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## Students join many to hear book read

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On Thursday, Scott Carmichael, principal, gathered in the gym surrounded by St. Francis Elementary students where he read the book, "Corduroy." The time was set at 10 a.m. and they were joined by millions of students nationwide in reading the same book in the "Read-In Day" program.

The national campaign is to promote reading. Last year, Mr. Carmichael, despite his fear of heights, climbed to the roof of the grade school to read. The St. Francis students were part of 2

million students participating in Read In Day.

"Corduroy" is a story about a stuffed bear in overalls who has lost a button. He not only wants to find his button but also a place to call home.

There were several fun events taking place that day.

All first graders were encouraged to bring a Teddy bear from home. During the assembly, a few were asked what was the name of their bear.

Many of the students, as well as Ward Cassidy, At Risk Reading coordinator, were wearing overalls.

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**LOTS OF EXPRESSION** — Scott Carmichael, principal, read 'Corduroy,' to the grade school children.  
Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



**ST. FRANCIS GRADE SCHOOL** students listened to Mr. Carmichael. Pictured: (l to r) Grady Schoenrogge, Kobe Tice, Keigan Taylor, Tyson Poling, Kaycee Luke, Christopher Leibbrandt and Brody Kaup.

## Board sets dates for fair

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The date of the 2009 fair was set when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met on Thursday evening.

Next year's fair will be held Aug. 5 through 8. The theme will be set at a later date. Karol Lohman, board member, suggested that Joe Leibbrandt, Extension agent, have a contest among the 4-H clubs in naming the fair theme. A prize to the winning club would be awarded. Mr. Leibbrandt said he would give the information to the clubs.

**Officers elected**

The October meeting started with the election of officers.

Dick Bursch was re-elected president, Lacy Reed was absent

due to the recent accident involving her son, Trevor, but she asked that she still be considered for the treasurer's seat. She was elected treasurer. Gary Cooper was re-elected secretary and Nick Ketzner, vice president.

**Treasurer's report**

Mr. Bursch read some of the treasurer's report for Mrs. Reed. There is \$9,000 in the bank from fair projects, demolition derby, kid's rodeo and lawn mower racing. The treasurer will give a full report when she returns.

Mr. Bursch reported there were bills that needed to be paid including: Stanion Electric for replacing lights on the fairgrounds after they had been shot out; the city electric

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## Annual trail ride held on Sunday

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Round up your horse and saddle up for the 17th Cheyenne County Trail Ride. The ride starts at 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday and will last about 2.5 hours. It will be held on the Kelly and Penny Gienger farm, 10.2 miles north of St. Francis.

Last year, the weather turned cold and the ride was rained out. If the weather is bad on Oct. 12, the ride will be held the following Sunday, same place, same time.

The ride is planned each year on the second weekend in October. It is generally a little cooler and trees are turning colors.

Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said this will be a ride with more rough terrain than some of the other rides.

"There will be very little flat land and one water crossing," he said.

Those on the ride will also be able to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Donations will be accepted for the kids who would like to saddle up but can't," said Sha-

ron Olofson, coordinator.

To reach the starting point from St. Francis, turn north on Benton Street off U.S. 36 and travel 3 miles (to transformers), around the curve northeast, then north 7.2 miles to Road H (approximately 10 miles. Turn east for 1/2 mile, then turn left and follow the lane to the parking area.

From Benkelman, go 13 miles west on U.S. 34 to Road 15 (Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then south 7.8 miles to Road Y, turn east and go 1/2 mile, then turn left and follow the land to the parking area.

Signs will be posted at various points.

During the ride, the members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society will provide refreshments. Afterward, the 4-H Horse Club will be serving a barbecue with the meat being prepared by Doug Ross.

For more information, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904; Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248, Gail Yonkey, 785-332-2488; Joe Hoffman, 785-332-2154 or Todd Krien, 785-332-3246.

## Sainty boy injured in vehicle accident

Trevor Reed, St. Francis high school sophomore, was in a single car accident on Tuesday, Sept. 30. The accident happened south of St. Francis on roads C and 3. As a result of the accident, Trevor was flown to Swedish Medical where he has undergone several surgeries.

On Tuesday, his mother, Lacy Reed, said he was undergoing another surgery having to do with blood clots. He has been heavily sedated, his mother said, but they expect to start taking him off the sedatives following the surgery.

Mrs. Reed said the full extent of Trevor's injuries are not known at this time.

"We know that he has spinal cord injuries but there is no damage," she said. "We will not know until the swelling has gone down."

"We do know that he has a long road to recovery and will be in rehabilitation as soon as he is able to

leave intensive care."

The family said the doctors are "cautiously optimistic" about his chances for recovery.

Mrs. Reed updates Trevor's condition on Facebook, "Trevor's Road to Recovery." Trevor and his family welcomes cards sent in care of him to Room 3140 Critical Care Unit, Swedish Medical Center, East Hampden Ave., Englewood, Colo. 80113. Prayers are also appreciated. Mrs. Reed said he is on the International Prayer Chain as well as several local chains.

Mrs. Reed highly commended the local medical staff, emergency technicians and other officials for their quick, efficient action.

Trevor is the son of Mike and Lacy Reed. He was driving on a gravel road near his home when he lost control of the automobile. The car rolled, throwing him out. He was not wearing a seat belt.

## Village adds new housing

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The Good Samaritan Village Society, St. Francis, will be building a house to provide additional living for elderly people.

The house will be more homelike and less like an institution.

Rick Reeser, Village administrator, received word last week that the Good Samaritan Society in Sioux Falls, S.D., had approved the plans for a 3,800 square-foot house which will provide assisted living for up to eight people.

Mr. Reeser has been working on the project for almost a year.

"We have a need in the county for an assisted care facility but it took months to get the plans approved," he said. "It will help meet the needs of the seniors living in Cheyenne County."

"Homes Plus," is an assisted level of service. People living there will be able to live as independently as possible, Mr.

Reeser said. They will be free to come and go.

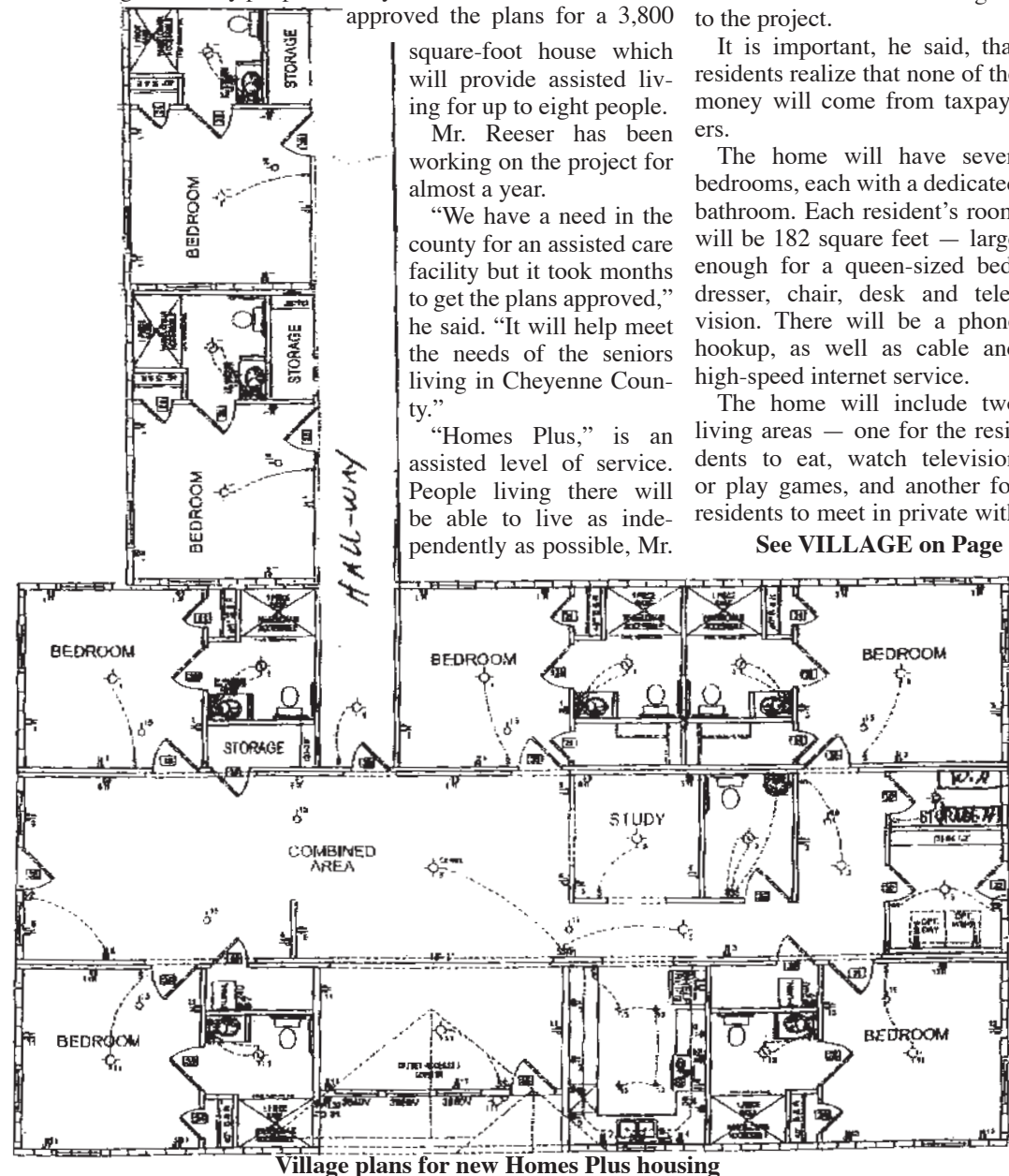
The new house will be paid for through the Good Samaritan Society's depreciation fund, as well as memorial or donor gifts to the project.

It is important, he said, that residents realize that none of the money will come from taxpayers.

The home will have seven bedrooms, each with a dedicated bathroom. Each resident's room will be 182 square feet — large enough for a queen-sized bed, dresser, chair, desk and television. There will be a phone hookup, as well as cable and high-speed internet service.

The home will include two living areas — one for the residents to eat, watch television or play games, and another for residents to meet in private with

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## Wind energy discussed

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A St. Francis man said that wind-powered energy is coming to Cheyenne County. It's just a matter of time, he told the Cheyenne County Commissioners at their Sept. 30 meeting.

Dale Patton, St. Francis, had attended a wind-power energy meeting in Oakley on Sept. 16. He said wind energy has been around for a long time, noting that the Dutch had harnessed it for years. Now, with the high oil prices, wind energy is being seriously looked at and there are wind farms springing up. He said that Kansas is one of the three windiest states in the nation.

At the meeting, there was a suggestion that counties come together and create the Northwest Kansas Renewable Energy Collaborative. He said it was a matter of time before wind energy came to Cheyenne County. It was a matter of who would generate the electricity; who would transport it and who would distribute it?

The next meeting on wind energy will be held on Oct. 22 in Oakley. At that meeting, they will be discussing land use, payments and leases. It is important, he said, that landowners are informed. When wind energy comes to the county, he said, there will be crews who will come in and spend money on rooms, groceries and gas, just to name a few things. It will be important to know who to deal with

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## Voter registration deadline is Oct. 20

People only have about 10 days to register to vote in the November election.

The registration books will be open until 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, in the Cheyenne County clerk's office.

Terry Miller, election officer and clerk, said anyone who has moved needs to re-register, even if they have previously been registered. Those who changed their name because of marriage do not have

to re-register, he said, but those who have changed their last name in court do. For example, said Mr. Miller, if someone goes back to their maiden name after a divorce, they need to re-register.

Those who have never registered to vote, need to bring in a Social Security card or voter's license. Those who have voted in the county before, but need to re-register, don't have to bring anything.