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**LOSER OR WINNER?** Janelle Bowers had the most votes and a chance to kiss the goat at the Relay for Life ceremony on Friday evening. Holding the goat is Valerie Wurm. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## 11 Stearman expected at fly-in



The 27th Stearman Fly-In will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Cheyenne County Airport in St. Francis. The free event features Stearman aircraft which are World War II era open-cockpit, fabric-covered biplanes powered by radial engines.

We are expecting at least 11 Stearman and four or five hot-air balloons, said Robert Grace, one of the coordinators.

Traditionally, pilots from the area fly in to join the fun and to display their aircraft. They are flying many types of aircraft, including warbirds and experimentals.

Last year, there were six hot-air

balloons and 10 Stearman biplanes. Spectators took rides in the Stearmans, enjoying the view from the open cockpit, while listening to the throaty roar of the radial engine.

Breakfast and lunch will be served both days at the airport.

Hot air balloons are launch at sunrise on Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. Skydiving demonstrations and Stearman flights take place throughout the day. The Fly-In ends at noon on Sunday.

More information is available at [www.stearmanflyin.org](http://www.stearmanflyin.org) or 785-332-2251.

## Swimmers host meet in St. Francis

It's not very often that a swim meet is held at the St. Francis Swimming Pool but starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, the Sainty Sharks will be hosting a meet.

The Sharks joined the Plains Tsunami League this summer and are one of 24 teams participating in the league. On Saturday, the team took third place out of six teams when they competed at Bird City with the Cheylin team hosting the event.

Coach Margaret Poling said, as of Monday, it was too early to know how many teams would be participating in the Sainty competition. Already committing are Cheylin and Atwood swim teams; however, she is expecting more.

People are urged come to the pool to support the swimmers and

see what goes on in a swim team competition. Timers and scorers are also needed.

"It will be a fun time and there will be concessions available throughout the evening," Coach Poling said.

Members of the Shark's team are: Thomas Douthit, Seth Hilt, Wyatt Hilt, KC Krien, Kody Krien, Logan Lampe, Luke Lampe, Alex Queen, Derek Queen, Kim Queen, Keegan Sherlock, Gavin Smull, Brianna Cooks, Cassie Cooks, Crissy Cooks, Mandi Cooks, Emily Elfers, Christina Schoenrogge, Gavin Smull, McKayla Taylor, McKenzie Taylor and Sarah Trembly. Other team members include: Lyden Lampe, Adam Krien, Seth Prentice, Brady Schoenrogge and Keegan Taylor.

## Hail harvests wheat crop early

By Karen Krien

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Harvest came early for farmers in northwest Cheyenne County, north of St. Francis.

Sunday, a hail storm came through eastern Colorado and took an approximately 6- to 9-mile path through the northern corner of the county.

Danny Workman, north of St. Francis, said it appeared to start at the Roger Orth farm, 7 miles north of St. Francis and stopped just south of The Breaks. Jared Douthit said it looked like the fields further to the north had 100 percent wipeout.

Alice Kinen, who lives 11 miles northwest of St. Francis, said the storm had started with quarter-sized hail but there was no rain. Then it turned into rain

and a smaller hail. The storm lasted about 25 minutes. It was an agonizing 25 minutes as she and her husband, Pete, watched the wheat field being demolished by the storm. They had a total of .70 rain.

Following the storm, Mrs. Kinen said the smell in the air was of fresh-cut wheat.

About 95 to 100 percent of the wheat field near their house is gone. A little further north, they estimated damage to be at 70 to 80 percent.

Danny said his brother, Steve Workman, who lives 13 miles northwest of St. Francis, was hailed out. He said there were some fields that were completely hailed out and, then the next field wouldn't have as much damage.

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## Cyclists in town on Saturday

On Saturday between 12:30 and 1 p.m., around 150 to 200 motorcycles will turn off U.S. 36 on to River Street, then go down St. Francis' Main Street. They will continue on to College Street, ending at the Stearman Fly-In.

These cyclists are starting at Aurora Honda in Colorado and riding either the 180-mile or the new 240-mile trip to raise money for St. Jude Hospital. The new route will find cyclists turning at Anton, Colo., then on to Akron and Haigler. They will turn south and meet the shorter route cyclists at Riverside Recreation, west of St. Francis.

Tim Laing, one of the organizers of the ride, said this is the

third year they have come to St. Francis but, last year, there were only 100 cycles. This year, he is hoping to double the number.

Mr. Laing said Rick Gibson, St. Francis, is offering an 80-mile road trip on his motorcycle to anyone who wants to go.

The riders are looking forward to a great day at the Fly-In.

Mr. Laing said that having fun is good but raising money for St. Jude is the best part of the ride.

"We give 100 percent of everything we raise to St. Jude," he said.

People are urged to head down to Main Street about 12:30 and be ready to cheer the motorcycles on.

## Archery shop opens

By Karen Krien

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Mobe's Archery Supply has officially opened. Located 8 miles west of St. Francis on U.S. 36, then 1/8 mile north on Road 6, the shop is owned by Josh Moberly.

Mr. Moberly is the dealer for Bowtech and Diamond compound bows. The shop will carry bows and all the accessories, arrows and broad heads — any of the hunter's needs. With the equipment comes Mr. Moberly's expertise in tuning and replacing strings on bows.

There will be an archery range. Fees can range from \$5 for 30 minutes or a year's membership can be purchased.

At the Wildlife Banquet in March, he donated a bow and instructions to be auctioned off. Andy Beikman bought it for his son, Martin, and Josh said Martin has been out for lessons and will be one of the county's future bow hunters.

An open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 20. A barbecue will be held along with a drawing for a Bowtech Air Raid bow. People can also practice their bow skills on the archery range where he will have a three-dimension target (a foam deer with balloons attached). Points can be accumulated and first and second place prizes given.

For more information, call Mr.



**JOSH MOBERLY sets a bow in the bow press. Mobe's Archery Supply has opened 8 miles west of St. Francis. A grand opening will be held on June 20.** *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Moberly at 785-332-3397 or 970-630-1196.

Josh said he grew up in a family of hunters. His dad, Byron, started him hunting with a shotgun when he was in the fifth grade.

He said he had always had a deep passion for archery and liked listening to the stories of his friend Bill Ratzlaf, who loved the sport. When he was in the eighth grade, he asked Mr. Ratzlaf about teaching him hunting with the bow.

"Bill told me to come over (to his house) and he had three bows laying on the table. He said, 'Pick the one you want,'" he said.

"And, I still have that bow which

holds a lot of sentimental value."

Mr. Ratzlaf died 5 years ago.

He has given up the shotgun and, today, only hunts with the bow. In the last year, he has bagged a 5-by-5-point bull elk in Gunnison, Colo., a 5-by-5-mule deer and two white-tailed deer in Cheyenne County and an antelope in Colorado. When the season is open, he hunts turkey. When the seasons are closed, he hunts rabbits to keep his skills in tune.

Mr. Moberly knows there are many kids who would like to learn archery. This year, he set up the bows for the 4-H program.

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## Flag Day observed

A Flag Day observance will be held at the Cheyenne County Museum and Ye Olde Country Church starting at 7 p.m. on Sunday. The museum and church are located on U.S. 36, St. Francis.

Following the invocation, the flag will be presented and the flag salute will be performed by Hal Sager with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Scouts. They will also be holding a "Flags of America" ceremony.

A patriotic sing along will be held at the church. Following there will be fellowship and refreshments.

Mr. Sager and the scouts are in charge of the flag burning.

"Everyone is urged to attend the observance," said Janet Carman, one of the curators at the museum.

### Siding

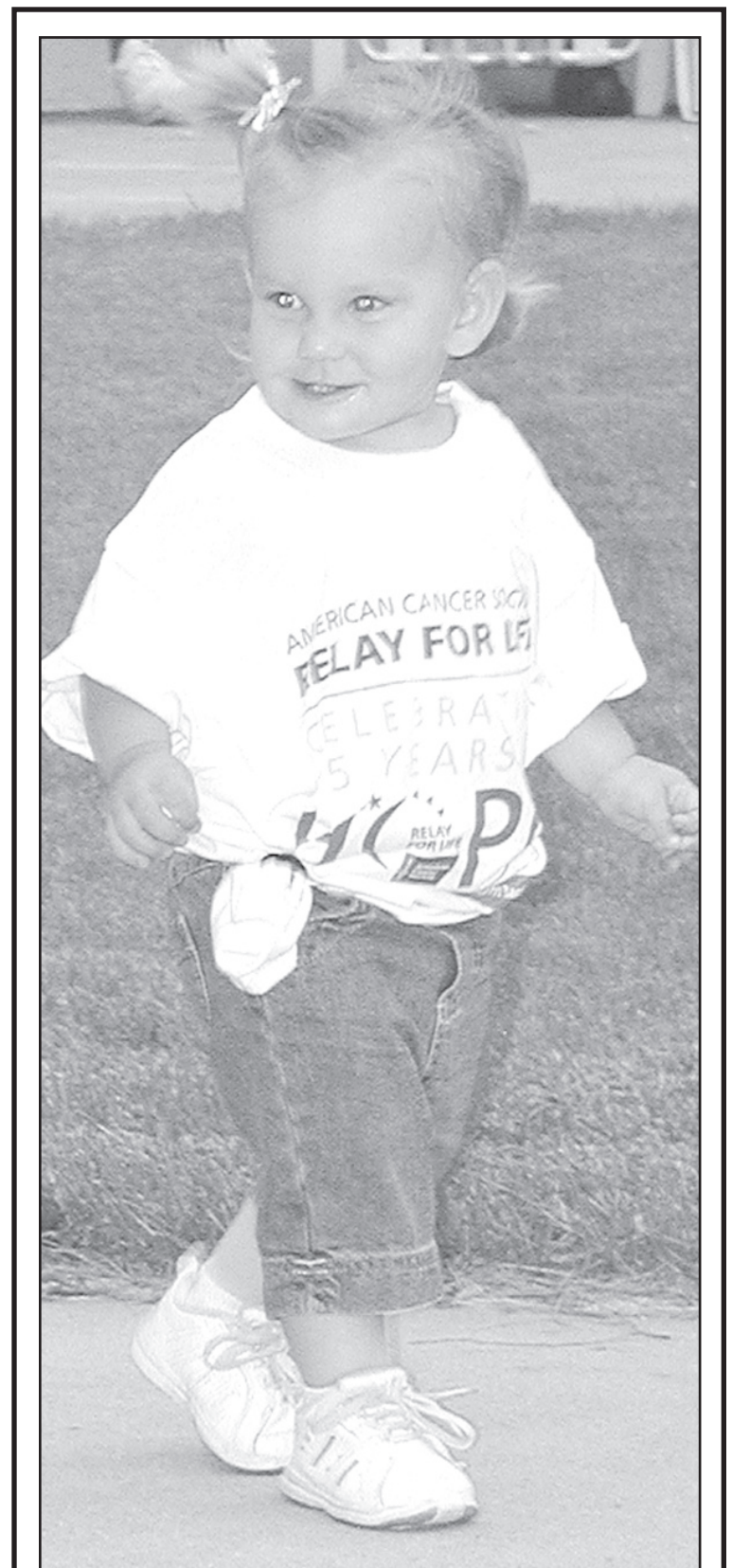
Siding is being installed on the old church next to the museum.

"What a transformation," said Mrs. Carman. "It is good to see the progress being made."

Without the donations of many, she said, this project could not be done. Work still needs to be done to get the interior in shape.

### Museum open Saturday

The Cheyenne County Museum will be open on Saturday for visitors who might be attending the Stearman Fly-In. There will two special exhibits. One is on "History of Flight in Cheyenne County." The other is a special traveling exhibit of "Photos of the Arickaree Breaks" by Audrey Kalivoda.



**KEEPING STEP WITH THE MUSIC at the Relay for Life Friday night was Grace Anne Landers.**

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