



**STREET FLOODING** was apparent when St. Francis received heavy rain Tuesday afternoon. Kenneth Knorr estimated that there was around 2 inches. The area was also under a tornado watch. *Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## Classmates meet for weekend

**By Karen Krien**

karenk@nwkansas.com

The 50th St. Francis Community High School Alumni Reunion has arrived. This weekend, starting with Friday, many former students will be found checking out the town and remembering "how it was."

Honor class members have been busy finalizing plans for gatherings, picnics and other activities. See related article.

The class of 1997 has hired Scott King, disc jockey, to play at Riverside Recreation on Saturday evening and everyone is encouraged to come enjoy the music as well as visiting with people they may not have seen for years.

The class of 1957 has invited four former teachers to be with them at the gun club, located south of St. Francis on River Street. Teachers are Maynard Skinner, Frank Brown, Roger Lewis and Fledda Raile.

"The teachers are hoping that

See **MEET** on Page 8A

## Alumni gatherings

**By Karen Krien**

karenk@nwkansas.com

Gatherings, dinners, picnics and bowling are among the activities St. Francis Community High School honor classes have planned for the alumni weekend. The classes of 1932 and 1937 have not made any special plans. However, most of the other honor classes are holding some type of gathering.

**Class of 1942**

Betty Miller reported that class of 1942 will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. for dinner at Riverside Recreation on Friday evening.

See **ALUMNI** on Page 8A

## Plans coming together for fair

**By Lezlie McCormick**

lmccormick@nwkansas.com

The Cheyenne County Fair board met Thursday with 10 members present to complete plans for the fair on Aug. 1-4.

Erika Lehmen gave the derby report and said everything was in line for the judges, with the same type of trophies being donated as last year. As of the meeting, Roger Zweygardt had not been contacted about the mud bog.

Gary Cooper said that things were coming together for the ranch rodeo. They still needed to find cattle. The committee decided to go for a team sorting instead of team penning, the

thought was it might go quicker than a team penning and they could move on to the barrel racing.

The Premium Sale Committee met quickly before the regular meeting and said they decided to have Skip Petersen auctioneering the sale.

President Dick Bursch told the members that he was needing an idea on advertising budget for the fair. Jared Douthit said he felt being a rural community they should spend more of the money on radio advertisement than on print since there is a couple new events this year. Last year the board spent

See **FAIR** on Page 9A

## Council changes truck ordinance

**By Sandy Barnhart**

sandyb@nwkansas.com

Attorney Mike Day went over Ordinance 541 in reference to overweight vehicles at the June 5 St. Francis City Council meeting.

The ordinance reduced the weight of a truck parking on city streets from 25,000 to 10,500 pounds. The ordinance also eliminates the 4-hour parking and puts in its place a permit procedure in which those driving overweight vehicles will need to get a permit to park. The full ordi-

nance is published in this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and becomes effective once published.

**County Development**

Kim Zweygardt, president of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, along with David Butler, director, were present to ask that the council consider doubling the budgeted amount for the year 2008.

Mrs. Zweygardt explained that the corporation had appreciated what the council had always bud-

See **TRUCK** on Page 9A

## U.S. 36 construction begins

A road construction job to overlay a 12-mile section of U.S. 36 west of St. Francis began Monday.

"The job will be to complete a 1-inch surface recycle," said KDOT Area Engineer Eric Oelschlager, Kansas Department of Transportation engineer for the Atwood office.

Beginning at the Republican River bridge west of town, the heater scarification process will heat about 12 miles of existing pavement to the Colorado State Line.

"The process heats the existing pavement and rejuvenates it before it is compacted back down into the roadbed," Mr. Oelschlager said. "This is the first step in the process."

The second step in the construction process will begin after a two-week period of time where contractors will not be out on the project.

"The public may not see workers out on the roadway for a period of time due to the fact that the crews will be moving their asphalt plant site as well as completing other scheduled roadwork throughout northwest Kansas.

The final step will be to apply a one-inch asphalt overlay to the 12 mile section of the corridor.

Pilot cars will be used for the duration of the construction work, which is projected to wrap up by mid July — weather permitting. Local travelers should plan on a delay when making their travel plans; however the wait should not exceed 15 minutes.

See **U.S. 36** on Page 9A



**STOPPING TRAFFIC** — Curtis Neal, Phoenix, is working for Dustrol Inc. The crew plans to be here only nine or 10 days.

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Wheat varieties discussed

**By Karen Krien**

karenk@nwkansas.com

The annual Cheyenne County Wheat Field Day has been set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, at the test plot 4 miles south of Wheeler on K-27, then 1/4 mile west. Junior, Tom and Matt Smull are the cooperators.

Speaking will be Jeanne Falk, multi-county agronomist; Jim Shroyer, crop production specialist; Brian Olson, northwest area agronomist; and Dan O'Brien, northwest area agronomist. They will be discussing three different studies at the plot: 1) the 20 varieties; 2) the comparisons of four varieties each planted in conventional and no-till plots; and 3) certified seed vs farmer saved seed.

Jeanne Falk, area agronomist, said the wheat may be turning but will be still be a little time until harvest arrives.

"For the most part, it looks like the county will have a good harvest," Ms. Falk said.

She said some fields still have some green areas and the rain will help finish out the grain fill.

**Evening meal**

The evening meal and program will be held at Goodland Greenline, Wheeler, following after the wheat

See **WHEAT** on Page 8A

## Lawyer celebrates 100 years in county law

### Open house scheduled for Saturday

**By Karen Krien**

karenk@nwkansas.com

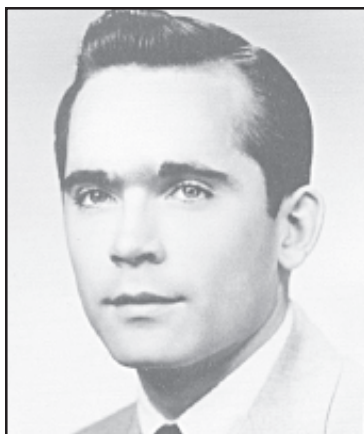
John Kite will retire this month after practicing law in Cheyenne County for 50 years. His father, Edward E. Kite, was also a lawyer for 50 years. Together, they provided 100 years of law to the county.

On Saturday, an open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the office of Kite and Day, 112 W. Washington, St. Francis.

John's father was a District Judge

during his early years so was gone for weeks at a time. His mother, Ruby, was not only the head of the house but was both mother and father. Besides John, there was his brother, Wendell, and sister, Doris. John said Mom conducted herself with the patience of Job.

The Kite kids grew up in a happy home and the United Methodist Church. The church, located south of the present Methodist parsonage, was a beautiful, old church with 25 steps to the main entry. The east front had four large pillars. John said his father referred to his mother as the "fifth pillar" of the church because of her commitments. Her church life revolved around



**John Kite**

the Sunday school department where he served as superintendent, See **LAWYER** on Page 9A

### Father helped shape Cheyenne County law

**By Karen Krien**

karenk@nwkansas.com

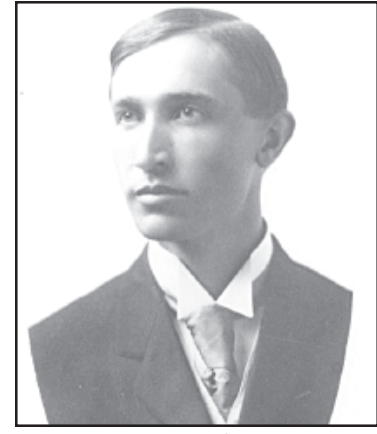
Edward E. Kite, known affectionately as "The Judge," was elected District Judge of the 17th Judicial District in 1926. A staunch Democrat in a predominately Republican state, he served as judge until 1947. He died in 1956 after 50 years in practice in Cheyenne County.

Mr. Kite was born on a farm near Craig, Mo., in 1878. He decided at the age of 10 to become a lawyer.

His son, John, said he worked diligently. He was declared valedictorian of his high school and graduated with honors from the University of Missouri School of Law in 1907.

"His dream had come true," John said.

In the issue of *People and Homes of Cheyenne County, Kansas, 1908*, it states: "Mr. E.E. Kite is a young man and lawyer of much more than ordinary promise. He is strictly reliable, temperate, upright



**E.E. Kite**

and honest; a close student and he possesses in his make up, the elements of a good lawyer. See **FATHER** on Page 9A