



CHECKING THE WHEAT — Shirley Zwegardt, St. Francis Equity grain manager, measures the moisture and test weight while Cody Braz waits for the results. Cody brought in the Equity's first load belonging to Kip Wiese.

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Board offers contracts at fiscal year end

A special St. Francis Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, June 29, to take care of the year-end business. The school's fiscal year begins on July 1.

Before the school year ended, Rob Schiltz, superintendent, recommended that the contracts of five teachers not be offered until more was known about the school finances and the year-end budget amounts. At the June 29 meeting, he noted that the budget was tight but recommended that the contracts be offered.

The board voted to offer contracts to Gloria Cassidy, Jennifer Krien and Sandy Smull, all half-time teachers; Dennis Friedrichs,

industrial technology, grades eight through 12th and physics teacher; and Kaye O'Brien, kindergarten through grade 12 librarian. She is also the teacher of the seventh grade life skills class and the junior class magazine sales sponsor.

Administrators' contracts were approved for Scott Carmichael, principal, two-year contract; and Superintendent Schiltz, one-year contract.

Resignations

Resignations were accepted from Mike Frewen, head wrestling coach, and Larry Flemming, head girls' basketball coach. Mr. Frewen had coached for four years and Mr. Flemming, five years (two See **CONTRACTS** on Page 7A

It's time to design fair parade floats

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is just a month away, Saturday, Aug. 7. Plenty of time to plan an entry, whether it be a float, an individual entry, horses, antique and derby vehicles, just to name a few.

This year's theme is "Cowboy Boots and Country Roots."

"With this theme, people will be able to create amazing floats," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator.

The parade is organized by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. The floats will be judged by three people. Criteria for judging floats include: 1) unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material; and 3) originality.

There is a grand champion overall winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/Church; and

Commercial. "We are encouraging every individual, family, business and organization to make a float," Mrs. Lampe said.

"People enjoy seeing the kids on bikes, four-wheelers or their own special creative float. They also like the horses, antique vehicles, derby cars and 4-H winners, just to name a few."

There is no pre-registration just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis. The map showing the line up for divisions will be printed in the newspaper closer to parade time.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lampe at 785-332-2145 or 785-332-2913 or Gloria Braccin, Chamber secretary, at 785-332-2961.

Rain continues to slow harvest

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Rain has delayed wheat harvest in northwest Kansas. The first load of wheat brought in to end the Harvest Countdown contest was Monday, June 28. The days were hot. Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported a high of 98 on June 3. Then the rain began and Mrs. Woodcox reported 1.40 on July

4 and by Wednesday, the high temperature was in the 70s. It was cloudy and cool all day.

Shirley Zwegardt, St. Francis Equity grain manager, reported there hadn't been enough wheat brought in to tell what yields are going to be but, what had been tested is very good wheat, she said.

Wheeler Equity hasn't had a lot of loads coming in. They re-

ported that the wheat is just too wet and tough.

In Bird City, Lonnie Willis brought in the first load of wheat to Frontier Ag elevator on Monday, June 28.

Melvin Schlepp, west of St. Francis, reported 4 inches of rain on Saturday night; in eastern Colorado, the area around Bonny Dam had between 3 and 10 inches, Idalia had 10 inches;

others had anywhere between 2 and 4 inches.

Mr. Schlepp said the wheat heads are going to dry out but the ground will be so wet that the combines will not be able to get in the fields.

Rain has also caught some alfalfa on the ground waiting to be baled. However, the corn, feed, other crops and pastures are looking good.

Candidate for governor talks to county residents

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Sam Brownback, Republican candidate for governor of Kansas, met with a group of people at the Dairy King in St. Francis, on Monday. Mr. Brownback has spent the last 14 years in the U.S. Senate. He said, when he was elected, that there should be term limits and he served his two elected terms as promised.

He stated that he felt the three most important things for Kansas was "growth, education and family."

Kansas, he said, needed growth and he was confident there were ways of getting there. But, before spending, the state needed to grow in population and business. Too much debt and taxing, he said, is slowing growth.

Statistics show that 85 percent of the counties are losing population. There is a loss in per capita income, he said, and there is a need to create jobs.

He said the legislature needs to resolve problems in the schools and schools should not resolve these problems in the courts.

Kansas has, he said, a dysfunctional funding system. The state needs more equalization and the counties, he said, need to have more local control of the money.

There is a need to rebuild family structure, he said. The future depends on how the next generation is raised.

He talked about the welfare system and how a woman will lose her's (and her children's) welfare if she marries so, she lives with the man rather than lose the benefits.

With the right policy movements, he said, we can be a great state. Low taxes and low regulations will attract businesses.

He sees growth in animal health, military and aviation, animal agriculture, and wind and ethanol power, just to name some.



GOVERNOR CANDIDATE, Sam Brownback, left, talked to Ward Cassidy, who is running for representative of the 120 District, and Elton Keller.

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Connie Jenkins, St. Francis, said she worked at the local hospital and noted that there is a lot of charity care. She wondered what can be done about illegal immigration?

Mr. Brownback said there were two things: 1) build a border fence and, 2) have an e-verification system. Everyone needs a social security number and it would be easy to check.

There has been delays by the federal government and the Mexican government doesn't want the fence, he said. The Obama team doesn't agree with getting the border under control.

Kelly Gienger asked about regulations, federal and state, that can be changed to help the state.

Mr. Brownback said, because of regulations, the state lost billions of dollars concerning the Holcomb power plant. Kansas needs transmission lines for power and Hol-

comb has lines to transport power to Texas and Colorado. It has held back our wind energy production, he said.

Mr. Brownback talked about having less statutes and regulations, not adding them. Some, he said, are a burden to the system. Banking regulations and health care regulations are a few and they are federally driven.

Kevin Berens asked about changing the people who set the regulations. Mr. Brownback said he plans to do that. He wants to get people who want to grow the state, have a good grasp on the technical rather than the political system. These people, he said, need to know where the problems are. I may have to look in unusual places.

We need to state the agenda and listen to people with knowledge, he said. We need to be confident of where we are going.



WISH COMES TRUE — Debbie McCurry's wish came true when Byron Moberly gave her a ride on a motorcycle, Wednesday, June 30.

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Nursing home staff makes resident's wish come true

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On Wednesday, the staff at the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis, was able to make the wish of a resident come true.

Debbie McCurry, who has been a resident since December 2008, wanted to ride a motorcycle and her wish was granted. The Star Committee, comprised of Village staff, established a wishing well

several months ago. Residents as well as staff members can make a wish and drop it in. Each month, the committee goes through the wishes and tries to make someone's wish a reality.

Debbie was only a year and half old when she had whooping cough. Her mother, Gerri McCurry, said the illness affected the motor control in the brain and she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Today,

she can be found in her wheelchair but enjoys the many activities and people at the Village.

A lot of background work had to be done before letting Debbie know about the motorcycle ride. Eddie Brunswig, Haigler, had a three-wheel motorcycle which he agreed to let Byron Moberly drive. Mr. Moberly had gone to

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