



TORNADOES IN COLORADO destroyed a home and damaged a business belonging to former St. Francis residents. Above, Gaylord Krien and Tracy Peter walk toward what is left of the Peter home. Right, the sides of the building caved in on a business van belonging to Jon Zweygart.



TORNADO

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Shirley Zweygart, Jon's mother, said Jon had left the office 10 minutes before the tornado hit to get something to eat, not knowing there was a tornado in the area. As he drove down the street, it began to hail. The golf-ball-size hail damaged his pickup and, it was so dark, that he pulled over to ride out the storm.

The Zweygart home was not damaged.

However, the home of Tracy and Kari Peter was totaled. No one was home when the tornado hit. Mrs. Peter was at work at Advanced Roofing, 7 miles away. Mr. Peter was in Trenton, Neb. Their children, Kylie, 11, and Tracen, 7, were at school for the final day. There was supposed to be a field day but the nasty weather had caused

the event to be cancelled.

The neighborhood is basically a "working family" neighborhood with most of the parents being gone during the day. However, when Mrs. Peter arrived at her home, she headed straight to an elderly neighbor's home to see if they were OK (they were fine).

As they went through their home, the master bedroom furniture was basically

untouched except for some scratches. But, there was a gun cabinet which was destroyed, the window was gone and there was a hole in the closet.

Glenda Krien, Mrs. Peter's mother, said the people were great. They came in to help clean up, there were cases of water left for victims and helpers on street corners and piles of plywood were left so people would have something

to board up their homes if they had a home standing.

The Peters had just finished their basement and had landscaped the yard. Mrs. Krien said their insurance has helped them find a place to live until they get their bearings.

Kylie was overjoyed to find her cat Saturday morning. It had been missing since the storm but mysteriously appeared.

Mrs. Krien said they have a big job ahead of them but what is important is, they weren't hurt.

PONYTAIL

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will make two child wigs.

Children undergoing chemotherapy, suffering from alopecia areata, or recuperating from scalp burns face multiple hurdles. In addition to the physical challenges of medical treatment,

children also must combat low self-esteem and poor self-image from losing their hair. Oftentimes, bald children believe it necessary to hide their condition under hats and feel they stand out among other kids.

Hair donations can be turned

into natural-looking wigs for kids. Only donated human hair achieves a realistic, natural appearance.

When kids feel better about their appearance, they feel brighter about the outlook for their future. With renewed confidence, these children will go out in public

again, without feeling self-conscious. They can look proudly in the mirror. They see themselves again.

A custom human-hair wig can cost more than a thousand dollars to make and is too expensive for many families. But, several non-profit groups are working with volunteers to make wigs for financially disadvantaged kids. To make this happen for a child, all you have to do is donate your ponytail, the next time you get a haircut.

Relay for Life

The Cheyenne County Relay for Life will be held on Friday, June 6, in St. Francis. Each year, people, who have been growing their hair, have their hair cut at the event and donate them to Locks of Love.

Anyone wanting to donate their hair to Locks of Love can sign up by calling Denise Andrist, Girl Friends and Guys Too, 785-332-2347; or Leshia Hilt, 785-332-2940.

Students promoted to seventh grade

Sixth grade promotion was held Tuesday, May 20, in the grade school gym. Twenty-one students were honored and they will move to the junior-senior high school where they will be seventh graders.

The class sang "The Star Spangled Banner." The sixth grade girls ensemble sang "The Rose." The fun started as they line danced and partner danced to "Old Time Rock and Roll."

Special awards were presented. Taking home the Presidential Awards were Mason Schiltz,

Hannah Rider and Randee Grover. Katie McDanel earned the Top Reader award. Derek Queen was the winner of the County Spelling Bee. Following him were Erik Hart and Aly Schlepp.

Other sixth grade students promoted were: Jacob Baxter, Jacob Butler, Gaten Cooper, Jacy Hilt, Lane Hoffmann, Chase Krien, Logan Lampe, Wyatt Landenberger, Tyler Lee, Bailey Merlin, Lennin Olivares, Scott Warren, Austin White and John Woodcox.

CONTEST

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"The wheat is looking a little better with the recent rains," she said. "Prior to the rain, yields for some of the wheat had already been hurt because of drought stress."

In Cheyenne County, harvest is sometimes earlier than in other areas. This year, Ms. Falk predicts that "farmers will be watching fireworks from the wheat fields this Fourth of July."

"Most wheat in the area is behind normal because of the cool spring."

Rules of the contest

- Rules are:
 - Guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that has a moisture content of 13 percent or less.
 - The contest allows anyone over 18 years who is not employed at the newspaper or related to someone who is to try to guess when the first load of wheat will be brought into one of the elevators in St. Francis and Wheeler.
 - The winners of last year's

contest are not eligible to win this year.

The scrip money won will need to be spent in participating businesses.

The Herald is sponsoring the contest but it would not be possible if it were not for the participating businesses: Pizza Hut, Hilltop Market, St. Francis Equity, St. Francis Supers and St. Francis Herald. Boxes and entry blanks along with the contest rules are located in these businesses.

Look for the sign in the window and register your guess at the

service counters. Be sure to check their merchandise and services while in the business.

Bill Bracelin, Bracelin Brothers Harvesting, brought in the first load last year which was cut from a field owned by Craig Schoenrogge. It was brought in to the St. Francis Equity on June 20 and had a test weight of 58.9 and the moisture was 12.4 percent.

Winners of the contest were Wilma Lampe, first; Danielle Gardner, second and Betty Loudon, third.

Doctor is honored

Former Bird City resident John Dorsch, M.D., was presented the Thor Jager Award at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita Senior Banquet on March 29. The award is presented to a faculty member in the clinical sciences in recognition of his representation of the "complete physician."

Dr. Dorsch is the associate professor, Family and Community Medicine. He is the son of Norman and Mary Dorsch, Bird City.



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