

PLAYING IN THE RAIN—Cade Bracelin and Valerie Wurm were having fun riding their bikes through the Herald staff photo by Karen Krien water on Spencer Street.

\$18 million approved for farmers

Johanns recently announced that 1,156 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contracts covering nearly 436,000 acres of farm and ranch land were approved for limited resource farmers and ranchers in fiscal year 2004 for a total of \$18.3 million.

"Farmers and ranchers are the best stewards of the land and the Bush Administration is committed to helping limited resource producpractices as part of their agricultural operations," said Mr. Johanns. "I encourage all eligible producers to participate in the programs the department of agriculture offers to assist in building strong farming operations, especially minorities and women."

Environmental Quality Incentives Program is a voluntary conservation program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. It offers financial and technical assistance to producers who face threats to soil, water, air and related natural resources on their land. The funds may be used to reduce soil erosion, improve water and air quality, and protect grazing

In 2004, nearly one out of every two limited resource producers ap-

Agriculture Secretary Mike plying for the Environmental Qual- \$519,556 cost-share funding; 2,278 ity Incentives Program were funded compared with only one out of every four for the rest of the program's applications. Limited resource farmers and ranchers received 2.55 percent of the total Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds

In Kansas, there were 10 contracts approved for a total of \$48,538 cost-share funding for However, New Mexico had only 52 2,757 acres. There were 35 concontracts approved but the total was ers implement sound conservation tracts approved in Colorado for \$1,136,385; 68,256 acres.

arcres. Nebraska had 13 contracts for \$171,73 cost share; 4,248 acres; Oklahoma had 40 approved contracts for \$452,394 cost share funding; 5,561 acres; Missouri had 46 contracts approved for \$1,182,123 ronmental Quality Incentives Procost-share funding; 9,729 acres.

Mississippi had the most contracts in the states with 171 approved for \$946,720; 17,009 acres.

There was a total of 1,156 contracts approved for \$18,313,110. Farm and ranch land acres under the contracts for the 2004 year was 435,799.

Additional information on Envigo to http:// www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ eqip and on assistance from NRCS for small, limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/SLB_farmer.



 $THE \, LAST \, DAY \, OF \, SCHOOL \hspace{-0.5cm} -\hspace{-0.5cm} The \, kindergarten \, students \, enjoyed \, a \, ride \, on \, the \, fire \, truck.$

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick



NO INJURIES—The driver of the semi truck took a ride in the ditch just on the other side of the Colorado line. The driver was not injured. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Cancer Card-o-Rama ends season

Pinochle

supper on May 7, also at the Manor, Zweygardt. for the two ladies groups.

Rogers, team captains for the groups of card players, reported that all had a fun year of playing pinochle and will play again starting in the fall. They also wish to show their appreciation to the St. Francis Equity for the use of their copy machine.

Ladies Couples Group One

Esther Confer, Bethany Bartlett, Jo Hagney, Betty Miller, Marge Fossett,

Mickey Smith, Wilma Lampe, Elsie The 2004-05 Pinochle Card-O- Cook, Dorothy Schield, Pam Chris- Miller with Bonnie McQuillen hav-Rama ended with a potluck supper tian, Rachael Keller, Dulcie ing second high. at the Cheyenne Manor on May 6 Henderson, Ethel Whitten, Hertha for the mixed couples and a salad Kelley, Janice Krien, Bernice

Bonnie McQuillen and Carol Wilma Lampe and Elsie Cook DeEtta Knorr, Lenard Schlepp and while Ethel Whitten and Hertha Dave Roberson, Raymond and Kelley had the low score.

Ladies Afternoon Group Two

Dorothy Carpenter, Jean Loyd, Nola Burrus, Hattie Terry, Darlene Feikert, Wanda Gienger, Mildred Kincheloe and Betty Jean Winston, Warner, Bonnie McQuillen, Nina Members of the group include Raile, Grace Zweygardt, Mary Lou Munn, Jo Hagney, Betty Miller, Ilene O'Leary, Deloris Wiley, Pam RoseMary Bierig, Carol Rogers, Christian, Mickey Smith, Pat Bonnie McQuillen, Gerri Lampe, Confer, Ilone Keller, Wilma Raedell Winston, Helen Burnham, Lampe, Donna Boll, Carol Gladys Cook, Charlsie Rogers, Rogers.

Public Health Talk ——

Healthy Vision Month

By Susan Roelfs In the United States, an estimated 80 million person have potentially blinding eye disease, one million are blind, and 3 millions have low vision. Visual impairment is an important cause of developmental disability among children. Eye conditions, if undetected or untreated, can have substantial long-term implications and family which can place a burthree vision goals for children: 1. the Eye Care Council.

reducing visual impairment and blindness, 2. increasing the proportion of preschool children who receive vision screening and 3. increasing the use of protective eyewear in recreational activities and hazardous situations around the home. Collaborative efforts of all relevant agencies, health professional, educators, and the public are needed to achieve the nafor the quality of life of the child tional healthy childhood vision goals. The Cheyenne County den on public health resource. The Health Department participates in national health objectives include the iSee To Learni sponsored by

Cookbooks available

and friends of The Farm, Inc., are among the contributors to a cookbook published recently by the child welfare agency. The cookbooks contain approximately 300 recipes and will be sold at The Farm offices across the state.

The book includes favorite recipes of Governor Kathleen Sebelius, country singer Martina McBride, Senator Pat Roberts, the Reverend Billy Graham, former President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter, Nancy Reagan and the late President Ronald 0813.

A handful of celebrities and a Reagan, as well as a unique flower host of employees, foster parents pot cake from Emporia State University President Schallenkamp.

be added for books that need to be

Proceeds from sales in Colby and the surrounding area will be used to provide holiday gifts, special events Knorr, Floyd and Helen Frisbie. and enrichment items for foster children in this area.

Cookbooks are available from Vicki Belser, Foster Care Social Worker in Brewster at (785) 443-

Having the high score was Betty

Mixed Couples Group Three

Members of this group include Having the high score were Billy and Geri Lampe, Kenneth and Bonnie Armknecht; Tim and Margaret Poling, John and Bethany Bartlett, Alice Isernhagen and Members of this group include Thelma Raile, Bernard and Ethyle Roelfs, Roger and Myra Douthit, Eddy and Sherry Schultz, Dolores Bert and Nancy Follett.

Bridge

Ladies Arlene Walz and Lois Leydig organized the end-of-the season salad luncheon, which was held on Monday, April 25, at the Cheyenne

Members of this group include Betty Jean Winston and Dolores Kincheloe, Lois Leydig and Arlene Walz, DeEtta Knorr and RoseMary Bierig, Sherry Schultz and Sondra Bracelin, Gladys Cook and Joan Wellman, Margaret Shay and Elaine Kehlbeck, Nola Burrus and Martha Schultz, Betty Louden and Eilene Nolan, Kay Shay and Ella Mae Keller, Ethyle Roelfs and Joyce Thompson, Bethany Bartlett and Margaret Poling, Raedell Winston and Bonnie McQuillen.

Placing first were Lois Leydig and Arlene Walz while Bethany Bartlett and Margaret Poling were second.

Team captains were Betty Jean Winston and Dolores Kincheloe. Couples

The couples held a potluck on Thursday, May 26, at the home of Tim and Margaret Poling to finish off the year and announce the winners of the Bridge-O-Rama.

Members of this group are Billy Kay and Gerri Lampe, Tim and Margaret Poling, Dolores Kincheloe and A shipping-and-handling fee will Betty Jean Winston, Rick and Linda Rogers, John and Bethany Bartlett, Bernard and Ethyle Roelfs, Lenard Schlepp and Joyce Thompson, Dale and Mary Rath, Ken and DeEtta

Winning first place were Billy and Geri Lampe while Dolores Kincheloe and Betty Jean Winston placed second.

Margaret Poling is the team cap-

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for an evening dinner on Mother's Day. Other guests were Chris and Gutsch and Leah Gutsch and her friend Mike, all of Denver.

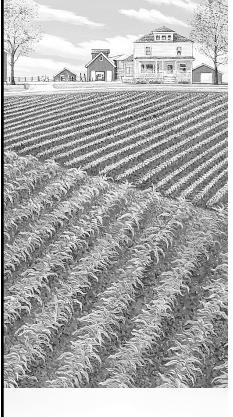
Wilma flew to Austin, Texas on May 10 where she was a guest of Bill and Barb Stevanson for the week. Linda Gutsch joined them on Thursday and they all attended graduation ceremonies Friday

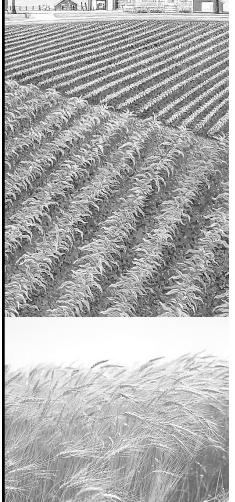
daughter Linda Gutsch in Denver in San Marcos where Barb received joyed lunch in Burnet, then had that her doctor of philosophy in education degree. That evening a deli-Lara Firman, Lance and Annie cious barbecue steak dinner which had been prepared by Bill, was enjoyed at Stevanson's home. The as well a graduation celebration. house had been decorated in graduation decor, flowers and balloons Denver Sunday morning and enand some fun "doctor cuts," "doctor's pills," and other such at the White Fence Farm in things.

The three ladies did some Texas home Monday.

Wilma Lampe was a guest of her morning at Texas State University sightseeing on Saturday and enevening at the Oasis restaurant overlooking Lake Travis at sunset. This was the celebration of their three birthdays which are all in May

Linda and Wilma flew back to joyed a family-style chicken dinner Englewood. Wilma returned to her









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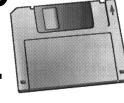
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