

Plans are made for Ranch Rodeo

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Fair Board plans to hold a Ranch Rodeo on Friday night of the fair. All proceeds will go to the Grandstand Fund.

The Friday Ranch Rodeo will basically be a "horse fun night" but no cattle will be involved. There will be two divisions: 16 years of age and older; and 7 to 15 years old.

The older teams will be made up of three participants and each team must include at least one female. The younger teams will include two individuals and there are no rules on gender.

"We need teams to sign up as soon as possible so we can make plans before the fair begins," said Megan Douthit, fair board member.

The older division will be participating the Hangman Race; Ribbon/Flag Race; and the Trailer Race.

Younger kids will have the Ribbon Race; an altered (easier) Hangman Race; and the Golf Cart Race which will find a blindfolded driver being guided through the course by his teammate.

"Many people don't realize that the grandstand is not paid for," Douthit said.

The fair board makes a yearly payment of \$9,200 on the stands and they will not be paid for until 2010.

To sign up a team or for more information, contact Douthit at 785-332-2942; Shawna Blanka, 785-332-2875 or Cheryl Williams, 785-332-2948.

New signs will promote U.S. 36

By Howard Kessinger, Marysville Advocate

Improvements along U.S. 36 and signage promoting its use were the main focus of the U.S. 36 Highway Association meeting on June 10 in St. Francis. The meeting was attended by about 35 people.

With both overpasses completed at Marysville, the \$50 million overpass, flood control and railroad relocation project was no longer the main focus of reports from the three Kansas Department of Transportation engineers who gave progress reports.

The U.S. 36 board approved two signs, a large one to go somewhere along the highway in Kansas, and a smaller one to go along southbound I-35 near Cameron, Mo.

The 10- by 32-foot sign says to motorists, "Ride With the Wind" on U.S. 36, and the 12- by 12-foot sign says: "Travel the Kansas High Plains, Next Exit — Head West."

The smaller sign is \$5,200 because it has an aluminum finish and auto-type paint. Rent for the Missouri property owner is \$300-a-year lease for 10 years. The larger, plywood sign is to cost \$3,000 plus rent for space. Colorado does not permit foreign signs along its roads, Leon Volk, Commercial Sign, Colby, told the board. U.S. 36 director Penny Zeller, Seneca, has headed the sign project. Engineers in the three Districts made presentations on plans for their Districts including Chriss McDiffett, Norton, who is the engineer from Norton to the county line west of St. Francis.

District 3

Stretching 192 miles at the west end of U.S. 36 is District 3, run by Engineer Chriss McDiffett, Norton. Work in Rawlins County includes estimated \$264,000 conventional seal from Atwood west 10 miles; and \$158,000 conventional seal from Atwood east 8 miles this summer; and \$1.4 million in a geometric improvement work, curb and gutter, from K-25 east to Seventh Street in Atwood to be let in January 2006.

In Decatur County, a \$343,000 conventional seal is to be done this year from Oberlin east 18 miles to the Decatur-Norton line. Bids are to be let in December 2006 for a \$1.1 million two geometric improvements at the U.S. 36-U.S. 83 intersection in Oberlin east to Penn Avenue. New concrete pavement and curbs and gutters will be done.

Norton County work includes a \$6 million project let in 2004 from the west U.S. 36-K-383 junction east 6

miles to West Street in Norton. Included are three new bridges curb work. To be let in September will be a \$17.5 million major modification from the Decatur-Norton County line east 15.3 miles to the west U.S. 36-K-383 junction for adjacent alignment.

District 1

Work is to be completed by November on the \$35 million concrete four-lane U.S. 36 from Elwood east 6 miles to the state line with Missouri, engineer Jerry Younger, first district, Topeka, said.

There are 16,400 vehicles a day crossing the Missouri River bridge headed west, but the numbers fall off pretty fast, Younger said. Near Marysville the count is 2,200, he said.

Other major work in this district, from the Marshall-Washington County line east to St. Joseph, includes the U.S. 75 overpass over U.S. 36 and the U.S. 75 bypass at the east edge of Sabetha. This total project costs \$28 million.

An \$8 million project is the K-7 overpass over U.S. 36 at the west edge of Troy.

A 2-mile 1-inch overlay costing about \$500,000 will be laid this fall through Wathena.

District 2

Engineer Don Drickey, Salina, said major work in district 2 will include a \$4.7 million 4-5-inch asphalt overlay to be let in 2006 for the west city limit of Mankato west to the K-14/K-128 intersection. A bridge or two will be replaced, and culverts will be extended. A guard fence will be replaced.

To be let about 2007 will be a \$4.8 million major modification from Mankato's east city limit east 9 miles with the same work as project No. 1. Similar to the 2007 Mankato letting will be a \$1.76 million project including a 1-inch overlay from Belleville west to K-199 at Courtland.

Set for fiscal 2007 is the \$370,000 widening of the U.S. 36 and K-15 in Washington and pulling back of curbs at the corners to facilitate semi-truck turns and improve a driver's ability to see east on U.S. 36.

Completing the replacement of curb and guttering in Mankato will be a \$494,000 project to start in fiscal 2007.

Good advice

Engineer McDiffett, Norton, advised travelers to call 511 for highway information.

Engineer Drickey, Salina, said lots of Kansas industries depend on roadwork, including a manufacturer of a slurry machine to hot and



CHEYENNE COUNTY WHEAT FIELD DAY was held June 15 at the plot 5 miles south of Wheeler belonging to Junior, Tom and Matt Smulls, cooperators of the plot. Jim Shroyer, pictured, talked about the different varieties of wheat.

Wheat tested on plot

A good crowd turned out for Cheyenne County Wheat Field Day on June 15. The test wheat plot is located 5 miles south of Wheeler on the Sunny Crest Farms, the father, son and grandson operation of Junior, Tom and Matt Smull.

Lunch was sponsored by First National Bank, Bird City. The evening meal was provided by the Cheyenne County Grain Dealers at the Bird City Legion.

Speaking during the program were Jeanne Falk—multi county agronomist, Doug Jardine—plant pathology, K-State, Jim Shroyer—crops specialist, and Daryl Strouts—Kansas Crop Improvement Association.

St. Francis youth to attend pageant

By Karen Krien

Jenice Hartman, St. Francis, is spending Thursday through Saturday in Overland Park participating in the Miss Kansas American Co-ed Pageant, Junior Teen Division.

The daughter of Pat and Laura Lamb, Jenice will be just one of the young ladies from this state who have been selected as state finalists, competing for thousands of dollars in cash scholarships, prizes, awards, the state title and a chance to represent Kansas at the National Pageant in Orlando, Fla.

Jenice will be a sophomore at St. Francis Community High School. She is active in band, vocal, all sports including volleyball, basketball, track and softball.

While in Overland Park, Jenice will be performing a dance number. She will also be competing in modeling, speech and the Miss Victory category.

Jenice said in the speech category, she will be talking about taking the word "God" out of the courthouses and schools and how using the Lord's name in vain often offends others.

The Miss Victory category will find each of the contestants selecting at random, a question which they will answer.

Before Sunday, the night of the program, contestants will be interviewed by the judges, will be practicing their talent numbers and speeches on stage. The modeling is held on Saturday.

This is Jenice's second year at-

tending the pageant.

"I'm really looking forward to being there again this year," she said. "It's lots of fun."

Last year, Jenice came home winning several awards including "Miss Hostess" for which she won a crown, sash and trophy, "Spirit of America" which she received a trophy; and the People's Choice Award" which came with a plaque. Just for participating, she had a crown and sash.

Unfortunately, she was not the winner of the pageant but could have participated at the Miss National Junior Teen Pageant in Orlando, Fla. However, she said she would like to get a couple more years experience before going that far.

American Coed Pageants recognizes outstanding girls and young women nationwide. The program seeks to reward young women for their outstanding achievements in academics, talent, public speaking, community service and more. Emphasis is placed on gaining self confidence, learning new skills, developing a positive attitude toward competition and setting and achieving personal goals.

Club Clip

Classy Classics Red Hat Ladies

Twenty-nine members of the St. Francis chapter of Red Hatters met on Wednesday, June 15, at the Koinonia Coffee House for a festive brunch.

Donna Zimbelman, Valjean Schultz, Marlene Kramer and Carol Ross were hostesses.



CHRIS McDIFFETT, engineer of U.S. 36 District 3, speaks at the meeting in St. Francis. Seated is Steve Haynes, president of the U.S. 36 Highway Association.

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cold mix plants.

Historian speaks

Cheyenne County historian Tobe Zweygardt, St. Francis, was the speaker at the luncheon, and offered to give tours of historic sites.

His grandfather came from south Russia to St. Francis in 1894. Zweygardt, who is 89, recalled seeing horses and scrapers being used to build Highway 36 west of town.

He reviewed the county's calendar of events for the year, including a Stearman fly-in that weekend at St. Francis, a riverwalk and golf course there, fishing and hunting for pheasant, turkey and deer, a wildlife banquet and auction, Mid-West Coyote Calling, car show, thresher show at nearby Bird City, county fair with home-grown carnival with 25-cent rides, rodeo, cattle shows and school activities headlined by wrestling and football.

Markers commemorate historic events, including the cattle drives from Texas to Ogallala, Neb., a campsite where Buffalo Bill Cody and troopers spent the night, site of the Dewey-Berry fight, the Pike's Peak and Leavenworth Trail, the first sod house built by people from Denver who homesteaded and ran 5,000 head of cattle. During Prohibition, Zweygardt said, Charles Lindberg flew booze in from Nebraska. Cheyenne and two other tribes met there to agree to stop killing each other and start killing the invaders.

Board re-elected

Board members were re-elected along with president Steve Haynes, Oberlin; vice president James Erickson, Scandia; and executive vice president Cy Moyer, Phillipsburg.

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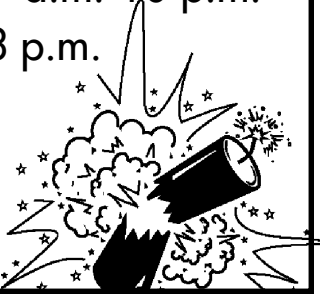
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