



INSILAGE WAS BEING CHOPPED north of Bird City. It was delivered to the Bird City Dairy. Insilage harvest is a sure sign that fall is near.

Herald staff photos by Tim Burr



Brass quintet performs on Sunday

The Denver Brass Jazz Quintet will perform "All That Jazz" on Sunday at the St. Francis high school auditorium, 100 S. College St., at 4 p.m. central time.

Local trumpet player Jim Milliken contacted the Denver Brass to make arrangements for this group, which will do a student workshop at 1 p.m. in the band room. Lunch in Sawhill Park will follow at 2 p.m. for the students. Music teachers Debbie Fiala at St. Francis High School and Rose Hengen at Cheylin High School are busy promoting the workshop to their band students.

Mr. Milliken worked with Kathy Brantigan, executive director of the Denver Brass, to book the jazz quintet. In an e-mail this past week she told Jim, "By the way, Jim, the five musicians we are sending to St. Francis are by far one of the finest jazz quintets you will ever hear. When our trumpeter, Alan Hood, told me who was going with him, I just couldn't believe he had assembled the best jazz musicians in this region of the country! They will be fantastic!" Tickets to the concert are



Alan Hood

only \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. There is no charge for prekindergarten. Student tickets for workshop, lunch and concert are \$10. Adults wishing to attend the workshop will need to pay an extra \$5.

Tickets are available at Milliken Law, Kite and Day, The Classic Rose, all three St. Francis banks, the Bird City bank and grocery store. Call Jim Milliken, 785-332-3421 for more information.

Rollover sends man to hospital

By Karen Krien
karen.k@nwkansan.com
A rollover accident north of St. Francis sent a Bird City man to the hospital.

At 6:20 p.m. on Sunday, Matthew Wilson, age 28, was traveling north on Road 15 near the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds when he lost control of the 2004 Ford F250 he was driving. Sheriff Cody Beeson reported that the pickup rolled, throwing Wilson from the vehicle. The pickup

landed in a field on the east side of the road. Wilson was not wearing a seatbelt.

Wilson was taken by ambulance to the Cheyenne County Hospital and later, the family reported that he was flown to a Denver Health Medical Center. Monday morning, the hospital reported that he was in critical condition but is expected to make a full recovery.

The accident was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Many activities planned for reunion this weekend

Beecher Island Reunion will be held this weekend at the battle grounds west of St. Francis. Those attending need to go east on U.S. 36 to County Road 12, turn north and continue for about 8 miles.

The annual event is held to remember the battle between the Forsyth scouts and the native American Dog Soldiers. The battle took place on Sept. 16 and 17, 1868. Years later, some of the scouts who had fought returned to the site where they remembered their experiences. Thus, the event is remembered with a reunion each year.

The reunion starts Saturday with the Idalia Family, Community, Education Club serving a hearty breakfast. Adults, as well as kids, will want to take advantage of the breakfast so they will have plenty of strength and endurance for the pedal tractor pull which starts at 10 a.m. mountain time.

At about 1 p.m., the games and races will begin. There will be something for everyone and every age including horse shoe tossing, three-legged races, egg tossing and cow chip throwing, just to name some. Those participants who are

five years old or younger will all receive a prize.

The final event of the afternoon is the famous dryland turtle races. Turtles must be registered before the race.

That breakfast could also help with aiming those firearms at the black powder shoot sponsored by the Idalia Gun Club.

The fun continues when the Saturday evening show gets underway in the nationally registered historic Beecher Island Auditorium. The show starts around 7 p.m. when Wiley Jim Pheiffer will take the audience on a 150-year

music journey from the days of the scouts into modern times.

The Wray Lions Club will fire up the grill and have food and drinks available all weekend long. The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club will be hosting a quilt show throughout the weekend. They will also have a quilt which someone will be the lucky winner. The Swingin' Seniors will also be playing during the reunion.

Sunday
The Idalia Lions Club will start Sunday morning off with a pancake breakfast. Area Scouts will raise the flag at 9:45 a.m.

A Sunday service will be held in the auditorium at 10 a.m. Phil Mitchell will deliver the message. Music will be from New Harmony led by Willie Sharp.

At 1 p.m., the Crooked Creek band will play. Merry Lu Simmons will carry on a Beecher tradition started in 1906 as she sings the song, "Arickaree."

Featured history speaker will be Dave Belke. He will be giving a presentation on the 10th Calvary, the Buffalo Soldiers with a special emphasis on G Company and their role in the rescue of the scouts at Beecher Island.

Cooperatives discussing opportunities

Frontier Ag and Mid Kansas Cooperative Association are evaluating a potential business alliance.

Frontier Ag is a leading cooperative in northwest Kansas, and Mid Kansas Cooperative Association is a leading cooperative in central Kansas.

Brent Linin, board chairman for Frontier Ag, said Frontier continually seeks ways to build additional value for its members.

"When looking at culture and strategies, Mid Kansas Cooperative and Frontier Ag appear to be very similar," he said. "We have asked our management teams to evaluate what could be gained through business alliances between the two companies."

"We are excited to investigate what opportunities may exist," said CJ Blew, Mid Kansas Cooperative

board chairman. "Although both cooperatives have just completed strong years, we believe it is critical to continue to investigate business development opportunities to bring value to our memberships."

Frontier Ag, with annual sales of \$490 million, is a full-service cooperative, offering grain, feed, agronomy, energy, and transportation products and services to over 5,700 members in 11 counties throughout northwest Kansas. In this area, there are Frontier Ag cooperatives in Bird City, Kanorado, Ruleton, Brewster, Atwood and Goodland.

Mid Kansas, with annual sales of \$450 million, is a full-service cooperative offering grain, feed, agronomy and energy products and services to over 6,400 members in 11 counties throughout central Kansas.



ST. FRANCIS CITY CREWMAN, Glenn Schliep, was working on Spencer Street this week. The city crew has been making many street repairs before the winter cold hits.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr