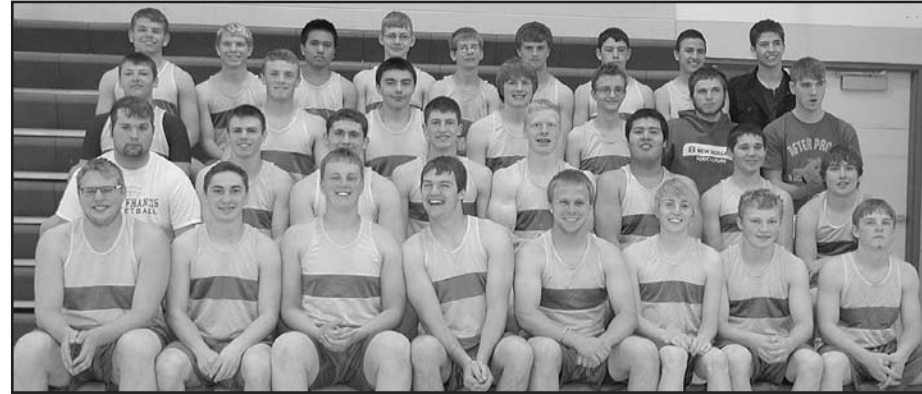
Producers and landowners are also encouraged to look into the program's other enrollment opportunities, including Continuous Conservation Reserve Program. These programs are open on a continuous, non-competitive basis

and provide even further financial opportunities and incentives. Most land that is enrolled under the continuous program does not have to meet the Highly Erodible Land (HEL) requirement for General Crop Reserve Program enrollments.

Rental Rates have been updated to represent the higher rental rates in the local area. Rental rates are determined based upon the soil type and the surrounding area's rental rates. Contact your local office for rental rates in your area.

The deadline for general program signup is June 14. Contact your local office to evaluate your options.

Congratulations Indians on a Great Season!



Boys Track; (front row) Gus Jardine, Tyler Raby, Dillion Straub, Zach Gienger, Thomas Douthit, Casey Keller, Mikey Leibbrandt, Caleb Frink; Second Row: Dylan Peter, Logan Lampe, Scott Warren, Mason Schiltz, Steve Nelson, Lenny Olivares, Wyatt Landenberger, Lane Hoffman; Third Row: Jude Faulkender, Cade Bracelin, Jon Hoard, Erik Nelson, Jason Owens, Jacob McWilliams, Lane Kuper; Back Row: Lane Hobrock, Travis Rogers, Carl Fabre, Zach White, Wade Jones, Garrett Brunk, Justin Pacheco, Francisco Fernandez, Payton Beims

Girls Track; (front row) Valerie Wurm, Mariah Beikman, Aly Schlepp, Aly Northrup, Kyla Bandel, Aby Fernandez, Ashlee Orth; Second Row: Kattie Jenik, Justice Wiley, McKayla Taylor, Dallas Reed, Alexis Frink, CarolEve Harris; Back Row: Sydney Sundstrum, Journey Lee, Kylie Sherlock, Emily Elfers, McKenzie Taylor, Kayla Reed, Rachel Lee-Hopper.



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