



THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER was the scene of the May, June and July birthday party on Friday. Those celebrating (l to r) include Wilma Lampe, Dorothy Schield, Ruben Bandel, Lou Anne Neville, Ilone Ketter and Manette Keeler.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Commissioners raise landfill fee

The Cheyenne County Commissioners called a workday on July 17 to work on the budget but ended up holding a special meeting where they raised landfill fees and signed a contract for a \$22,881 grant.

At the July 15 meeting of the commissioners, the county auditor, Jack Eldridge had warned the commissioners that there was not enough money in the landfill budget and suggested that rates be raised. However, at that time, the commissioners decided to wait until more information was known which came at the meeting of the 17th.

According to Ranae Pilkington, road and bridge secretary, in 2001,

the Landfill Authority budget and Solid Waste Landfill budget were combined by the commissioners. For the last two years, the money generated at the landfill covered the extra bills taken from the account.

"The increasing cost of commodities and the extra burden of the Closure Trust Fund payment and transfers to equipment reserve had created a shortfall for the account," she said.

The commissioners at the July 17 meeting, decided to move the landfill budget to the General Fund instead of making a yearly operating transfer.

Effective Aug. 1, landfill fees will go up. The municipal solid waste and

loose trash are currently costing \$25 per ton and will go up \$5 to \$30 per ton. Concrete, metal and trees are now costing \$5 per ton to dispose of and they will be raised to \$10 per ton.

The cost of dumping tires will stay the same: \$2 per car tire, \$5 per truck tire, and \$10 per tractor tire.

Along with raising tonnage fees at the landfill, the commissioners have implemented a minimum usage fee of \$2. People planning to dump a couple bags of trash will need to bring \$2 with them as there is no charging unless previous arrangements have been made with Mrs. Pilkington. This policy was implemented in January and those who have made arrangements for dumping small amounts will be billed when the total is \$10 or more.

Lawn clippings are still free.

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding the landfill are encouraged to call the landfill office at 785-332-8840.

### Grant contract signed

The county health nurse, Susan Roelfs had applied and received a grant for the county health office. The grant amounted to \$22,881 and is from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to be used for bioterrorism preparedness and response.

# Watch for cattle out on the roads

Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring reports that cattle are still breaking through the fences looking for the grass and even weeds on the other side.

"They (the cattle) are a hazard to motorists but motorists need to be on the lookout for cattle on the roads," he said.

The weather continues to be dry. Many cattle herds have been put on Conservation Reserve Program land but it doesn't take a herd of cattle long to clean it up and begin looking for something else to eat. Many of the farmers and ranchers are feeding their cattle some type of hay or feed but that is expensive and each day it doesn't rain, the price seems to creep a little higher. Some producers have

taken their cattle to the sale but for many, it has taken a lifetime to build and they don't want to give it up until there is absolutely no choice.

In the meantime, livestock is looking for more to eat. Sheriff Dankenbring said that because of the dry weather, electric fences do not work as they don't ground. Calves just go through the wires.

The sheriff has calls of cattle out daily and one day, there were five or six calls.

"Farmers are trying (to keep their cattle in) but neighbors could help a little by calling the neighbor if the cattle are out instead of calling the power plant. It's hot and tempers are short. Neighbors need to work to-

gether," he said. "Also, drivers need to slow down."

The sheriff said in western Kansas, there is an "open range" law that does not hold the producer liable if his cow is out on the road. The car owner has to pay for any damage if a cow is hit.

"I can't say it enough — slow down!" he said.

If a driver sees one or more cows out, they are urged to call the cattle owner if it is known and, if possible, stick around to help get them back in. If not, call the power plant so the cow(s) can be removed as quickly as possible.

Cows in the road is a dangerous situation which can easily cause an accident.

## Acreage report due

By Angie Bock

Farm Service Agency Director

Cheyenne County farmers who want to receive farm program payments from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are required by the 2002 Farm Bill to file acreage reports for all cropland on the farm as a condition of receiving program payments beginning this year.

Angie Bock, county executive director for the County Farm Service Agency, said producers have until Aug. 1 to file their final acreage reports.

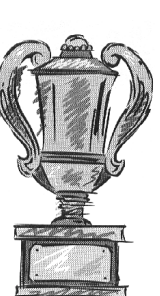
"Under the old farm bill, producers had to report crop acres only for contract commodities for which they wanted a payment and for fruits and vegetables. The new law required them to report all cropland acreage, which may include converted pasture and hayland," Director Bock said.

The requirement to report all cropland on the farm is a condition for receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, loan deficiency payments and marketing assistance loans beginning with the 2002 crop year.

"Late-filed acreage reports will be accepted for crops where the reporting deadline has already passed," Director Bock said. "But late-filed fees will be applied. Late-filed acreage reports filed only to determine bases for direct and counter-cyclical payments will not be charged a late-filed fee."

Producers who earlier this year filed acreage reports for contact commodities only will have to re-file reports to include all cropland.

"We regret the inconvenience this will cause producer who've already filed a report," Director Bock said.



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Richard

## Local girls participate in Kansas pageant

Three St. Francis girls traveled to Overland Park July 18 through July 21 to participate in the American Coed Kansas Pageant.

Taryn Richard, 11, daughter of Tim and Terri Richard and 11-year-old Candice Wiese, daughter of Kip and Deonn Wiese both competed in the 10 through 12-year-old Pre-Teen division. Meaghan Jamison, daughter of Ross and Jami Jamison competed in the 16 through 18-year-old Teen division.

Taryn was a contestant in the overall Queens competition. She also took part in several optional competitions, Acting, Spokesmodel, Photogenic and Modeling. She brought home a "Spirit of America" trophy, as well as a Pre-Teen Sash and Trophy for the Advertising program.

Candice was honored to be one of the top 12 finalists in the Queen's competition out of 56 girls in her age division. She was entered in several optionals and brought home top honors by winning the Modeling competitions, and placing second runner up in Spokesmodel and second runner up in Academics. She also won Miss Personality and Most Recommended.

Candice earned Pre-Teen Sash and Trophy for the Advertising Program, a "Spirit of America" trophy, scholarships and cash awards.

Meaghan also was honored to be a top 12 finalist in the Queens competition out of 34 girls in the Teen division. In the optional competitions, Meaghan won the Academic Achievement and Best Thank You letter. She placed third runner up in Acting and third runner up in Photogenic, and won a Teen Sash and Trophy for the Advertising Program, and was one of only three girls in her division to win a "Spirit of America" trophy. Meaghan also earned college scholarships.

Winning and placing in the optionals earned Candice and Meaghan the right to compete in the National Program in Florida where over \$25,000 in cash, scholarships and prizes will be presented to award winners an runners up in more than 10 categories of competition.

All three girls had a lot of fun and made many new friends. They represented the St. Francis community.



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