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Queen Shannon & King Lane reign

Faulk County 4-H members picked Shannon Schilder and Lane Meyer as the new 4-H king and queen. The couple were crowned Monday night during the entertainment program at the 4-H grounds. King Lane is the son of Tom and Kris Meyer of rural Orient and Shannon is the daughter of Brent and Carol Schilder of rural Faulkton. For more from the opening day of 4-H Achievement Town 'n Country Days turn to page 13. Next week's paper (Aug. 22) will contain more photos along with lists of trophy, rosette and ribbon winners.



FCCLA members traveling to Florida were, left, Zach Price, Katie Redden, Madison Boss, Tonner Bowar, Kaci Clement and Kyle Ortmeier. All attended the FCCLA National Convention.

FCCLA members return from Orlando convention with gold

The FHS students who traveled to Orlando, Fla. had fun and took pride in representing their school and their FCCLA Chapter.

The FCCLA National Convention took place in July. The Record spoke to recently graduated student Katie Redden, who went on the trip along with FCCLA S.D. State president Kyle Ortmeier, Zach Price, Tonner Bowar, Kaci Clement and Madison Boss.

"It was a big convention, and they kept us busy with a very full session," she said. "Each of

us had to make presentations. Zach won a bronze medal, I won a silver and everyone else won a gold medal. Kyle (Ortmeier) as the State President for South Dakota was also very busy, and was one of the two delegates from our state who got to vote for the national president, which was Elliot Johnson of Brookings."

"I feel privileged just to have been able to go," she continued. "South Dakota is always a very competitive state at the

FCCLA FHS students
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School board appoints new member, hires preschool teacher

The Faulkton Area Schools Board met on Monday, Aug. 13. Last minute business to affect the upcoming start of school included the hiring of a pre-kindergarten teacher and the appointment of a new board member.

The first item of business was the adoption of the minutes and finance statements along with the payment of current bills.

Then the board entertained three motions to increase salaries of Kari Haberling, Melissa Geditz and Shayne Geditz, as each had completed educational course work or had taken on negotiated assignments. The salary increases were approved unanimously.

Next they discussed the hiring of a pre-kindergarten instructor. Supt. Joel Price told the board about the prospective hire pending board approval. His choice was Lisa Martchinske to be hired as a pre-k instructor for three days a week and as a special education/special needs aid for 23.5 hours per week.

Price informed the board that Martchinske was currently working to complete an education degree through the online University of Phoenix. Her course work would be completed in December and then she would begin her student teaching program, hopefully at the Faulkton Area Schools, pending the arrangement of details later in the year.

Board member Kelly Aesoph seemed concerned that this could create scheduling problems later in the year, if for some reason Martchinske could not perform her student teaching responsibilities to the Faulkton Area School. She wondered what other options where.

Price said that he did have other interviews for the position in question but, that he could not talk about that in open session and that Martchinske was who he wanted in the position.

Aesoph moved then for an executive session. After about ten minutes behind closed doors the board voted to hire Martchinske for the position.

School business officer Cindy Kopecky then presented the board with quotes for the school's bread, milk and dairy, propane, fuel oil and gasoline quotes.

The board examined all the documents Kopecky presented and debated the price difference and contractual advantages of the different fuel oil and propane quotes and in the end accepted the quotes of Dean's Food for the milk and dairy products, Bimbolt Bakeries for bread and baked goods, Northern Plains for the fuel oil and propane and North Central Farmers Elevator for the gasoline contracts for the 2012-2013 school year.

Supt. Price then gave his report to the board. First he discussed the progress of the new common core standards state and federal policies and what the schools staff members were learning at the conferences they had been attending. Price explained how the process was progressing and what changes the board could expect during the next few years.

Next, Price came back to the board with revised policies for their inspection. First was the revision to the attendance policy, which would change the wording of the extended absences from serious injury or illness to be more flexible, and only counted as one day of absence for pur-

poses of attendance.

Next was a change in the semester test policy to require all students to take semester tests rather than be exempt from them for good attendance. This has led to students who are ill returning to school when they should not because they don't wish to take semester tests. Students with bad grades can also dodge semester tests at the end of the year if they had good attendance and students with good grades, who have had more than five days of excused absences are required to take the tests.

There was some debate about this, though the board seemed generally in favor of the change. Chiefly what was under debate was the precedence set that good attendance was rewarded in some way. Price suggested that a point system could be devised that would grant students extra credit in their classes for good attendance, and that it could be applied to their final grade if their attendance was good. Price and high school Principal Craig Cassens also noted that in the past students had been rewarded by a good parking space or free pizzas for certain academic achievements and something like that would be possible as well.

Also Price brought to the board a revised wellness policy, which effectively bans sugary soft drinks and other beverages from being sold or consumed by the students during regular school hours.

The wellness policy and the revised attendance policy were adopted by the board. The testing policy was tabled as Price and Cassens will take the policy to the teachers for their opinions, the issue to be revisited at the next board meeting.

The board then voted to appoint Todd Brand to the board to serve out the rest of Diane Beidler's term for the 2012-2013 school year. He signed the appropriate document and was sworn in. The board then adjourned for the evening.

Somebody turned on the AC

Cool temperatures and decent rainfalls gave some much needed relief to the crops and the people who tend them in Faulk County.

In Orient, Rex Young reported .44 inches of rain from last week's storms and showers.

"It's sure been interesting, and very very welcome," he said. "With the weather that we had for most of the summer, it doesn't get any better than that. It got cool, too cool for some people, like my wife. And we can use every little drop we can get too. We should be doing all right for harvest time."

Bob Carda in Chelsea said that things are looking a lot better than they did a month ago.

"Beans are especially perking up," he said. "One of our customers had brought in corn that was already dented. I don't know how the crops hung on for as long as they did but they have, so there should some good harvests,

especially considering the year we've had. I know down south toward Sioux Falls in the traditional corn belt it's been much worse."

Shannon Waldman in Onaka reported .80 of rain in his area.

"The lowest temp I saw was around 50 degrees. It's been pretty nice. Everything is greening up again, the lower temperatures and the rains have definitely helped. Some of the corn has dented, and right now a lot of the guys are putting up hay from CRP land."

Kirk Hoefert in Seneca reported .30 inches of rain.

"We cooled down a bit and it feels good," he said. "The crops are looking decent out there. More hay is being put up from the CRP land. The row crops are looking pretty decent, the previous rains and cooler temps have helped a lot so we should have decent prospects for the harvest.

RECORD NOTES

Weather

	H	L	P
Tues., Aug. 7	84	62	.04
Wed., Aug. 8	77	55	
Thurs., Aug. 9	80	44	
Fri., Aug. 10	78	46	
Sat., Aug. 11	61	56	.54
Sun., Aug. 12	66	52	.04
Mon., Aug. 13	78	53	.02

Tom Bartholomew, Observer

The total amount of moisture in 2012 is 12.18. Total moisture to date in 2011 was 20.53.

For current weather conditions:
climate.sdstate.edu/awdn/current/realtime.asp