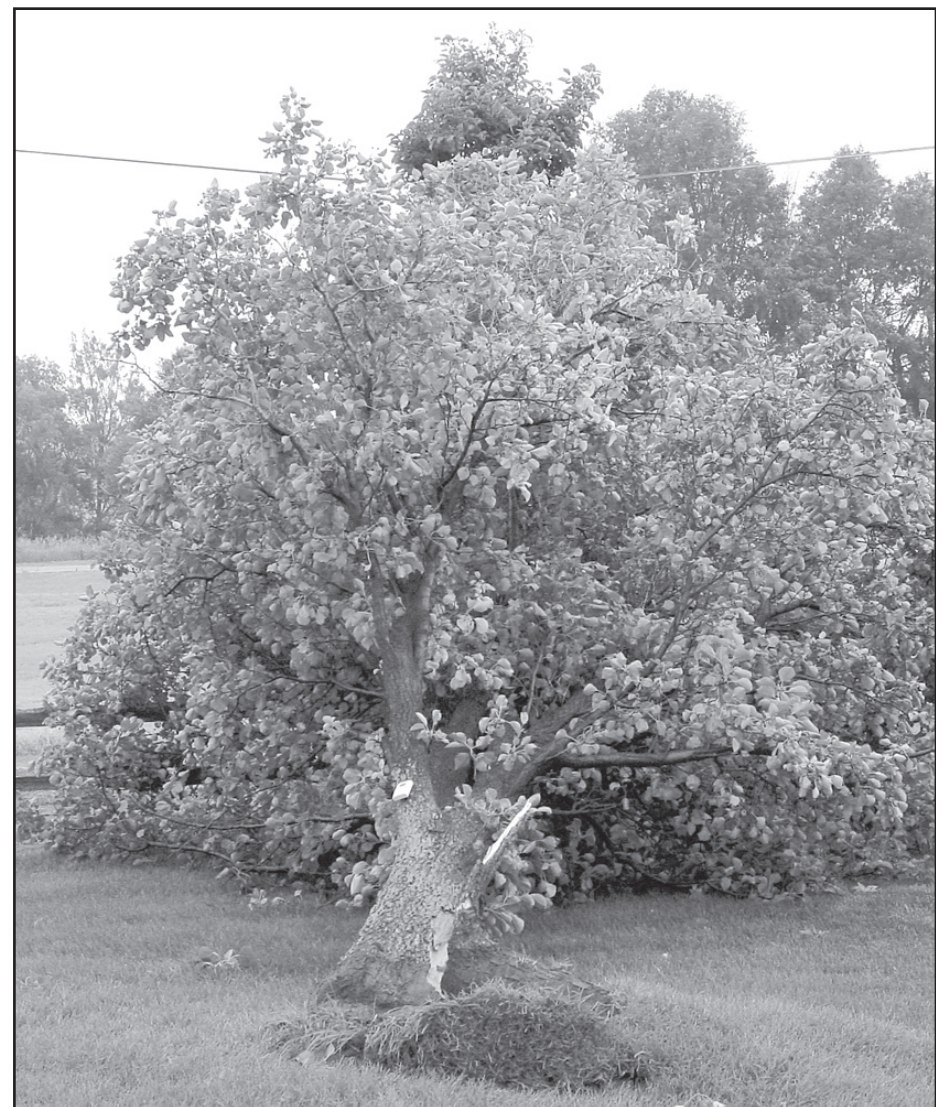


# High winds cause damage



**LOTS OF TREES** and branches were down around town. Above, Terry Miller's tree in his backyard was uprooted. Left, Scott Ford picks up branches on Main Street. *Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick*



**MISSING YOUR ROOF?** Zero's is and parts of it were laying in the alley behind the building (above). Right, the wind cleaned the roof right off the building.



## City council works on plan to repair scout hut building

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Since the first of the year, the St. Francis City Council has been working on plans to repair the Scout Hut south of the swimming pool. At the July 12 meeting, J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, reported the roof was on.

Travis Milne and his crew had received the bid and the tin roof had been installed. Bruce Swihart, councilman, asked about the plans for siding the hut.

Roger Jensen, councilman, said the siding material should be ready by the end of July but there would be a lot of preparation work before volunteers could start putting on the siding. He also felt that there needed to be a contractor present to help.

As fall rolls around, weekends might be the only time when volunteers can work and that might take longer than expected. If worse comes to worse, the roof is on and the windows are in so the siding could wait until spring.

Mary Lampe, clerk, said she would check on the amount of money left in the Scout Hut fund. It was noted that there is still a lot of materials to buy before the siding can go up and the finish is put on.

### River Walk update

Mike Day, city attorney, said he had talked to Tom Keller. Mr. Keller had talked to other family members and they were interested in expanding the River Walk which

is included on Keller property. Mr. Day said that members of the city council, Cheyenne County Development and Keller family members need to meet to see what the plans are. Mr. Landenberger, Paula Keller, council woman, and Mr. Day will represent the council.

### Swimming pool report

Mr. Swihart, who is on the Swimming Pool Committee, reported that there had been one complaint which had been settled. Pool manager, Crissi Poling, is doing a good job.

The final session for swimming lessons had started. There had been five teams competing in pool volleyball and another "dive-in event" has been scheduled. This is a night swim activity where a movie is shown.

### Building permits

The council approved 11 building permits. Approved were: Josh Hasart, garage and cement retaining wall; Republican Valley Vet Clinic, shed; Toby Dirks, concrete drive; Ann Fromholtz, fencing; Dairy King, roof; Robert Grace, fence; Dick Rohweder, patio; Roger Jensen, building; Marlin Queen, sidewalk; Gary Rogers, garden shed; and Mike Grover, carport.

### Superintendent's report

Superintendent Landenberger reported there are new EPA rules which, he said, doesn't exclude the city's power plant which when the engines are running, there is

gas emission. The regulations need to be met by 2012 or 2013. He will be attending a meeting on July 22. After that, he expects to have more information.

The city has a lot at stake, he said.

There was a problem of soft materials in the block of First Street which was being completely redone. The soft materials were caused by the underground spring in that area. The materials had to be removed and replaced. We need to use the right fill, Mr. Landenberger said, or it doesn't pay to do the street.

The city of Benkelman ran into a bind when they didn't have a trash truck. St. Francis is renting them one to get them by.

### Power outage

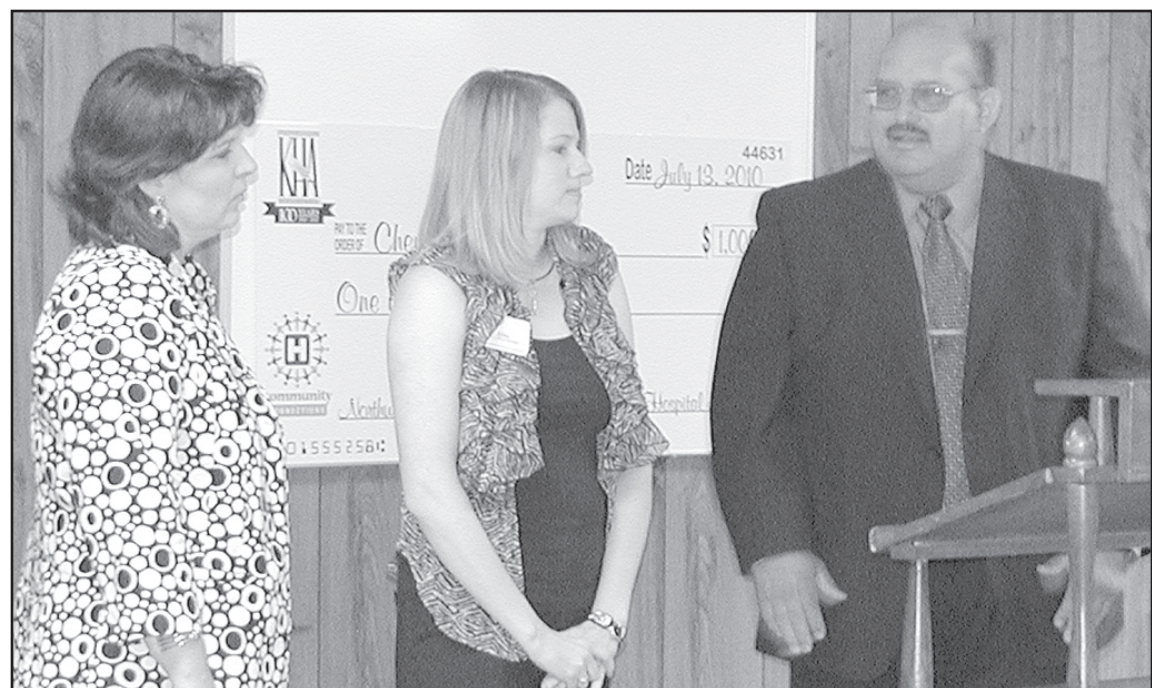
Mr. Landenberger said there was a power outage on July 8 when a semi truck hooked on a line and tore down a transport pole and power transformer which landed on a trailer. It was a primary pole and almost took another one by the Catholic Church. The problem was not with a city line but with a phone company's line. Bud Erskin, owner of Majestic Service, had requested that it be raised several times and the truck driver was at the legal height.

### Theater Committee report

Mrs. Keller, a member of the Theater Committee, said the committee wanted to know about borrowing money to purchase digital equipment. The city cannot borrow money but can issue bonds. The council also discussed a cash lease, which is something Atwood had done to get money for it's theater. The director with the Small Business Development Center in Bird City, knows different ways of getting needed money for non-profit organizations. He will be asked to attend an upcoming meeting.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the city council is set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday at city hall.



**CHEYENNE COUNTY CLINIC** recently received the Kansas Hospital Association award. Helping Les Lacy, hospital administrator, accept the award are (left) Mila Bandel, county health nurse, and Erika Zimelman, clinic manager. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Clinic receives award, \$1,000

The Kansas Hospital Association has honored six innovative hospital programs with the Community Connections Award. These hospitals were selected because they have undertaken extraordinary efforts to improve the health and well-being of their communities.

The Cheyenne County Hospital/Clinic, St. Francis, received the Primary Care Clinic award. The goal of Cheyenne County Clinic is to increase access to care for a challenged segment of county residents, thus minimizing the utilization of the emergency room, acute care and more expensive avenues of care.

The hospital and each of the other six hospitals were recognized at a Kansas Hospital Association-hosted media and award event in their community and received an award of \$1,000.

Other recipients of the Community Connections Awards are: The Republic County Hospital, Belleville, which received the Community Outreach Regarding Excellence in Students award. This program brings together coaches, sports medicine professionals, athletic trainers, nutritionists, sports psychologists, sports management directors and Republic County youth grade seven through college

in order to develop core strength and agility followed by educational programming.

Sabetha Community Hospital, Sabetha, received the Healthy U - A New School of Thought. It is free-of-charge, 12-week, healthy lifestyle education program that features weekly lectures educating participants on successful weight loss management and healthy living. The program lectures are led by a physical therapy assistant/health promotions specialist, a registered dietician and a medical doctor.

Labette Health in Parsons received the Healthy Kids Initiative award. The Healthy Kids initiative offers education and assistance to children with type 1 Diabetes and helps to prevent type 2 Diabetes in Labette County and surrounding communities.

Kingman Community Hospital received the Connections' Support of St. Gianna Health Clinic award. The St. Gianna Health Clinic provides free or reduced-cost health care services to Kingman County and surrounding area citizens who are uninsured or at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Basic health care, including treatment of acute or chronic conditions, follow-up care from emergency

room visits, disease prevention education, instructive care for chronic conditions and referrals to specialists are provided to those who qualify.

Satanta District Hospital, Satanta, received the Community Health Organization Committee Youth Development award. The Community Health Organization Committee provides free and preventative youth development programs to Haskell County children in kindergarten through 12th grade. In a safe environment, kids hear other kids share that it's okay to refuse negative peer pressures.

This year, the Kansas Hospital Association received 70 entries from 47 hospitals. The entries were judged on the following criteria: leadership, community need, community benefit, creativity and impact. Awards were given to one hospital in each district of the state.

Community Connections annually recognizes hospital-based programs that provide a significant community benefit. This award program is a partnership between the Kansas Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association and is helping hospitals reaffirm their rightful place as a valuable and vital community resource.

## Local poet entertains

Tumbleweed, Phil Crawford, returned home Monday, July 12, from The Bear Lake Poetry Gathering in Montpelier, Idaho. He reported that he managed to get in five stage appearances of 15 minutes each and two jam sessions.

There were close to 50 performers from seven states represented, but most were from Idaho and Utah. It was a no pay event, he said, but many of the top performers from Idaho as well as from

Utah were present.

What made the gathering so great, he said, was there were no crowns of glory, no fancy clothes, they all were just part of the group. There were three great days of pickin' and grinnin' and story telling in poetry form of course. Mr. Crawford was accompanied by his wife, Maxine. As a side event, they had lunch going, and breakfast on the return, in the famous Virginian Hotel in Medicine Bow, Wyo.