



Big crowd attends wheat field day

By Tim Burr

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Nearly 70 producers attended the annual Cheyenne County Wheat Plot tour, held on Wednesday, June 19. The test plots, located south of Wheeler, are on land operated by Sunny Crest Farms.

The Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, along with plot cooperators, W.H. Jr., Tom, and Matt Smull of Sunny Crest Farms, had 22 varieties planted uniformly next to the road for convenient viewing and comparison. Pamphlets were distributed which contained

information on each of the varieties, along with test plot yield history for the last five years.

Jeanne Faulk, area agronomist with Sunflower Extension district, informed the attendees of the pertinent facts of the test plot, such as planting date, seeding rate, fertility and tillage practices. Jim Schroyer, Kansas State Wheat Specialist, walked through and discussed each of the varieties, pointing out their qualities and deficiencies. As is the case nearly every year, a few newly developed varieties had been added to the plot, while a few of older varieties had been dropped.

Both Faulk and Schroyer discussed the

challenges the crop faced this year, most notably dry weather, but also late freeze, and insects. Earlier in the day, they had been at plot tours in Wallace and Sherman counties. They indicated that the drought had taken a much more severe toll on those plots, and the Cheyenne County plot certainly looked quite good in comparison.

At the end of the tour, participants were provided a meal, served at the American Implement shop building in Wheeler. The meal was sponsored by the Cheyenne County grain dealers, with drinks sponsored by the Kansas Wheat Alliance.



AROUND 70 PRODUCERS attended Cheyenne County Wheat Field Day on June 19. Above, Tom Smull, one of the plot cooperators, walks through the field.

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Hot dog contest filling up

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The Fourth of July celebration is just a week away and registration for the hot dog eating contest is filling up.

We already have seven adults signed up, said Rodney Neitzel, owner of Uptown Market and sponsor of the contest. And, five of the younger set have signed up for the 12 and under division.

There will only be 10 contestants in each division and, once the roster is full, there are no more entries taken.

Last year as the first year for

the hot dog eating contest. People gathered around the 12 contestants eating hot dogs washed down with glasses of water. The winner was J.J. Warren of Gurley, Neb., who managed to chow down 12 hot dogs with buns in 12 minutes. Second place winner went to Chris McQuigg, St. Francis, who ate 11 hot dogs, laced with catsup, and dunked in water.

There were several younger kids who wanted to enter the contest so this year, Rodney Neitzel opened the contest to two age divisions: 12 and under; and over 12 and adults. Winners will receive a plaque

made by Ross Manufacturing and a case of hot dogs.

People wanting to enter need to call or stop by Uptown Market to sign up.

All-American hot dog meal

Before the contest begins, people will want to stop by the Market for the All-American hot dog meal served in front of the store. The meal includes a hot dog, chips, salad and a cookie as well as a drink.

This year, Mr. Neitzel has arranged for a large tent so people can get in out of the heat. There will also be limited seating.



ATTACHING 34 FLAGS to poles is a job that Roger Neitzel, left, and Rodney Neitzel don't mind doing. The flags will fly along U.S. 36 on July Fourth.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Flags to fly on July Fourth

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When people travel through St. Francis on July 4, they will be greeted with a spectacular display of flags along the median on U.S. 36.

Roger Neitzel and Rodney Neitzel both love showing patriotism from the fireworks display set to patriotic music to flying the red, white and blue.

Two years ago, when the July Fourth event was held, they had flags flying in the median but they both felt like there needed to be more. They talked

to Patrick Owens at True Value who gave them a good deal on 34 3- by 5-foot American flags. Krien Steel Building donated the flag poles and rebar to anchor the poles. Others donating were Parkhill Restaurant, Roger Neitzel Heating and Air Conditioning, Uptown Market, The County Seat Greenery and Sam Miller.

The flags will be placed from the carwash on the east side of St. Francis to the Catholic Church. On each end will be a St. Francis high school and Cheylin school flag, then the American flags will be placed strategically, leaving the

median in front of Parkhill free to put the seven flags including the Kansas Flag and some antique flags which often fly in front of the museum.

In the future, Rodney said, we would like to increase the number of flags to 50 - one for every state.

We want to make the flags available for other holidays like Memorial Day, Flag Day and the county fair, the Neitzels said. All we ask is for help setting the rebar and putting them up. People are asked to stop by the Market or Roger's shop and talk to them.



ARCHERY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR - Josh Moberly, owner of Mobe's Archery Supply, helps daughter, Adreanna, with her bow. Jenae is already a sharp shooter.

Archery range ready to go

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Mobe's Archery Supply, owned and operated by Josh Moberly, is expanding. The indoor range is now open and he is ready for summer events. Located 8 miles west of St. Francis on U.S. 36, then 1/4-mile north on Rd. 6, the range is open Mondays through Saturdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. He will

also open on Sundays but it is by appointment only, 970-630-1196.

The shooting range is 26- by 128-foot and gives archers the opportunity to shoot 40 yards indoors in any type of weather. Summer events planned starting at 5 p.m. include:

Monday is 4-H Night. Anyone active in the 4-H archery program will shoot for free and they will

receive a 10-percent discount on products and services purchased.

Two-for-one Tuesdays encourages archers to bring a buddy and the two will shoot for the price of one.

Wednesday is Bibles and Bows night. The whole family can shoot for one low price.

3D Thursdays finds archers paying either by the hour or for. See RANGE on Page 7A

Many events set for Fourth

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It is time to start planning for the Red, White and Blue Parade. Held at Sawhill Park at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 4, people are urged to bring their decorated wagons, bikes, trikes, scooters or anything else - could even be a unicycle in red, white and blue colors. It can be paint, paper, crepe paper, or even cloth. There can be flags and pinwheels, letters and patriotic hats...the

ideas are limitless. After parading around the park, they will meet in the bandshell where every child will receive a prize.

Children and adults are welcome to participate. Don't forget pets. They can be the star of the parade. There is one restriction - no motorized vehicles will be allowed. For more information, contact Holly Hingst or Meghan Kinen.

Following the parade at approximately 10:30 a.m., the kid's games will begin in Sawhill park.

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