

Plans needed to protect air space

By Karen Krien

Dave Yost, Airport Authority president, was present at the Feb. 15 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting to ask the Commissioners to enact a zoning ordinance which would protect the Cheyenne County Airport's airspace from future obstructions

that would adversely affect the airport's operations. Mr. Yost was accompanied by Robert and Richard Grace, Grace Flying Service, the firm which manages the airport for the county.

Mr. Yost had with him a model ordinance from the Federal Aviation Administration

(FAA), but it was noted that the required accompanying map which delineates the restricted airspace would cost \$1,000 and would be supplied by Olsson Associates, the engineering firm which is creating the airport master plan. It was also noted in the meeting that the city of St. Francis would be

required to enact a similar ordinance.

Mr. Yost said there are no existing buildings which encroach upon the protected airspace, but when prospective builders ask where they can build, the Airport Authority is unable to answer the question, since no definitive map exists. Mr. Yost also

noted that the Federal Aviation Administration will not protect the airspace, but if an obstruction were built, it might adversely affect the instrument approaches into the airport, thereby reducing or eliminating airport access in times of inclement weather. **See PLANS on Page 8A**



PATIENTLY TYING ON HIS LURE was Grady Brunk, St. Francis.

Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick



TATE BUSSE was an avid fisherman Sunday afternoon during the trout fishing contest

31 teams enter fishing contest at Keller Pond

By Casey McCormick

This year's Cheyenne County Wildlife Trout Fishing Derby, held on Feb. 20, was a big success, drawing 31 teams. Keller Pond was lined by young and old, all waiting for a chance to reel in a large rainbow trout.

Cheyenne County Wildlife had stocked the pond with 611 pounds of rainbow trout at a cost of \$1,800. The fish came from Klein Fish Farms in Boulder, Colo. They were placed in Keller Pond on Jan. 24.

Participants used worms, spinning lures and power bait to attract the trout. The winning team was the brothers, Tim Baxter and Slim Baxter who brought in seven fish that weighed a total 24 and a half pounds. The second place team was the father-son team of Clay and

Casey Keller who had six fish at 17.5 . Keith Peter and Jim Miller were third with four trout, weighing 11.5.

Of the 37 fish caught during the contest, the total weight was 103.75 pounds. The average fish was 2.80 pounds.

Cheyenne County Wildlife will hold their annual banquet at the Bird City Legion Hall on March 18. The \$15 fee includes yearly membership as well as prime rib dinner that evening.

Other placers were: Martin Hilt, Jodie Hilt: four at 9.75 pounds, Ward Cassidy, Tate Busse: two at 6.75 pounds.



St. Francis girl wins spelling bee for second year

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Spelling Bee was held Feb. 15 in the Cheylin School, Bird City. The 2005 winner was a "second-time" winner.

Mikaela Grace, St. Francis sixth grader, correctly spelled the word "tincture" after her final opponent, Caitlin Wright, Cheylin seventh grader, misspelled the word. She went on to correctly spell "aquamarine."

Other words students were asked to spell were: "camphor," "grenade," "linoleum," and "poisonous," just to name some.

Cheylin participants besides Caitlin were: Stephanie Busse and Megan Els, fourth grade; Tilyn Bell, Clyde Bolyard, fifth grade; Chris Walden and Whitney Churchwell, sixth grade; Hudson Louderbaugh, seventh grade; and Kelly Basnett and Sydney Busse, eighth grade.

St. Francis students besides



Grace

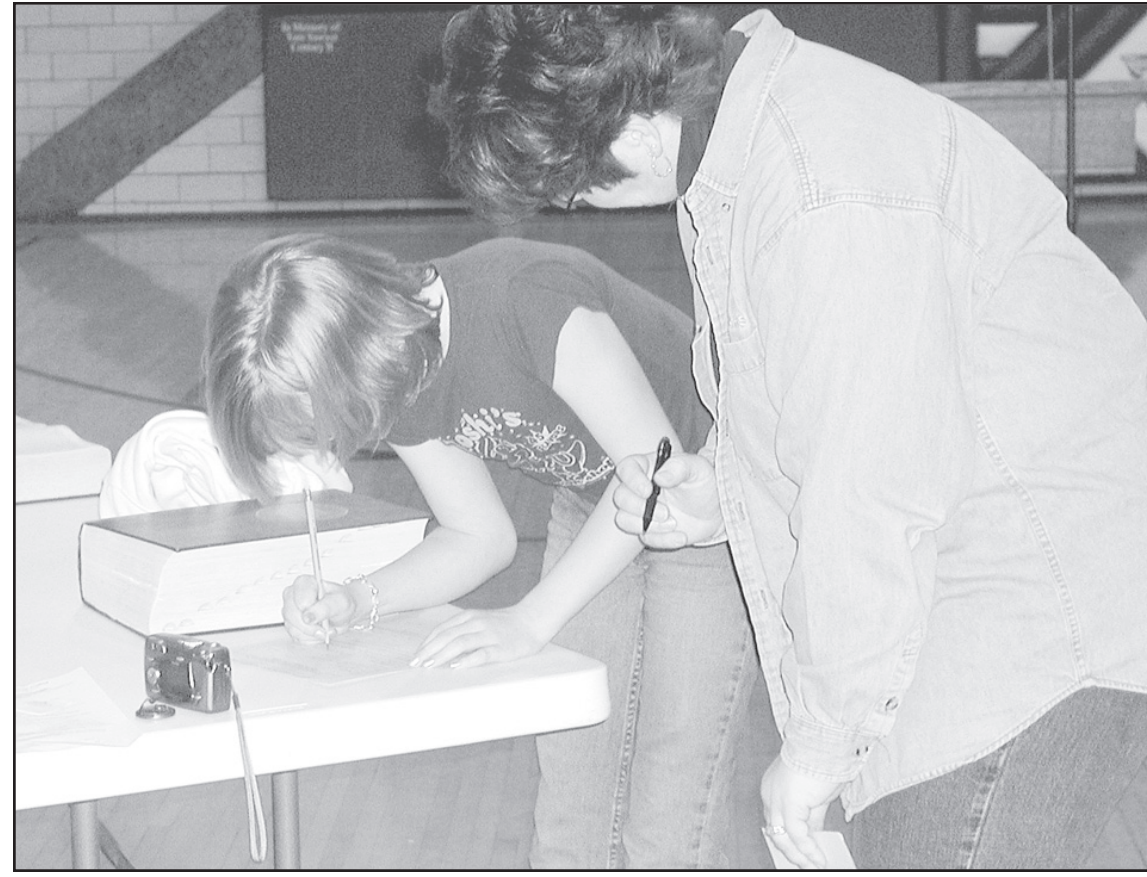
Mikaela were: Lucas Carmichael, Sarah Whitmore, Clarice Neitzel and Aly Northrup, fourth grade; Ross Nicklos, Hayley Brown, Caitlin Northrup and Christina Schoenrogge, fifth grade; Deserie Walz, Brandon Keeker and Brett Lampe, sixth grade; Terrence Lamb, Amber Smull, David

Stephens and Taylor Spike, seventh grade; and Jon Finley, Elizabeth Gienger, Andrea Holzwarth and Sam Sowers, eighth grade.

The reader and announcer was

Suzan Moyer; Dave Zumbahlen, Judy Sager and Bruce Swihart were judges.

Mikaela will travel to Washburn University in Topeka



MIKAELA GRACE was the winner of the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee at the contest held in Bird City on Feb. 15. Mikaela signs off on the contest.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

on March 26 where she will participate in the Kansas State Spelling Bee. The St. Francis PTA will give some funding to help with the trip.

Commissioners approve hiring of new deputies

By Karen Krien

Hiring deputies for the sheriff's department was the reason the commissioners went into private session when they met on Feb. 15. Deputies were approved but no names were given until the sheriff had contacted them.

Troy Gardner, sheriff, said he was wanting to hire a full-time deputy and two part-time deputies in the department. Interviews had been made and in the executive session, he revealed his choices of applicants and the commissioners approved. However, until he had contacted them to see if they were still interested, the names of the applicants

were not announced.

Sheriff Gardner said that the interest service in the office was so slow and files were so big that the connection is often dropped before the files were able to open. He asked to switch to the city of St. Francis' wireless service which was approved.

Commissioner Jane Brubaker asked that the cell phones be assigned to the people who will be carrying them. She also questioned the "Touch to Talk" feature which was listed on the bill. The sheriff said he will discontinue this feature.

County attorney report
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Wrestlers head to State tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indians, with 163.5 points, earned a third-place finish at the Regional wrestling tournament in WaKeeney/Trego County on Friday and Saturday. Now the coaches and the wrestlers are making final preparations for the 3-2-1A State tournament which begins Friday in Hays. A pep assembly is being held at the high school on Friday morning for both the wrestling and basketball teams as post-season activities continue.

"This is what we have worked for all year," Coach Larry Gabel said.

"This tournament is what we have focused on and have been building for gradually."

Indian wrestlers, Trevor Richard (112), Dylan Loyd (125), Gavin Smull (130), Jordan Gienger (140), Gabe Gienger (152), Derek Ross (171), Brennon Wilger (215) and Gabe Walz (275), placed in one of the top four positions at Regionals which guarantees a trip to state.

Sainty will take one first place finisher, Ross; three second place finishers, Richard, Loyd and Wilger; three third place finishers, Smull, J. **See STATE on Page 8A**

Sub-state action begins next week

By Betty Jean Winston

Sub-state basketball action for the Indians and Lady Indians begins Feb. 28 with the boys playing on Monday night and the girls on Tuesday night, March 1.

As in the past, teams seeded first, second, third and fourth hold the opening games (unless the distance

between the two school is large and then the visiting team can request a neutral location between the two schools). St. Francis is involved in the Leoti/Wichita County Substate this year so the semifinals and finals are being played at Leoti.

The semifinals will be played on **See SUB-STATE on Page 8A**

Strip till workshop scheduled

A strip till workshop has been set for 10 a.m. on March 3, at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant in St. Francis. Dale Fjell, Kent McVay and Jeanne Falk, K-State University crop and soil specialists, will present the program.

Some of the topics discussed during the workshop are: 1) water utilization; 2) soil compaction; 3) field residue; 4) maximized fertilizer benefits; and 5) fuel savings.

"There will be significant research based information provided for the producers looking to incorporate no-till farming practices," Tye Faulkender, Cheyenne County Extension director.

No-till farming is becoming a more widely used farming practice due to economical reasons.

"Strip till is a good transitional tool for the producer who is not ready to commit to no-till," Director Faulkender said.

Lunch is being served compliments of St. Francis Equity, Bartlett Grain, Frontier Equity and Krien Farm Supply.

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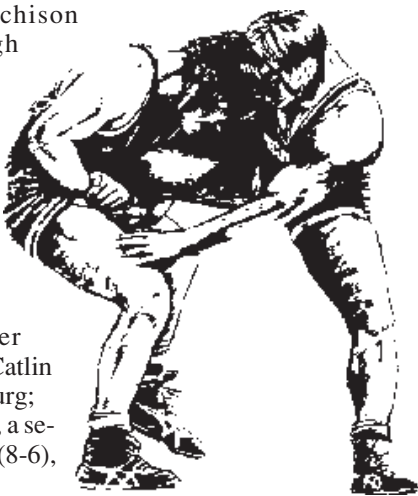
Gienger and Walz; and one fourth place finisher, G. Gienger. This will be the third trip to State for Ross, Richard and Loyd and the second for Walz, G. Gienger and J. Gienger. Wilger and Smull will be joining the excitement for the first year. Norton placed first at Regionals and Oakley second and each will be taking nine wrestlers to State. "It is exciting to be taking eight wrestlers," Coach Gabel said. "It doesn't matter how the team or individuals placed at Regional, this is a whole new tournament." As usual, these young men will be doing their best to represent St. Francis. Sainty fans also look forward to this weekend, as many of them travel to Hays to cheer on the Indians and see some outstanding wrestling.

The state tournament takes place at Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University.

Wrestling assignments
112 pounds: Richard (33-2), a junior, will meet Jeremy Vancil (30-10), Leon Bluestem; 125 pounds: Loyd (33-2), a junior, will meet Colton Feldman

(24-18), Effingham-Atchison County Community High School; 130 pounds: Smull (22-16), a freshman, will meet Cris Carstenson (22-4), Rock Creek; 140 pounds: J. Gienger (28-6), a sophomore, will meet Cody Hazard (26-2) Lyons; 152 pounds: G. Gienger (27-7), a senior, will meet Catlin Zahorsky (27-5), Phillipsburg; 171 pounds: Ross (34-2), a senior, will meet Jordan Boor (8-6), Sylvan Grove; 215 pounds: Wilger (28-10), a sophomore, will meet Zach Eaton (24-14), Garden Plain; 275 pounds: Walz (32-5) will beat Stuart Webb (23-11), Wabunsee.. Indian fans will not want to miss the action so the times of the various sessions are listed below:

Friday
• 10 a.m. first round;
• 1:45 p.m. second round, championship quarterfinals;
• 4:30 p.m. first-round consolation; championship semifinals.
Saturday
• 10 a.m. consolation cross bracketing;
• Noon consolation quarterfinals;
• 1:30 p.m. consolation semifinals.



nals;
• 2:30 p.m. fifth place; consolation finals;
• 6:15 p.m. Parade of Champions;
• 6:30 p.m. championship finals.

Televised

Those unable to make it to Hays to support the wrestlers will be able to catch the action live on Smoky Hills Public Television (Channel 3 on cable television). The schedule is: Quarter finals, 2 p.m. on Friday; and Championship at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Finals are repeated 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

PLANS

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The proposed zoning ordinance would authorize the county to protect the airport's airspace from such a scenario.

It was suggested that the Airport Authority get a map from the appraiser's office and just say that no one can build in these areas, but Justin Barrett, county attorney, pointed out that such a method would be overly restrictive. Robert Grace added that the airspace map is quite complex, because the calculation includes complex three-dimensional figures which are based upon the specific topographical data for the surrounding area.

Discussion reviewed the fact that the present Federal funding is on a 95-5-percent basis, which is very desirable for the county, and may not be repeated in the future. Previous

grants have been offered at rates varying from 75 to 25 percent to 90 to 10 percent. The Federal Trust Fund money comes from user fees generated by taxes on aviation fuel and airline tickets. No Federal Trust funds have ever been granted to the Cheyenne County Airport.

The Authority also said that there are many things they could do at the airport but they do not plan to do anything that is not necessary. The airport Master Plan does include future options to widen and extend the runway, as well as replace the aging runway lights, install an AWOS (automated weather reporting for pilots), and increase ramp space. The Master Plan is nearly finalized, and it represents the required first step for Federal funding.

Further, the members noted that such a plan often saves time and

money in the long run, by streamlining the process.

The members told the commissioners that, as future expansion stages develop, they will be informing the commissioners. It is estimated that the present grant money will total \$500,000 to \$700,000, which would require a corresponding commitment by Cheyenne County of \$25,000 to \$35,000.

In a later interview, Robert Grace said that a Flight for Life pilot, Jimmy Stouffer, had told him that Mr. Stouffer had declined to land on the Cheyenne County runway on several instances when the air temperature was so high that safe operation was not possible because the runway was too short for the King Air aircraft he pilots.

The commissioners agreed to support the zoning ordinance.

HIRING

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County attorney Justin Barrett said he had talked to Alan Rose, owner of a number of cars, which his neighbor complained about at the last meeting. Attorney Barrett said Mr. Rose is within the law and has a state license. The neighbor also moved to the property when the cars were already there. Mr. Barrett is waiting for more information.

The county attorney and commissioners discussed changes that may need to be made in employee handbook:

On page three under recruitment, Commissioner Brubaker suggested adding that departments can go from part time to full time without opening the position to the public. The county attorney will check to make sure that it is legal. If it is, he will incorporate it into the employee handbook.

On page 13, under workman comp, it is to be added that the department head is required to notify the county clerk when there is an injury or possible claim so he can notify the proper people.

On Page 14, Insurance, the book says an employee needs to work three months before he is eligible for insurance. However, the commissioners had been informed that employees can get on the cafeteria plan a month after employment.

Cell phone usage on page 27, the suggestion was to add that cell phones are not to be used for personal use. If necessary, these calls must be paid for by the employee.

They also felt that it should be noted that the sheriff's office only is allowed to have overtime compensation time.

Bird City Fire Department

Dale Hazuka, Bird City fire chief, spoke on behalf of the Bird City Fire Department. He said the Department needed a new tanker truck and he presented two proposals.

The commissioners voted to allow the department to purchase a new tanker truck for around \$15,000 using money from the Special Fire Equipment Funds.

Mr. Hazuka said the Bird City Fire Department would like to have ambulance 11B when the new ambulance arrives. The department would use this vehicle to transport generators, lights and fans to fires and accidents. The board thought this would be okay but they will

check with ambulance director Larry Gabel before the final decision was made.

In other business

In other business:
• Commissioners discussed the bill from attorney Mike Day for \$400 for when he had covered the case of a Service Master cleaning charges. Kevin Berens, then county attorney, had withdrawn himself from the case because of a conflict of interest.

• Janelle Bowers, ambulance bookkeeper, reported she had turned in information that only commissioners were allowed to see because it contained patient information which is against Health Information Portability and Accountability Act regulations.

• Commissioner Brubaker suggested that the names on the cell phones in the sheriff's office be changed to those carrying the phones.

• Rane Pilkington, solid waste secretary, said that she had some questions about the bill she had received concerning a revised sampling analysis plan for the solid waste site. The commissioners okayed the payment. She also presented a bid from Sporer for \$8.80 per ton to crush cement at the landfill. The commissioners accepted the bid.

• Commissioner Andy Beikman was appointed to the Northwest Kansas Authority Board with Commissioner Ray Lee as the alternate.

• The board was informed that the courthouse's chimney appeared to be "shifting" and the board will look at it when the weather is warmer.

• The commissioners signed a Community Development Building Grant document which stated that the county will not use grant money for anything other than the specified purpose of the grant.

• The dues of \$672 for the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group were approved.

• Those approved to attend schooling, meetings and/or workshops were: Danny Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor; and Deb Smith and Bonnie Zweygardt, appraiser office.

• An emergency medical technician teaching course contract was approved. Beth Gabel, St. Francis, will be teaching the five-credit hour class on March 5 for a cost of \$3,000

with Colby Community College paying part of the salary and the county paying the rest.

• The Kansas County Commissioner Association dues of \$165 were approved.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Monday in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

SUB-STATE

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Thursday (boys) and Friday (girls) with both boys and girls finals on Saturday. This is a single-elimination tournament so if you lose the season is over.

Teams in the Leoti Substate include five Northwest Kansas League teams, Hoxie, Oberlin/Decatur Community, Quinter, St. Francis, and Atwood/Rawlins County. Also involved are Deerfield, Leoti and Syracuse.

Additional 2A Sub-State action will take place at Wabunsee, Blue Rapids-Valley Heights, Elbing-Berean Academy, Inman, Lyndon, Meade and Smith Center.

The top team from each Sub-State qualifies to compete for the 2A State title beginning Wednesday, March 9.

The final seedings for Sub-State do did not take place until Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Indian coach Ward Cassidy said he expected St. Francis to be playing either Quinter or Syracuse at 7 p.m. on Monday.

"The guys are hoping to play a new team who they have never seen, which would be Syracuse," Indian coach Ward Cassidy said.

Lady Indian coach Devin Dinkel expects the Ladies will probably be playing Hoxie.

"We know that we have a tough game ahead of us," Coach Dinkel said. "We will need to come out quickly and play well."

A pep assembly is being held at the high school on Thursday morning during first hour for both the wrestling and basketball teams.

Check Indian News, 332-8111, for exact times and places of post-season action.

FFA

AGRICULTURE:

AMERICA'S HEARTBEAT

FFA members: (front row) Chelsey Weeden, Sam Zweygardt, Alecia Zimbelman, Megan Rice, Janelle Zweygardt, Kelsey Dunn, Emily Walz, Janae Glidewell; (second row) Travis Havel, Jon Weems, Margo Douthit, Chance Hobrock, Andy Waite, Joel McAtee, Logan Lampe, Zach Mills; (back row) John Stephens, AJ McAtee, Tyler Finley, Levi Weeden, RL Walz . Not pictured: adviser Lynn Wiley.

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Smoky Hills

PUBLIC TELEVISION

Quarter & Semi-Finals

February 25th @ 2PM

Championship

February 26th @ 6PM

3-2-1A STATE

WRESTLING

CHAMPIONSHIPS

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