



**STRONG WINDS** clocked between 35 and 45 miles an hour were constant on Sunday. A fire in Yuma County, Colo., burned miles of grassland and sent three firemen to the hospital. Above, the winds took the roof off of a building belonging to Troy Porter on the Angle Road west of St. Francis.  
*Herald staff photo by Tim Burr*

# Student receives honors at college

Taylor Kennedy-Finley has been selected for two honor societies at Washburn University.

The first is the Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society recognizing her for her achievements in scholarship, leadership and services at Washburn.

Taylor was one of 25 senior girls from Washburn to be selected for this honor. Washburn will hold an initiation ceremony in April to induct the new members.

The second honor society is Washburn's Criminal Justice Honor Society (Sigma Lambda). The initiation ceremony for this honor will be held in May.

Taylor is a senior double majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology with possibly adding Spanish as a minor. While in school, she works in the admissions office and is also a tour guide for the school.

She is a vice president of the Future Alumni Network. Taylor is a member of Chi Alpha and lives in the Chi Alpha house.

She is involved in the Criminal Justice Association Club, Psychology Club and the Bod Squad.



**Taylor Kennedy-Finley**

Psychology Club and the Bod Squad.

Taylor graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 2009. Her projected college graduation date is May 2014.

She is the daughter of Larry and Terri Finley, St. Francis.

# Junior high tracksters start season

St. Francis' Junior High Track started at the end of February with 35 students attending a team meeting. Ted Busse and Kent Kechter are the junior high coaches and they will have their first meet on Thursday, April 12, in Oakley at the Oakley Invitational Track and Field Meet.

Students participating in junior high track are: Seventh grade girls: Jenna Confer, Danielle Frink, Makayla Rogers, Katie Schmid and Sophie White.

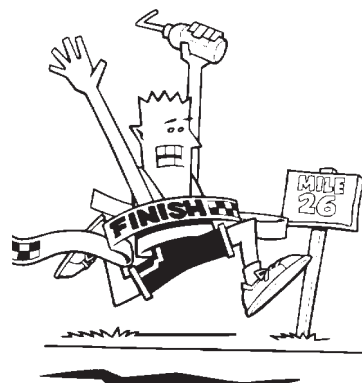
Seventh grade boys: Quinton Cravens, Ryan Grover, Joel Hill, Josh Kruger, John Landenberger, Jeremiah Neitzel and Taylor Rogers.

Eighth grade girls: Emily Elfers, CarolEve

Harris, Kattie Jenik, Journey Lee, Kayla Reed, Kylie Sherlock, Sydney Sundstrom, McKenzie Taylor and Hannah Wolff.

Eighth grade boys: Payton Beims, Garrett Brunk, Clayton Cassaw, Jakob Church, Carl Fabre, Jude Faulkender, Francisco Fernandez, Christopher Hoard, Lane Hobrock, Blake Meyer, Jason Owens, Justin Pacheco, Travis Rogers and Phillip White.

Please note that there have been a few changes in the junior high track schedule since the 2011-12 school calendar was printed. St. Francis will NOT be participating in the Burlington Invitational on March 27, but will participate in the Quinter Invitational on April 27.



# Narrow banding outdates old radios

By Karen Krien  
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Last week, the county switched all county radios over to narrow band. At the Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting on Friday, they were informed that 11 radios did not narrow. The 911 funds which are raised from a tax on phones are no longer available for replacing radios.

As the commissioners discussed the cost of replacing the radios, Andy Beikman, commissioner, said that he wasn't interested in replacing the radios just to get by. In the near future, he said, they government is going to require that the bands be even narrower, we need to have radios that will be capable of going narrower.

Ryan Murray, emergency manager, suggested that, while they are replacing radios, maybe

they should consider going to 800 megahertz. There is also the matter of updating licenses and tower changes. If the commissioners are considering going to 800 megahertz, then they should not pay to update, only to have to pay again to make the changes. It was noted that the emergency medical service already has one 800 megahertz radio and, in the future, emergency and law departments will be forced to go to the new radios.

Mr. Murray also suggested that emergency department heads be in on making the decision of going to 800 megahertz.

The commissioners talked about paging on cell phones. Mr. Murray said he had been in a situation where he was on a cell phone and the towers went down. I really don't want to be there again, he

said. Rawlins County has bought all 800 megahertz radios.

If the county went to 800 megahertz, then it would not be necessary to maintain the repeater or tower. The radios, Mr. Murray said, can be purchased much like making a purchase with a lease agreement. They cost about \$1,100 each.

Going to 800 megahertz would require new equipment in the 911 dispatch office but that equipment is covered by 911 funds.

Jen Padgett, dispatch coordinator, said she had checked into the purchase of a generator. It appeared that it would cost around \$4,000 but would not only keep the 911 up and going but would also allow the elevator to work and provide power for the bottom floor. There might be some grant money available for purchasing the generator, she said.

### Landfill

The county landfill has been sited by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for a number of violations. If these violations are not corrected, the county could lose the landfill.

They had been informed that the city is going to require that all trash put in the blue dumpsters be bagged. This could help stop blowing trash.

They discussed putting a large dumpster at the landfill which was specifically designated for electronics such as television, computers, microwaves, and other such items.

A meeting with Ed Garner, landfill maintenance man, and others will be held on Thursday.

### Emergency medical technician classes

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, said that there are 12 individuals interested in taking an emergency medical technician training. Dee Wilson has passed all the training to teach the class but will need to teach the first class under the supervision of a certified trainer.

After much discussion, the commissioners agreed to pay Ms. Wilson \$3,000 for the class as they had already paid \$1,500 for her training. They also talked about giving her a certain amount for those who pass the class.

### In other business

In other business: • Karan Thadani, assistant county attorney, said Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had talked to Mike Callicarate about "Coordination." Dale Patton, commissioner, said he felt that all entities including cities, schools and county, should be working together before any decision is made. The attorneys will study the matter further.

• Dave Yost, Airport Commission chairman, said it would take \$80,000 to finish the airport extension. The commissioners said there was enough money to cover the cost.

• Mrs. Padgett was given 15 minutes executive session to discuss personnel in the 911 dispatch. Chairman Patton said no decision would be made coming out of the session.

### Next meetings

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. They will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday with the St. Francis City Council before the council's regular meeting.

# Finley selected to be on honor society

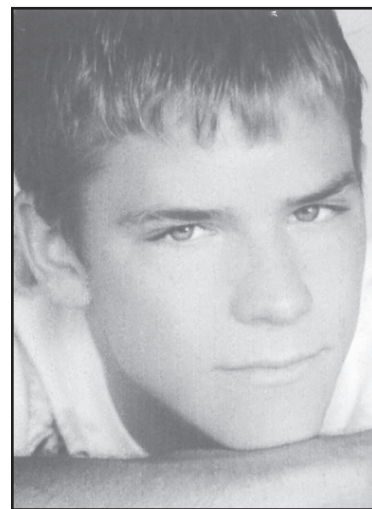
Brendan Finley has been accepted into Pittsburg State University's new National Honor Society (Phi Eta Sigma).

This is the first year for the honor society, which recognizes first-year freshmen for their scholarships in college. A ceremony was held to honor the new members on March 11.

To be selected for the honor society, the student must have a 3.5 to 4.0 cumulative grade point average.

Brendan has also been selected as the new vice president of the Pittsburg State Honor Society. He is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education and expects to graduate in 2015.


He attended kindergarten through his freshman year in the St. Francis school system and graduated in the top five of his class at Labette County High



**Brendan Finley**

School in Altamont. He received an Honors College Presidential Scholarship for \$40,000 to attend Pittsburg State University.

Brendan is the son of Larry and Terri Finley, St. Francis.



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# Introducing

Hadley Sue Worth was born May 6, 2012 at the Chase County Hospital in Imperial, Neb. She is the daughter of Dr. Troy and Angie Worth of Imperial.

Hadley weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brother, Hayden, 19 months.

Grandparents are Susan Knodel of Idalia and the late Steve Knodel; Glen and Paulette Kuehn of Kenesaw, Neb.; and Ron Worth of Springview, Neb.

Great-grandparents are Ward and Vaudie Wiley of Goodland; Ruth Knodel Burlington, Colo.; Punk and Enid Worth of Springview, and Paul and Frieda Iden of Kenesaw.



**Hadley Worth**

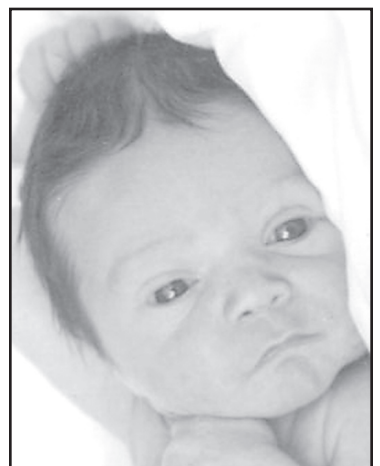
Elias Matthew Walter was born on Dec. 30, 2011, in Annapolis, Md. He weighed in at 6 pounds and was 18 1/2-inches long.

The son of Lt. Tobias and Sara Walter, California, Md, Elias was welcomed home by his big brother, James Douglas.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. Melvin Waltus of Rocklin, Calif., and Jack and Jill Richard of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Edith Walter of St. Francis.

Great-grandparents are Leah Walter, Denver, Colo., and the late Rueben Walter.



**Elias Walter**

# Club Clips

## Tuesday Club

Facts about Kansas was the program for the Tuesday Club on March 13 at the Cheyenne Manor. Twelve members had dessert served by hostess Carol Rogers and Donna Zimbelman with a St. Patrick's theme.

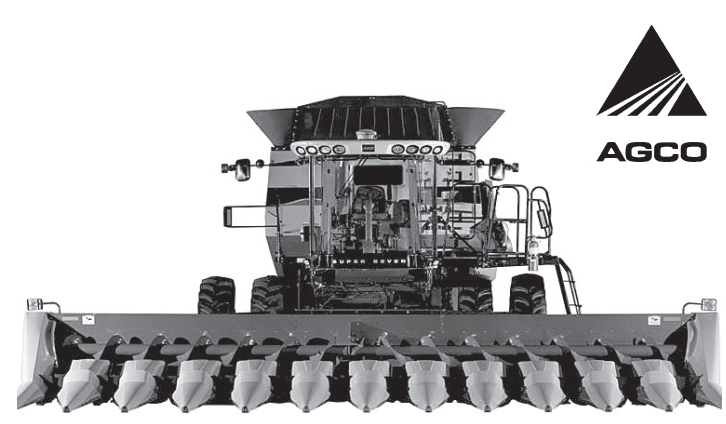
Business meeting was held with a committee being appointed to find officers for the coming year.

Election will be held in April. Treasurer reported all donations pledged had been made.

Oral test on Kansas was taken with Marti Schlittenhardt scoring 98. Members enjoyed reviewing facts about the state.

Next meeting April 10 with Pat Confer and Shirley Peter as hostesses. Collect was paid.

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