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911 board worries about tornado siren

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As of Monday, if there is a tornado in Cheyenne County in the middle of the night, the 911 dispatcher will need to contact the on-call St. Francis city plant employee. That person will need to go down to the plant and sound the siren by pushing a button. The siren cannot be activated unless someone manually pushes the button.

This arrangement has worked for a number of years when there was someone on duty at the city plant 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Today, the city plant employee hours are only in the daytime.

At the 911 dispatch board meeting on Thursday, Gary Rogers, emergency director, said

this arrangement "bothers me big time!"

The St. Francis City Council is responsible for getting either a phone line or a radio connection to the 911 dispatch office. They began discussing the matter two to three months ago and were going to look into the matter.

So far this year in the United States, there have been 68 deaths due to tornados. May is the month when there are, historically, the most tornados.

Cheyenne County residents had a tornado in March 2007 which destroyed three homes but, fortunately, no lives were taken.

"We are just starting into that season and it's gonna be scary (with the present siren situation),"

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FRIDAY'S SNOWSTORM brought wind and moisture. However, there were some sad looking flowers the cold temperatures may have done some damage following day. The cold temperatures may have done some damage to crops but, as of Tuesday, the extent was not known.

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Car show set for Saturday at the park

Antiques, classics on display at park

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Antique and classic vehicles will line up around St. Francis' Sawhill Park on Saturday, May 10, for the eighth annual Saturday In The Park car and bike show. Each year, there are over 100 cars, along with pickups, motorcycles and, one year, there was even a boat.

There will be events to entertain adults as well as the youth.

Friday, May 9, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the band shell, Elvis will be performing. Endre Samu, Limon, Colo., is an Elvis "tribute artist." The public is welcome to attend the show. A free-will donation will be taken and proceeds will go toward the band shell renovation project.

Elvis will also perform from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the car show.

If there is inclement weather, Elvis will be performing at the grade school across the street south from the park.

Pedal Pull

The Kids Pedal Pull for ages 4 through 12 will be held behind

the band shell. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and the action will begin at 1. Winners are qualified to pull at the Kansas State Fair.

Pin-stripping artist

Mike Young, a professional pin-stripping artist, will be doing pin stripping on cars and motorcycles.

Mr. Young said he has been pin-stripping every working day since 1954 and is able to create designs and motif where every design he does is what the customer wants — no two designs are alike.

He pin stripes about 400 cars a month including everything from street rods to super stars.

For more information about Mr. Young, contact Scott Schultz, coordinator of the show.

"We encourage the public to come to the park and enjoy the show," Mr. Schultz said. "There will be beautiful vehicles to look at and enjoy."

"Don't forget to pick up a ballot and vote for your favorite vehicle that will be given a special award at the conclusion

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Elvis performs



RANDY SMESTAD works on his 1949 Chevy pickup which he restored. The pickup and one other pickup he restored will be at the show. Look for the 'blue.'

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Sainty man restores pickups

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On Saturday, 100 to 150 vehicles including cars, pickups and motorcycles, will be at Sawhill Park, St. Francis, for the Cheyenne County Cruisers car and bike show.

Among those vehicles on display will be a 1949 Chevy pickup owned by Randy Smestad. Like so many of the vehicles there, the Smestad vehicle has been restored with hours of labor put in by him, the owner. This owner also has some talented, helpful

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Journalism students place third

Student journalist from St. Francis traveled to the University of Kansas in Lawrence to compete at the state level on May 3. St. Francis Community High School placed third in the 1A division. Over 850 students from 118 schools across Kansas took part in the on-site contests with over 1,000 entries overall.

These individual students placed in the following categories: Sara Miller.—second place Editing; Mikaela Grace.—third place Feature Writing; Chance Hobrock.—third place Editorial Cartoon; Jami Pevler.—third place Advertising; Cassie Dankenbring.—honorable mention Theme/Graphics; Andrea Holzwarth.—honorable mention Yearbook Sports Writing; Holly Keller.—honorable mention Theme/Graphics; Aly Marin.—honorable mention Feature Writing; and David Stephens.—honorable mention Headline Writing.



JAMI PEVLER shares her third-place winning ad with Andrea Holzwarth who received honorable mention for Yearbook Sports Writing at the State Journalism Contest on May 3. Jami said, 'I was really happy and excited to place at state.' Photo courtesy of Brenda Day,

Board wonders if checks are needed

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Veterinarian checks for animals was argued at the fair board meeting Thursday evening. The fair is just three months away and Erika Zimbelman, board member, was concerned that with so many animals at the fair, disease could be spread if the animals were not

checked by a vet.

She felt that it was important and could turn into a liability issue for the board if some animal, especially horses, were exposed to a disease.

Some of the board members pointed out that it was already stated in the fair book that sheep

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Retirement party set on Monday at hospital

Patrick Delano will be retiring and the hospital and clinic staff are honoring him with a party from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday in front of the hospital.

Mr. Delano, a physician assistant, was recruited by Dr. Bruce Alter in June 1990. For five years, he ran his own clinic, returning to the hospital's clinic in 1999.

Through the years, he worked with Dr. E.R. Cram, Dr. Alter, Dr.

Stan Naramore, Dr. Adam Paoni, Dr. Melody Armstrong, Dr. Omer Abdullah, Dr. Stephen LaBash, Dr. Willard Werner, Dr. David Reed, Dr. Mary Beth Miller and Dr. Rebecca Allard.

Mid-level practitioners he has worked with include Ken Jenks, Marilyn Barrett, Nadja Button, Kristle Neuhalfen and Tyler Raile.

From the day he arrived, Vicki Coates and Julie Brunk have worked for him.