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 Pizza Hut to provide truckers a place to park. The issue was tabled until Attorney Mike Day could look into the ordinance.

Sawhill Park

Mayor Scott Schultz, in talking to Greg Kite, said that when entering Sawhill Park on the National Historical Registry, only changes to the structures of the building would need to be approved at the national level. With the paperwork done, now pictures of the park will need to be sent. Once completed, the process of entering the park on the registry should take approximately a month.

Chamber

The council approved the request of Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Chamber of Commerce secretary, that \$1,600 be taken out of the transient tax. The funds will be used to place a full-page ad for Cheyenne County in the Northwest Kansas Travel Council publication. There is around \$5,000 in the transient tax account.

Police report

Sara Clogston recently attended a Kansas Criminal Justice Information System class in Colby. Chief Troy Gardner attended a class pertinent to grants for the 911 system. He noted that a lot of the projected expenses for 2008 could possibly be covered by grants. Officers Norvin Anderson, Mike Blehm and Chief Gardner attended a seat-belt safety presentation taught by the State Highway Patrol.

Other business

In other business:
 • The council approved payment of \$10,400 to Rasure Lumber for interior doors for the Emergency Building.
 • David Butler introduced himself to the council as the new director for



CARL WILLIAMS was given the Spotighting the Positive award at the city council meeting. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

the Cheyenne County Development Association.

- A tree service license was approved for Lee Baldwin, Wray.
- Mobil home park license was approved for Kathy Woodcox.
- The council authorized Mayor Schultz to sign the Fair Housing Month Proclamation.
- Councilman Rodney Bracelin was appointed to the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency.
- The council approved an insurance policy through Roxie Neitzel, Neitzel Insurance Company, for approximately \$39,600 a year.
- Debra Farland offered her ser-

vices to oversee municipal cases as a probation offer. The council said they would take the offer into consideration when appointments are made in May.

Building permits

A building permit was approved for Steve Jenkins, addition on garage; Floyd Larkin, driveway; Travis Milne, fence; Rosilla Ritchey, steps.

Executive Session

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger requested executive session for legal matters. Councilman Dale Weeks requested executive session for personnel. There were no decisions made after either session.

Fun Facts

- Every person has a unique tongue print.
- Every square inch of the human body has an average of 32 million bacteria on it.
- Every time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie.
- Fingernails grow faster than toenails.
- Fingerprints serve a function - they provide traction for the fingers to grasp things.
- Humans shed about 600,000 particles of skin every hour - about 1.5 pounds a year. By 70 years of age, an average person will have lost 105 pounds of skin.

\$8,500

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 cattle sale which put the numbers up.

The sale totaled nearly \$1 million. "The cattle really sold well with a lot going out of the state," Mr. Wilson said. "There is a lot of interest in the sales."

The cow/calf pairs sold well, going anywhere between \$1,500 and \$1,550.

He said he was impressed at the total brought in for the tornado victims, noting that there have been several such fund raiser in both St. Francis and sale barns he is affiliated with in Nebraska. "It's neat how people step up and help out," he said.

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FOOD

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co-op include: supporting family farms and communities, providing high quality and fresh products to consumers and eliminating the middleman.

In creating the High Plains Food Co-op, Mr. Mailander said the process has to start small and a mission statement, principles and strategies need to be in place. He stressed that communication needed to be maintained and continuous throughout the process.

Vicki Hunnicutt-Bishara of the Weston A. Price Foundation in Denver, spoke about the consumer side of a cooperative and what they want.

"They will drive long distances to get what they want," she said. "Consumers want this food. It's a growing trend and they are willing to pay the costs."

Jay Wilson, a poultry farmer from Haxton, agreed with Ms. Hunnicutt-Bishara.

"People in Denver want what we've always taken for granted," he said. "People are willing to purchase what we have."

Dan Hobbs, also with RMFU development center, told the group that a "wonderful window of opportunity has opened," for producers.

"Farmers have been largely squeezed off the front range, which has set the stage for a potential production crisis," he said. "This is an exciting time for agriculture if we can just link these things together."

Kim Barker of the Oklahoma Food Cooperative also talked about the evolution of his co-op as one of the founders.

"If you eliminate the middleman, you'll have to do his job," he said.

Mr. Barker said the Oklahoma Food Co-op has set a workshop for others interested in learning about food cooperatives in May at their distribution center in Oklahoma City.

About 14 people signed up to be on the Steering Committee to organize the High Plains Food Cooperative. Mr. Mailander said the name had been reserved on the Internet for use by the group and the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union and Ogallala Commons had both invested in the site and were available for technical assistance also. Rawlins County Economic Development and HTC also sponsored the workshop.

Jo Hagney and Becky Roberson of St. Francis agreed to be co-chairmen of the Steering Committee.

Ms. Hagney grows a wide-variety of herbs and has created herbal rubs and an herbal spread. Ms. Roberson in known throughout the area for her bierocks that she markets in local grocery stores.

"We need another outlet for producers," Ms. Hagney said. "That way we can cut out the middleman

and keep the money at home.

"I had been following the Oklahoma Food Co-op on their web site and had planned to visit," she said. "When this workshop [in Atwood] came up, I thought it was a good idea and wanted to take advantage of it."

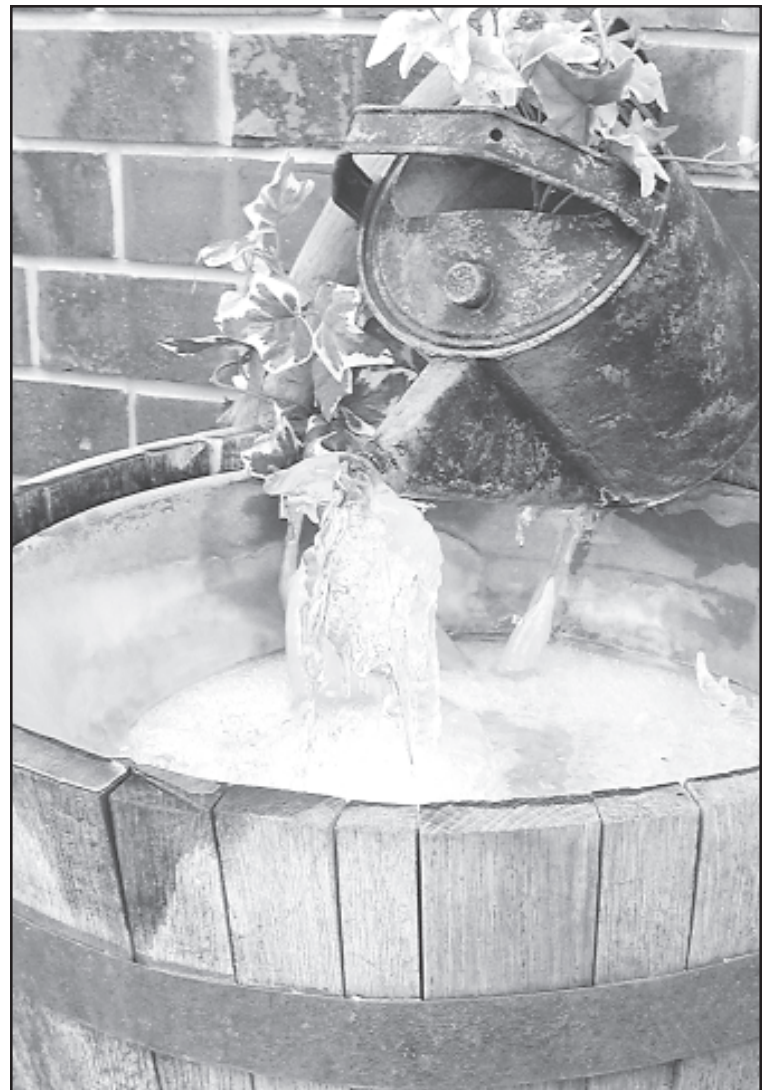
"We have a lot of great products in this area, but some are going to waste because there is no place to market them," Ms. Hagney said. "I know it will take about two years for this co-op to be up and running. The

hardest part will be the wait and to be patient, because I want it now!"

Hagney said she hoped area producers will cooperate and present their ideas for the co-operative.

"I hope they will take advantage of it," she said. "I foresee great things for the High Plains Food Co-op."

For more information, contact Chris Sramek, Rawlins County Economic Development director, at 785-626-3540.



The water was still running in the fountain but there were waterfalls of ice.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Spring is not here yet

After some beautiful spring weather where temperatures were in the 70s, Mother Nature moved in with a change. Not only has there been a little snow but there have been rain showers and temperatures hitting 20 degrees. Flowers and some blooming trees were wilting when the sun finally came out.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
April 3	53	25	
April 4	52	26	
April 5	37	22	.06
April 6	33	20	
April 7	35	24	
April 8	37	26	
April 9	63	36	.06

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