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CIRCUS PERFORMERS had the audience's attention Saturday. Above, (l to r) D.J. Easter, Adam Krien, Gloria Cassidy, Cassidy Busse, Ellee Krien and Ben Busse were fascinated by the show. Right, one of the performers eats fire.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



And the wind blows



WIND BLEW up to 50 miles per hour on Tuesday. The National Weather Service had wind advisories in effect. This wagon and flag at Homesteader Motel on U.S. 36 is a good indication of the wind direction and speed.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Board continues reviewing staff

By Karen Krien

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It is that time of year when the school boards don't know what the legislature is going to provide for state funding but, it is time to offer contracts. The St. Francis Board of Education spent time in executive session Thursday night, making no decisions when they came back into regular session.

The current Kansas law states that boards must notify a teacher on or before May 1 if he/her contract will not be renewed and the teacher has until May 15 to tell the board that they are resigning.

At the board meeting, Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said there is a new law which had passed the legislature and was waiting for the governor to sign. The Senate Bill 362 will change the date from May 1 to the third Friday or, this year, May 21, that a board must notify the teacher that their contract is not going to be renewed and the

teacher has 14 days after that date to tell the board that they are not returning.

Mr. Schiltz said he had been told by Dale Dennis with the Kansas Department of Education, that the governor is expected to sign the bill. If this is the case, the board will not have to make any notifications until the regular May meeting (May 12).

If the governor doesn't sign the bill, the board will need to call a special meeting before May 1. Just in case there is a need for a special meeting, the board met in executive session so they will be ready to make any necessary decisions by May 1.

Decisions on salaries will be made at a later date.

The board also reviewed the list of non-licensed personnel but no decisions were made.

Retirement incentive

Mr. Schiltz talked about of-

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Car show members plan 10th

Cheyenne County Cruiser's "Saturday In The Park" car and bike show will be held Saturday, May 8, at Sawhill Park, downtown St. Francis.

This year, the club members will be celebrating their 10th year anniversary. To make this year special, the club has either purchased or members have donated some extra nice items to be given away during the show.

Some of the items will be given away to registered show participants. Items include: a T-Bone creeper, set of wheels, an engine cradle, a 1950s restored gas pump and a 1950s refrigerator made by General Motors.

Other items are a united quilt made from past show T-shirts; a small black refrigerator; a pedal car; a framed "car lot" picture and a 41-inch NAPA rolling tool box. People do not need to be present for the drawings.

To get a better look at these items, stop by Bankwest or First National Bank where they are on display.

The Saturday In The Park show is one of the bigger one-day shows in this area. Look for more information about the activities and number of cars planning to attend.



DON GAMBLIN checks out the 41-inch NAPA rolling tool box to be given away at the annual car show on Saturday, May 8, in St. Francis.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Life of county historian lives on in many ways

By Karen Krien
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Fred Magley, Cheyenne County resident, died Wednesday, April 7, in St. Francis at the age of 77. He was taken to the Wheeler Cemetery by a horse-drawn Bane wagon on Wednesday. The wagon had belonged to his dad, Arnold, and Fred had restored it last fall.

Fred was one of those unique individuals that most people knew by name or maybe knew him as he drove down the road in his old Ford pickup with the window down so, with a big smile, he could wave at everyone.

He was always giving but never expected anything in return, said his wife, Marsha.

He was known in many ways and at many places, whether it be at the Lodge hall where he was a member of Odd Fellows and Shriners, or at church, on a trail ride, or at the Memorial Day service south of Wheeler.

His faith never wavered, Marsha said. He had a special relationship with his Lord.

He could recite humorous poetry with a down-to-earth draw that captured his audience's attention. His old cowboy poems were probably the favorite but he had special poems about his country and the flag.

He served in the U.S. Army

where he was a member of the Veterinary Corps. He was discharged from active service as a corporal in 1955 but then continued in the Army Reserves.

He was always around for the Cheyenne County Fair and helped build the first grandstand. In 1999, he was the fair parade marshal. Before and after that, he had an entry in almost every fair parade.

At the age of 14, he was president of the Jayhawkers 4-H Club and was a member of the Cheyenne County 4-H Extension Council. In those four years, he helped his dad in his bullwhip acts at the fair and assisted Frank Gilbraith in trick riding and roping exhibitions.

He will probably be most remembered for marking Cheyenne County with large farm implement disks. Studying the history of the county and talking to people about the county, he learned the locations of schools, businesses, post offices, cemeteries and churches not to mention the many creeks, streams and other historical sites and landmarks.

Each disk has the name of the place and the date it was founded or operated. After the disk was made, Fred and sometimes a helper or two, would go out and hang the disk. There are over 400 disks dotting the countryside.



FRED MAGLEY had just finished putting up another marker before the 150th celebration of the Pike's Peak Stageline this summer.

He loved history, horses and old vehicles. In 1985, he and Marsha organized and promoted "Project mailbag," a 675 mile-commemorative mailbag run from Leavenworth to Denver, honoring the 125th Pike's Peak Stageline and Express route through Kansas Territory. This past year, he was once again involved, this time, recognizing the 150th anniversary of the route.

He was a member of the Cheyenne County Historical Society and the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, just to name a few of the organizations he was affiliated with.

Following graduating from Bird City High School, he went on to attend K-State University (or college as it was known

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