

## Cooling off



**RIGHT PLACE TO BE** — The St. Francis swimming pool has been one place where people can cool off. Dakota Morris, left, and Emma Johnson, center, were enjoying the water under the guidance of Sheryl Miller, lifeguard.

*Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## Temps reach 100

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The Fourth of July has come and gone and harvest is pretty much over. But, the temperatures continued to boil all week with the 100-degree mark reached on Saturday. Lows have been mostly in the 60s — cooling off for good sleeping.

With the exception of a sprinkle on Tuesday morning, there has been no rain in St. Francis. However, the National Weather Service is giving a slight chance for showers on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The area is needing rain. It is a relief to farmers that it held off until after the wheat was harvested but, now the pastures are looking dry.

Date	High	Low
July 3	98	61
July 4	89	57
July 5	93	61
July 6	96	65
July 7	100	63
July 8	93	60
July 9	90	63

## Fair parade 'all about fun'

**By Karen Krien**

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The Cheyenne County Fair Parade, set for Saturday, Aug. 4, in St. Francis will have the theme, "The Winds of Change."

"Every year, we have the streets lined with people, many of them coming home just for the fair," said Carla Lampe, Chamber president. "It (parade) is all about fun!"

The parade is fun to be a part of and fun to stand on the curb, watch the floats and see children running to pick up candy, she added.

Coordinated by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, the winning floats will be determined by three local judges. Criteria for judging floats include: 1) Unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material; and 3) originality.

There is a grand champion overall winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/Church; and Commercial.

"We are encouraging every individual, family, business and organization to make a float," Mrs. Lampe said.



"People enjoy seeing the kids on bikes, four-wheelers or their own special creative float. They also like the horses, antique vehicles, derby cars and 4-H winners, just to name a few."

The cheerleaders and pom pon squads will be performing along with the Once Again Band and the St. Francis Singers.

The parade is just weeks away but plenty of time to get a float ready to go. There is no pre-registration — just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis. The map showing the line up for divisions will be printed in the newspaper closer to Aug. 4.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lampe at 785-332-2145 or 785-332-2913 or Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, at 785-332-2961.



**ROADSIDE PARKING** — This single-engine plane ended up in the St. Francis Roadside Park on Friday.

*Photo courtesy of Dick Rohweder*

## Airplane ends up in roadside park

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Neil McCumber, maintenance man at the roadside park, south of St. Francis, looked up to see a plane sitting in the park just before dark Friday evening.

At about 9:10 p.m., the single-engine plane landed at the Cheyenne County Airport to fuel up and landed down wind which increased the speed. The plane apparently hit the north end of the runway and the skid marks from the brakes showed on

the runway and onto the grassy area. The photos taken by Dick Rohweder, St. Francis, show where the plane had swerved and ended up in the park after leaving the runway.

The Kansas Highway Patrol report showed Matthew Whitaker, 25,

of Copperas Cove, Texas, was the pilot of the Cessna T210M. Neither he nor his passenger, Ronald Head, 39, of Jacksonville, Fla., were injured.

The plane was taken to Goodland for repairs.

## Road detours shown

**By Karen Krien**

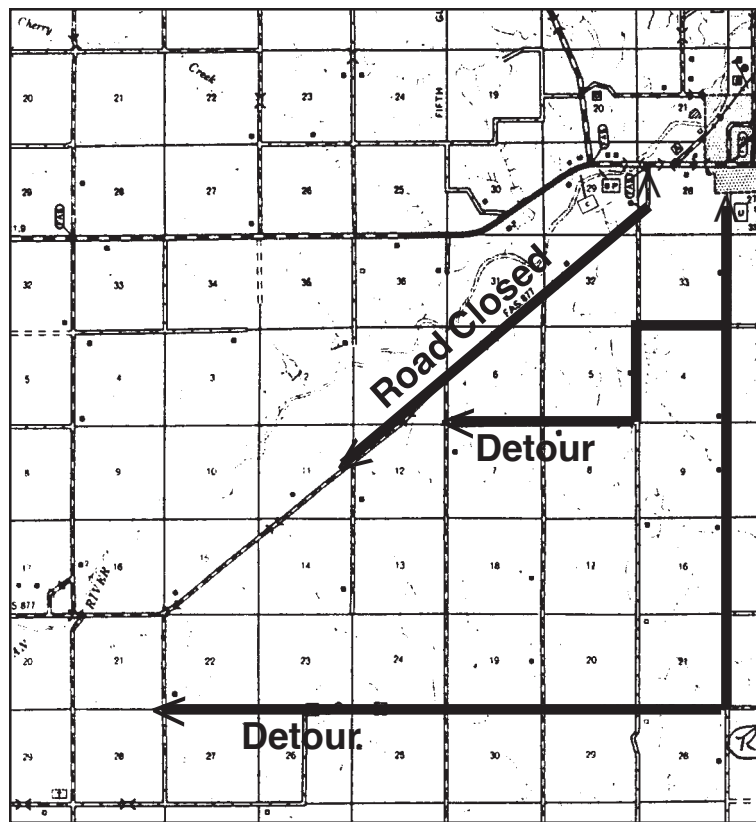
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Dave Flemming, county road and bridge crew supervisor, said road construction on River Road (RS 877) southwest of St. Francis is set to begin on Monday, July 23. The project, which will call for extending the asphalt for another 1.25 miles as well as repairing the existing asphalt, will start at U.S. 36 and end at Road 11 (a total of 3.2 miles).

By extending the asphalt, Mr. Flemming said it will alleviate some road problems in that stretch.

Before contractor, Venture Corporation, begins, the county crew will be doing dirt work on two bridges to meet federal guidelines and doing any sub-grade work as required.

After the road is paved, the crew will be doing shoulder and side-slope work and completing it with grass seed.



**RIVER ROAD south of St. Francis will be closed on Monday, July 23, for extending the asphalt and repairing the old asphalt.**

"We realize this may be inconvenient with everyone's busy schedules, but we must accommodate the contractor so he can do a good job,"

Mr. Flemming said.

The River Road will be closed on this stretch. Check the map to see where the detours will be.

## Highway construction begins in Cheyenne County

**By Karen Krien**

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Two highways in the county will have road construction during the month of July. U.S. 36 west of St. Francis and K-161 north of Bird City.

Kristin Brands, Kansas Department of Transportation, reported that both construction projects will have pilot cars and people should plan to have a wait if traveling on these highways; however the wait should not exceed 15 minutes.

### U.S. 36

The second part of the road construction on U.S. 36 is west of St. Francis. The crew will run a test strip on Wednesday and, weather permitting, the work is expected to begin on Thursday. Earlier in June, the road crew completed a heater scarification process on this stretch of road.

The beginning date could depend upon getting the asphalt plant set up. The work is expected

to take six to seven days.

When the road is completed, it will have 1-inch asphalt overlay from the Republican River bridge to the Colorado-Kansas state line, a 12-mile stretch.

The estimated cost of construction for this project is \$1,012,323.

### K-161

Construction on K-161 from the U.S. 36 junction to the Kansas-Nebraska state line is expected to start on Monday, July 16. The 17-mile stretch will start with the heater scarification process which heats 2-inches of existing pavement before the final seal is put in place. The 17-mile stretch will consist of a 2-inch surface recycle and seal.

"The process heats the existing pavement and rejuvenates it before it is re-compacted into the roadbed," said Michael Terry, Atwood construction engineer. "This is the first step in the process."

The final step in the construction consists of applying a conventional seal to the section. This will be done

by contracting firm Heft and Sons of Greensburg. The second step should start by Aug. 20.

There will be a couple of weeks between the first and second step of the construction so the surface can "cure" before it is sealed.

The highway is expected to be completed by late-August, weather permitting.

Dustrol Inc., Towanda, was awarded the project bid for \$1,313,583.

As always, the Kansas Department of Transportation encourages drivers to be aware of highway workers and exercise caution when traveling through this and any other road work zone in Kansas.

For questions concerning this road construction project, contact Area Two Construction Engineer Michael Terry at (785) 626-3258 or [mterry@ksdot.org](mailto:mterry@ksdot.org) or Kristen Brands, Northwest Kansas Public Affairs manager, at 785-877-3315 or [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org) in Norton.