



The Republican River flooded much of the lower part of St. Francis.

Photos courtesy of the Cheyenne County Museum

2010 enrollment date announced

The June 1 deadline for enrollment into the 2010 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program or the traditional Direct and Counter-cyclical Program/Average Crop Revenue Election will not be enrolled by the deadline. All required signatures must also be received by June 1. Producers are encouraged to call their local Farm Service Agency office at 332-2183 and make an appointment. Additional information about the programs is available at local county offices or on line at: www.FSA.usda.gov.

Board discusses rent for building

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The rent for the building at the fairgrounds was discussed Thursday when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met. There is a deposit plus the rent charged for the building. It is used for a number of events from tool sales, to after-prom parties, to wedding receptions, to class and family reunions, just to name some. However, there have been problems. Sometimes, the renter forgets to turn down the heat, or clean up, or turn in the key. A recent circus had given checks which bounced. The board decided, after considerable discussion, to have a deposit of \$150 and the rent would be \$100 for that day and for each day the key is not turned in. Anyone from out-of-town or who might be questionable must reserve the building with a check or cash two weeks ahead of time. This would give the board time to have the check cleared. It was noted that there are people from out of town who have proven they are reliable and it would not be necessary for them to reserve with a check two weeks ahead. Mark Mills, board member, pointed out that, while there is no charge for school activities, there had not been a charge for the after-prom party. He said that this event is put on by parents, not the school. The same is true for the sixth grade promotion party. The board finally agreed that, while it is not specifically school, it is school related and keeps kids occupied and off the streets. There would not be a charge for these activities. Karol Lohman, board member, takes care of renting the building. She said she will call other members if she has a question about who is renting the facility.

1935 flood devastation remembered

For months, The National Weather Service has been gathering information on the 1935 Republican River Flood and talking to people who were there to experience the rushing waters and the devastation left behind. At 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, Joy Hayden with the Service will present a program at the Cheyenne Theater commemorating the 75th anniversary of the flood.



The St. Francis city power plant, located in the west part of town, is shown. A plaque will be placed on the plant to serve as a permanent reminder of the high water mark in the flood.

After the program, an official with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will present a "High Water Mark Sign" to Gary Rogers, Cheyenne County Emergency Manager, at the St. Francis Power Plant, 321 W. First. This plaque will be placed on the power plant to serve as a permanent reminder of the high water mark of the 1935 flood.

The program is sponsored by the National Weather Service, the Cheyenne County Museum and the Cheyenne County Emergency Management.

from the 1935 Republican River Flood book published in 2001. It was written by Simon Matson and submitted by Dale Sheldon of Simla, Colo. The greatest calamity that ever hit the river valley (Republican) itself was the Memorial Day

Flood of 1935, which ruined hay meadows and farmland and left it a wrecked, devastated waste of sand, muck and debris. Besides many human lives were lost and hundreds of head of livestock perished and farm homes were destroyed. It was reported that as much as two feet of rain fell in some spots in the South Fork drainage area in Colorado. It is told that a farmer in the area where this heavy rainfall occurred had advertised his farm for sale. That fall, after the flood, a buyer from the East called on the farmer. Among the questions he asked was how much the annual rainfall was. The farmer said it was 24-inches per year. The buyer looked up with a questioning look on his face. The farmer reaffirmed the statement and looking over at a neighbor who happened to be present, said, "Isn't that right, Bill?" The neighbor answered, "Yes. That is right. I was here at your house the night the 24 inches fell."

Stewardship program deadline is June 11

Conservation Stewardship Program cutoff for applications has been set for June 11. The program encourages agricultural producers to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones on their operations. Conservation Stewardship Program provides opportunities to both recognize good stewards and deliver valuable new conservation. Applicants must be the operator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture farm records for the eligible land being offered for enrollment. Approved applications will be 5 year contracts and payment will be made on an annual basis. To see if the program is right for you and fill out a self screening tool, stop by your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office or visit the website at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html

Student News

Washburn University
Talisa Voorhies of St. Francis has been named as one of the 25 members of the 2010-11 Washburn University Dancing Blues. They will be performing at home football and basketball games, as well as several special events throughout the year. The coach of the Dancing Blues is Angie Price.

Fort Hays State University
Kelsey Dunn was one of 39 communication studies students from Fort Hays State University who won awards recently at the annual Kansas Professional Communicators conference in

Council Grove. Awards were won for fall 2009 and spring 2010 service learning projects in journalism and public relations, taught by Linn Ann Huntington, associate professor, and Jennie Straight, assistant professor. Kansas Professional Communicators is a statewide organization for college students and professionals in the areas of journalism, public relations, advertising and marketing. Dunn, a special student, placed second as part of the non-profit, Watershed on Wheels public relations team.

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On Sunday, May 23rd at 4:30 p.m., the Bird City Quasiquicentennial committee is sponsoring various activities for the entire family: Trap Shoot, Rifle Shoot, .22 range for youth, Horseshoes, Bocca Ball and a meal at 6:30 p.m. Donation appreciated. The location is the Krien Family Farm - 2-1/2 miles south of Hwy 36 on Road 25. Bring your guns and shells - (shells available for purchase). Come and enjoy family fun, fellowship, food and support our Quasiquicentennial fund. Questions - call Ken Krien: 785-734-7015.

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