

Cheyenne County Fair days are here!!

The Cheyenne County Fair began Monday with the 4-H Style Revue and on Tuesday, the dog show was held.

The Amusement Authority's home-owned carnival started it's engines for a long four nights of screams, laughter and fun. Wednesday through Friday, the carnival begins at 7 and

runs until 11 p.m. On Saturday, the carnival begins at 4 p.m. and runs until midnight. There are a variety of games and rides — all at a price that will keep the youngsters busy most of the evening.

The 4-H food stands opened at 7:30 a.m. and much of the 4-H judging was held. The 4-H

horse show was held in front of the grandstand that morning; livestock weigh in and the 4-H food sale was held. The grandstand action was team roping and barrel racing which began at 7 p.m.

Thursday will host the 4-H and FFA swine show at 8 a.m. Again, there will be numerous

judging of entries and, at 12:30, the open class food sale will take place. Grandstand action will be the Ranch Rodeo which will feature kids in their own rodeo complete with roping, riding and racing. The Ranch Rodeo will begin at 7 p.m.

Friday will feature the 4-H and FFA beef

show and the bucket calf show. Later in the afternoon and evening, the Premium Sale and the rodeo will be held. (See articles for more information.)

Saturday is a fun-filled day. There is a separate article listing the events of Saturday.

Fairrodeo slated for Friday

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Fair Rodeo will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night in front of the grandstand. Besides being a full-fledged rodeo, there will also be junior barrel racing.

The rodeo is put on by the Kansas Pro Rodeo Association and the Nebraska State Rodeo Association. .

"We are expecting the same good bucking stock from Yuma Rodeo Stock out of Torrington, Wyo., said Cliff Pilkington, noting that the owner had promised his best horses and bucking bulls to come to St. Francis.

"They will have had a break and should be buckin'

pretty good by the time they get here."

Contests will include: bareback riding, calf roping, saddle bronc, ladies breakaway, steer wrestling, team roping, ladies barrels and bull riding.

"Last year we were a little short on rough stock riders but this year, there is more money to be won and hopefully, they will have suffered less injuries," Mr. Pilkington said. "There are also no other conflicts with other rodeos."

There will be some local riders as well as the junior barrel racers participating in the show. There should be some great action and fun.

Saturday filled with activities

Saturday will mark the beginning of a day packed full of activities and the end of the Cheyenne County Fair.

The day will start with the parade at 10 a.m. starting at the west end of St. Francis' Main Street.

Mud volleyball will take place with the action beginning at noon. Tina and Kirb Elliott are in charge of the games. They reported that the teams are filling fast and they are expecting 16 teams this year. Each year there is more and more interest in playing and teams need to get their registration fees paid in advance to guarantee they have a place on the roster.

The mud volleyball games are held at the two courts just west of the baseball diamond at the fairgrounds. Team members are encouraged to show up at the courts directly after the fair and any teams who have not registered can do so then, if there are any openings.

The volleyball tournament is co-ed and there should be an equal number of girls and boys on each team. Teams consist of six to eight members.

Demolition derby promises action

Once again on Saturday evening of the fair, the demolition derby drivers will be revving their motors, anxiously awaiting the wave of the flag which will begin the derby. Action begins at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand in St. Francis.

There will be five places awarded prize money plus money given to the top two per head (except Slop), two slop heats and the heat flag. The first prize winner will take home \$1,000. Plaques will be awarded to all heat

and main event winners (except Slop).

A new name will be added to the "Bonzai" Bobby Krien plaque for the driver who is the crowd pleaser. This driver is determined by Bobby Krien's family.

The fair derby always has lots of fast moving action and the committee is expecting the same for this year.

"We plan to have a good derby
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At 12:30 the open class pet show will start in the small show arena at the fairgrounds. This show has grown from just a few pets to a large, interesting

show. Classes will be formed as the pets are entered. Ribbons will be given for the best in each class through fifth class
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TRUE LOVE — Joni Pevler's dog Rosie looks adoringly at her before going into the 4-H Dog Show held Tuesday morning at the fairgrounds.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

St. Francis woman celebrates 100th

By Karen Krien

Dorothy Finley turned 100 years old on July 10. She was born in Cozad, Neb., and today she lives at the Good Samaritan Village where she is active and interested in the happenings at the Village along with those events in the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Before Mrs. Finley was born, her father Dorr Carroll went to Ward County, N.D., to prove a claim. Mrs. Finley was 3-months-old when she and her mother left to meet him. When she was 3-years-old, they moved to Carpio, N.D., where her father worked as an abstractor and studied law. When Mrs. Finley was 5, they moved to Minot, N.D., where her father joined a group of lawyers and studied to pass the bar exam.

When she was 6, her father started her in the first grade.

"I remembered how lost I was when he left me there," she said.

That year, she had typhoid fever and German measles. She saw very little of the school so her parents started her again in first grade and she continued with eight grades of normal class,



Dorothy Finley

graduating in 1917 and, then in 1921, graduated from high school.

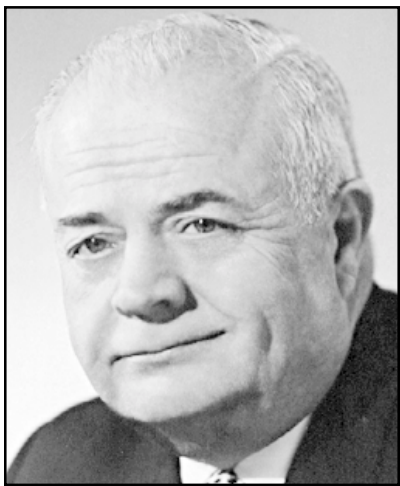
When she was 6, her brother Dorr Howard Junior was born and two years
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Former resident dies

By Karen Krien

Robert Jaqua Uplinger Sr., 89, died July 27 in Syracuse, N.Y., the city where he had spent much of his life. Mr. Uplinger was well known as the former Lions Club International president but was just as well known in St. Francis, his boyhood home, where he spent time during the years, maintaining his home on Emerson Street for his visits.

He married Martha Rath, also a hometown girl, on Aug. 20, 1939. He was a member of the University of Kansas mechanical engineering class of 1934



Robert Uplinger

and a pioneer aviator who received his license at the age of 18 after being inspired by watching Charles Lindbergh. He did barnstorming in Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming in the early 1930s and continued to fly for 63 years.

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Primary election scheduled on Tuesday

By Karen Krien

The primary election across the nation will be held on Tuesday. Candidates in federal, state and county offices will be elected with the general election set for Nov. 5.

Voting in Cheyenne County will be held in various places. Those living in Benkelman, Calhoun, Cleveland Run and Orlando townships will vote in the basement of

the courthouse in St. Francis. Bird City township voters will cast their ballots in the Bird City American Legion Hall on Bressler Street.

In St. Francis, Wano I township voters will go to the Peace Lutheran Church at College and Jackson streets, while Wano II township voters will cast their ballots at the United Methodist Church on Scott and First Street.

Know the candidates —

Connie Morris

"It's going to be tough to win but I feel good about the campaign," said Connie Morris, Republican candidate for the 5th District Kansas State Board of Education. She is running against 14-year incumbent I.B. "Sonny" Rundell and while she thinks he is "okay" she feels that there needs to be some creative and fresh ideas brought to the table.

"We need to do something because the financial path we are now following will not allow our western Kansas schools to keep the doors open," she said.

"I know I'm a greenhorn but I feel that with my experience and ideas, the bits and pieces can be put together and come up with a workable plan," she said, noting that both Rep. John Fabor and Sen. Stan Clark are also concerned and think along the same lines as she does when it comes to education.

She has several issues which she would like addressed and said she knows that she is a little radical. The first is to insist that proof of citizenship be brought when a child is enrolled in school.

"Schools have a big problem in western Kansas with illegal immigrants draining the system of tax dollars and hampering teachers' ability to focus."

She would like to see administration
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Jane Brubaker

Incumbent Jane Brubaker is running for a third term as Cheyenne County Commissioner, District I and thinks experience is important, especially in this time when the dollars are short and there is a drought.

"I think it is very important to keep taxes to a minimum while keeping services to the county residents," she said. "Besides, it takes several years working on the board to understand the budget."

She noted that keeping the taxes down is hard to do when the budgets are already cut as far as they possibly can be cut.

"About the only way we can cut taxes is cut services and people don't want that," she said.

Besides keeping the taxes down, Commissioner Brubaker is concerned about the emergency medical service.

"We need more EMTS and, there seems to be more and more regulations to follow," she said, adding that keeping county roads in good condition is always an issue.

"Lately, I have had several people wanting to know if the commissioners are re-considering county-wide law enforcement. I think that this is something that we need to look at closer."

As commissioner, Commissioner Brubaker thinks it is important to be involved in the community and she feels like she is doing that.

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Sam Beeson

"You know the old saying, 'you don't know what you've got until it's gone,' said Sam Beeson, candidate for Cheyenne County Commissioner, District I.

Mr. Beeson is concerned about filling up the county's landfill and feels, that, as a commissioner, it is important to stress recycling.

"By recycling, we could continue to use the Cheyenne County Landfill for years to come," he said.

Mr. Beeson is concerned with several other issues.

"I live in the country and I drive the county roads daily so I'm able to monitor the conditions of the roads as well as the ditches. I feel that during this dry weather, it is important to keep the weeds well mowed in order to cut the risk of fires."

He would like to make sure the country roads are safe, especially during harvest.

Mr. Beeson is concerned about the shortage of emergency medical technicians.

"Without these important people to respond to accidents or emergencies, lives could be lost," he said.

Lastly, he and many other people in the county know that there is a lack of jobs in the county and Bird City area. He feels that it is important to keep the jobs available not only in Bird City but

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Dick Bursch

Dick Bursch, Bird City, feels like it is time for a change and would like to try his hand as commissioner of the 1st District. He said the present commissioner has done a good job but he believes in term limits and she has been in office for eight years.

"Cheyenne County is a great place to live and I hope, on the county level, the commissioners can do something for our schools by working on the roads, work with our hospital and start a push to encourage young people to stay in the county."

"We need to pay close attention to other boards working under the commissioners including the hospital board which takes a big portion of the budget," he said, noting that the budget is something the commissioners need to scrutinize and study well each year.

In the budget, he said, there are probably areas that need to be tightened and others may need to be increased.

"I'm not criticizing. And, I need to see and work with the figures before naming these areas.

He thinks the future for Cheyenne County is not doom and gloom.

"This county has the best soil and wonderful people," he said. "I don't see why Cheyenne County won't continue to survive but having young people staying would help some."

To keep young people on the farm is difficult, he said. Land and machin-

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costs cut and to do that, she thinks that there needs to be administration restructuring by reducing or eliminating high-cost positions. She thinks that one area administrator is enough.

"I know that administrators are not going to like this idea," she said.

"I also know that whoever is elected will have a challenging time. There needs to be some severe budget cuts and choices need to be made about what gets trimmed or cut."

Mrs. Morris is against raising taxes. She said she was definitely against the \$252 million tax increase at the end of 2002 legislative session.

In an earlier interview, Mrs. Morris said, "A great education begins with strong schools which requires a commitment to learning, discipline and parental involvement... not more tax dollars. As an educator for the past nine years, I have seen, first hand, the potential that lies in every student, teacher, parent and community worker.

"My passion is the provision and protection of children. When I was a poor, single mother raising two toddlers alone in the Appalachian Mountains, my heart was forged with determination to help others from such degradation. She came to Kansas over a decade ago and feels that she owes her service to Kansas families. She taught in the Idalia school as a first grade teacher and was recently appointed by Gov. Bill Graves to serve a four-year term on the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board.

Her autobiography, "From the Darkness, One Woman's Rise to Nobility," details her recovery through Christ from incest, rape, domestic violence and substance abuse. She lives with her husband Kelly who is a business owner and farmer. She has two daughters, Jessica and Lacy.

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on both sides of the county. Otherwise, he thinks the county is running pretty good.

Mr. Beeson was born and raised in Cheyenne County and later raised his family in the county. He served his country as a combat engineer in the Viet Nam War.

For the last 10 years, he has served as the Bird City City Superintendent and was also a law enforcement officer. Before that, he was an employee on the county road and bridge crew. He has helped out the Bird City Fire Department and is a former Cheyenne County Deputy Sheriff.

"I feel that all of these duties have given me good knowledge of the way our local and federal governments are run," Mr. Beeson said.

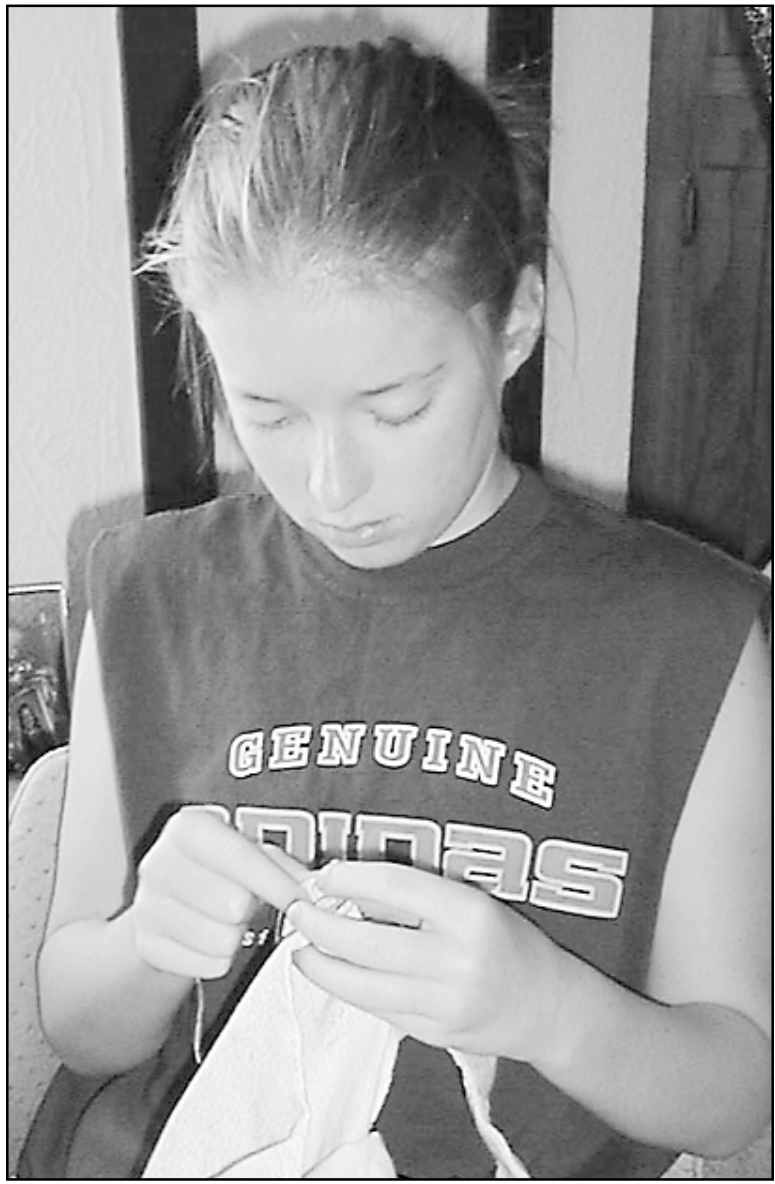
Mr. Beeson and his wife Sherry live about 7 miles northwest of Bird City. They have six children who have enjoyed the good life of Bird City and five have graduated from the Cheylin High School (the youngest is an eighth grader).

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ery are high. "But, if you learn a love for the soil, farming is the best lifestyle in the world."

Mr. Bursch was born and raised in Buffalo near Chanute. However, his roots are in Cheyenne County as his grandfather had a tree claim in this county and then sold it to the Glascos and it is now owned by the Magleys. In the summer, as a boy, he would come to the county to work. He has been living in Cheyenne County for 47 years



SEWING IS FUN??? Dara Loyd does the hand work on her 4-H sewing project. Photo courtesy of the Extension Office

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He was an officer in World War II and went on to found R.J. Uplinger, Inc., a distributor of power transmission equipment.

He was known world-wide through his service as the president of Lions Clubs International during the years 1971 to 1972, bringing to Lions the vision of helping the hearing impaired as well as those with sight impairments — the second half of Helen Keller's early message to Lions.

After serving as Lions president, he became the Non-Governmental Organization Representative of Lions International to the United Nation, a post which he held for 25 years. He helped found Lions' Day at the United Nations which, over the span of his representation, grew from a few Lions members to over 400 attending a one-day conference at the United Nation each year, meeting with many ambassadors and United Nations officials.

Mr. Uplinger could talk for hours about the kings and queens and other famous people he and Mrs. Uplinger met on their tours as representative. Some times there was danger and other times there were some moments of embarrassment as they were not familiar with customs in other countries. There were

grand affairs where they were seated next to dignitaries and sometimes even gifts.

Mr. Uplinger lived a splendid life but also seemed to enjoy coming back to the quiet life of his boyhood home in St. Francis.

His funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, on Thursday. Interment will follow with Masonic graveside service. Interment will be in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the local Lions Club charities, Peace Lutheran Church or a charity of choice. A complete obituary will be printed in a future issue of *The St. Francis Herald*.

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and there will also be a best of the show award.

Weather permitting, the rocket launch will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the high school football practice field.

The home-owned carnival will start the engines at 4 p.m. for the last night of rides for another year.

A free-will barbecue will start at 5 and last until 7 p.m. There will be barbecued beef, corn and iced tea. Western Kansas Farm Credit will also be serving watermelon.

The demolition derby will start at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand. See related article for more information.

The attendance awards will be drawn for at 10:30 p.m. in front of the food stand building. The St. Francis senior citizens are in charge of the sales. Ken Quigley, chairman, reported that there will be \$2,000 in prize money drawn for with the first prize being \$1,000; \$500 second prize; \$300, third and \$200, fourth. Winners do not need to be present to win.

The carnival will run until midnight.

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later, a baby sister was born. Mrs. Finley was the main babysitter for the two of them.

When she was in the seventh or eighth grade, her friends decided that they wanted to date "like girls do."

"I wanted to join my friends so they paired me with one of the boys and he wanted to have another date, but I said 'no.' That was the only date I had for some time. I guess I wasn't ready to date!"

Mrs. Finley always had an allowance which ranged from 10 cents to \$1. By the time she was in high school, she had decided she wanted to earn her own money. She baby sat and cleaned houses. She told about one lady who had three small children who hired Mrs. Finley.

"I came to her house right after breakfast to get up the children, make breakfast and care for them until late afternoon. I also made lunch for them and cleaned the house. Their mother came home in time to make supper for them," she said.

Her social life consisted of belonging to Campfire Girls and joining in all church activities.

When she graduated from high school, she started working for one of the law firms in Minot.

"I had thought of becoming a lawyer like my father and he thought a secretarial job would help me to see if this was what I really wanted to do. Many of my friends were going to normal school — there were no secretarial schools," she said.

There was a school at the north edge of Minot. Her friend who lived a half block from her, and she attended the normal school during the summer of the year she graduated. The superintendent of the schools around the area interviewed them in the spring. Another girl, who was about Mrs. Finley's size and complexion, was interviewed at the same time.

As a result of the interviews, Mrs. Finley got the contract to teach in Drake, N.D. When she arrived, the superintendent looked around at her luggage and finally asked where her harp was.

"That was when I found out that he had gotten me mixed up with the other girl who looked like me," she said. "He had to live up to the contract so he got stung."

Mrs. Finley had a busy year teaching 20 students in the seventh and eighth grades.

"I failed one pupil and it happened to be the son of a businessman. The banker talked to the superintendent and consequently my contract was not renewed. I did not mind because I wanted to go on to school," she said.

That was when her father decided to move to Kansas City where he was doing some legal work for his current political party.

Mrs. Finley was going to college and the students walked 20 blocks north across town night and morning. The weather was very severe. On the way to college, we went over a viaduct and over the river and two railroad tracks.

"My dad bought me a sheep-lined coat with a raccoon collar, a stocking cap and snow boots," she said. "I got to the school building and it was still dark since North Dakota was dark until 10 a.m."

The first snowfall while she was teaching in Drake closed off the whole downtown area. The electric plant broke down because of the weather. They never had electricity again the whole time she taught there and they had to make their own entertainment.

The summer of 1923, she entered Kansas City Teacher's College where she learned the methods of the city schools.

"When I tried to use some of the methods taught in college, my principal did not approve. She had a course on social studies which included history and geography. I decided to teach the history of the world beginning in the area where

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history was first made. My principal disapproved and shouted at me."

At the close of the year, the principal asked Mrs. Finley if she wanted to be transferred to another school and she said that it was up to her. She came back to the same school the next year.

The summer before her second year, Mrs. Finley went to Kansas University for summer classes. The hot weather made studying in the afternoon hard.

"We often got into my roadster and went to the country to study under the trees. Every night, we had a rain shower and would have to get out of the roadster and put the top up to keep the seats dry."

Before they left town, they passed some of the places where students ate their dinner in people's homes. One of the girls saw some of the boys on the porch and suggested they stop and struggle with the roadster top. Two of the fellows came out to help and they suggested they come along and find a shady spot where they could all study.

"The results of that stop were dates between John Finley and me," she said.

On July 4, they joined a bunch of other students at the country home of some of the students. For some reason, John "pinned" her saying it was just an "ice breaker." However, they continued to date but he came to Kansas City, Mrs. Finley gave the pin back and they went their own way.

But, that wasn't the end! There was an Indian Pow Wow at Haskell, Kan., and he invited Mrs. Finley to go with him to the celebration. He had secured a marriage license and they went to Olathe where they were married by the "marrying judge."

John and his father decided that John would change to Washburn University so the couple moved to Topeka where he finished his law degree and they moved to St. Francis. John's father was ill and bedfast when they settled in St. Francis and he never did get a chance to practice law with his son.

In the summer of 1927, Mrs. Finley and a friend of Johns were both expecting babies. The friend's mother was a practical nurse who took care of both expecting mothers. The baby, John Lewis Finley III was born Aug. 8 and Mrs. Finley's mother came to take care of them. Mrs. Finley washed the baby's clothes by hand until her landlady got some laundry equipment. A baby crib and a baby buggy were purchased and, each day when Mr. Finley came home from school, she and the baby would meet him.

John III was two when his sister Barbara was born on Oct. 19. The practical nurse was waiting with her the day she was to be born.

Mr. Finley called the doctor and the nurse said he was coming. John was outside saying this was a bad time for the doctor to be late.

"In latter years, I told Barbara that was the last time she ever hurried. She always took her own sweet time."

The days on the farm north of St. Francis were good days for Mrs. Finley.

"The whole family worked together to make a happy family. Those were the days of many happy memories."

John III became the main farmer during the last years of Mr. Finley's life. The

Finley's moved to town in 1958 when John III was married. Mr. Finley died in 1968 at the age of 67. After he was gone, Mrs. Finley went to work at the courthouse.

Mrs. Finley remembers the Flood of 1935. Prior to the flood, she had a nervous breakdown which was quite severe.

"As I was getting better, I would go to the bank of the flood and watch the water and devastation. The devastation was really a sight to see but watching the water would strangely soothe me and helped me get better.

"I received enough strength that I was much stronger for the rest of my life. It carried me through all of life's trials.

During the depression, Mr. Finley had very few clients for his law practice so Uncle Holl let the family move in with him in a bunkhouse they had. They then moved onto the home place where they bought purebred Guernseys and started a dairy farm. They ran door-to-door sales until the pasteurization was mandated.

"It took all four of us to keep the dairy going," she said.

Eventually, John III married Bernadine Bunjes and Barbara married Herbert Helms. The married children brought Mrs. Finley three grandsons and a granddaughter.

Her family hosted a 100th birthday party for her at the Good Samaritan Village. Many people came to wish her many more and enjoy her birthday cake.

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with lots of action and the winners will get some good money," said Wade Krien, Derby Committee.

Each year, the demolition derby, held the last night of the Cheyenne County Fair, fills the grandstand as people gather to watch the excitement. The pit area is also crowded with drivers and crew members along with people watching. Pit passes are more expensive and identification must be worn at all times. Parents should also be cautioned to know where their children are at all times during the derby and they should never be left unattended.

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"I am the treasurer of the Bird City Community Club, work each year at the Thresher Show, am active in church and attend almost every community event. I also shop locally which I think is important," she said.

The commissioner and her husband Gary are farmers. They have a 5-year-old son Jacob who will be entering the Cheylin School this fall.


Commissioner Brubaker was born and raised in Atwood. She graduated from high school, then went on to attend Kansas State graduating with a degree in agri business. Not happy with that degree, decided to go on with her schooling, earning a degree in veterinary medicine.



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