

# Owner and editor win national newspaper awards

Goodland Star-News Editor Kevin Bottrell won second place in feature writing in the National Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Contest, for a story he wrote last year while editor of the Colby Free Press.

The contest, held each year to honor the best work in community newspapers, drew 1,954 entries from daily and weekly newspapers, with 525 awards won by 135 papers.

The article - which appeared in the paper Feb. 11, 2011 - chronicled the experiences of Charles Cook, a Colby man who was a technical sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

"Mr. Cook came in to see me one day," Bottrell said. "We got to talking about his experiences during the war. It was fascinating how clear his memories were 67 years later. I have a particular interest in World War II, and I make a point to interview anyone I can who was a veteran."

Cook, who was the flight engineer and manned one of the machine gun turrets on a B-17 bomber, recalled his missions over

France and Germany, the time he shot down a German fighter plane and the time he and his crew crashed and were picked up by actor Jimmy Stewart, then a colonel in the Army Air Corps and their base commander.

"What was really interesting to me was how many people don't know that there are these veterans with these fascinating stories living in our communities," Bottrell said. "I was talking about the article with a co-worker who is a neighbor of Mr. Cook's, and he had no idea he was a veteran."

The judge called the article a "clear and vivid journalistic tribute to a member of 'The Greatest Generation.'"

Star-News owner Steve Haynes won two first-place awards, one for editorial writing and one for humorous column writing.

The winning editorial appeared in the Star-News on April 29, 2011. Titled, "America drifting toward police state?" the editorial talked about how things like police checkpoints, photo ID requirements and other security procedures might

seem like a good idea, but they erode personal freedom bit by bit.

The judge commented that the editorial was "clear, concise and passionate writing on that topic most basic to our lives - liberty."

Haynes' winning column "Lines that divide our county," appeared in the June 7, 2011, Star-News. Haynes wrote about some of the more obscure lines that divide the United States, such as the Sweet Tea Line, which divides north and south based on serving tea sweetened or unsweetened, or the Firefly Line, which falls somewhere between St. Francis and Atwood and divides the High Plains based on where fireflies are found.

The judge described it as the "funniest and wittiest of the bunch. He got the sweet/unsweet dividing line just right! Liked the firefly line, too."

The only other winners in Kansas were from the Manhattan Mercury, a daily paper in eastern Kansas. The winners will be recognized at the association's annual convention Oct. 6 in Charleston, S.C.



JOE HOFFMAN, left, representing the St. Francis Equiry, presented belt buckles to the local roping winners, Butch Ewing and Nahum Mendoza. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Idalia News

Idalia weather for July submitted by Tom Mandis.

Average high 96  
Average low 63  
Warmest day 103 degrees, July 25

Coollest day 54 degrees, July 10  
Precipitation for month 2.0 inches

Precipitation to date 10.45 inches

Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m. - There will be a community benefit for Eric Jones at the Homestead building.

**Book club**  
Aug. 14, 6 p.m. - The Idalia Book Club will meet at the home of Jess Andrews for a potluck

meal and discussion of, Cutting for Stone, by Abraham Verghese.

**St. John news**  
Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m. - In worship we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Ava Elizabeth Moellenberg, daughter of Gary and Maria Moellenberg. The sermon will be, "Shaping Community," Ephesians 4:25-5:2.

Aug. 12, 1:30 p.m. - Members of St. John will visit Burlington nursing care facilities to share worship and fellowship with residents.

Aug. 15. - The St. John Youth Pack and their families will attend the Rockies game in Denver.

Aug. 17-19. - St. John 125th Anniversary weekend. Everyone

is invited! For a schedule of events contact the church, 970-354-7522, or the "St. John United Church of Christ" Facebook page.

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## FAIR

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tainment fell through several times before the fair. Shawna Blanka, coordinator, lined up the kids pedal tractor pull which was well attended not only by participants but those watching in the grandstand.

The Tuff Trucks competition was Friday's grandstand entertainment. This was the second year for the event and there was a total of 25 drivers racing (the best they could) around a track of short turns, humps and bumps with a water hole in the middle of the track. There were some vehicles that just didn't want to travel the track, stopping ever so often only to be coaxed in to starting again by their anxious drivers.

Chris Zimmerman, Goodland, had entertained the audience well, taking the last hump with gusto, only to hit the bottom on the track and flip his Bronco. He was taken to the hospital as a precaution but released with no injuries.

Next year, Adam Peter, coordinator, said, we will probably have additional safety regulations. We don't want anyone hurt.

Saturday's parade was long with a number of entries. St. Francis' Main Street was lined with people including lots of children just waiting for candy and other treats to be tossed their way.

Taking first in the organization/church division went to Living Water Fellowship Church in Bird City. In the business division, St. Francis Sand and Redi-Mix was

the winner, and the Matthies family took home the first prize in the family division.

The 4-H and open class results along with articles and photos of the events and happenings at the fair will be inserted as the After Fair section in both *The Saint*

*Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* on Aug. 23.

The fair board and Amusement Authority members will be meeting within the next month to start planning next year's Cheyenne County Fair.

## ELECTION

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ing that there are a total of 1659 registered voters including both Republicans and Democrats. That does not count the unaffiliated voters in the county.

The clerk's office had sent out 42 ballots by mail and all but eight had been returned.

Other Cheyenne County unofficial results included:

**State offices**  
**Senate, 40th District**  
Allen Clark Schmidt (D)-35  
Ralph Ostmeier (R)-507  
John E. Miller (R)-210  
**Representative, 120th District**  
Ward M. Cassidy (R)- 570  
Richard Billinger (R)-188  
**District Court Judge District 15 Division 1**  
Glenn D. Schiffner (R) -386  
Todd R. Stramel (R)-233

**District Court Judge District 15 Division 2**  
Scott Showalter (R)-596  
**District Magistrate Judge District 15 Position 1**  
Robert Van Allen (R)-652  
**County Commissioner 3rd District**  
Andrew Beikman (R)-179  
Brett Poling (R)- 179  
**County Clerk**  
Terry Miller (R)-716  
**County Treasurer**  
Dolores Jenik (R)-629  
**Register of Deeds**  
Melissa Tabor (R)-314  
Jeanne D. Dunn (R) -327  
Shelley L Culwell (R)-116  
**County Attorney**  
Karan M. Thadani(R)-608  
**County Sheriff**  
Cody Beeson (R)-664

## Beecher Island News

There were 51 at Sunday School. Ken Willard, Harvey Allen and Phil Mitchell gave their birthday offerings. Sunday will be rolls and coffee at 9:30. It will also be communion and Mission Sunday.

Trudie Wieser visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangway Friday. Darlene and Trudie visited Nettie May Welton in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mistens were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen.

Judy Shively and Austin Bowman met Maranda Shively in Loveland and went to the Royal Gorge to ride the train.

Donna Reiman, Jorydnn and Dale Johnson came Wednesday to



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## Kansas residents can enter photo contest

Kansans are called to submit their photos for a Rural Kansas Photography Contest, now taking online submissions through Monday, Sept. 17. The contest will award prizes to first and second place winners in four categories.

Rural landscape: a photograph depicting an expanse of scenery in rural Kansas.

Community: a photograph depicting Kansans participating in shared activities, from casual cookout to town festivals.

Health care: a photograph of any-

thing health care related. Recreation: a photograph depicting how rural Kansans spend their free-time.

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CHEYENNE COUNTY, KS  
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**SELLERS: MCATEE BROTHERS, LLC.**



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Sellers: Gene (Red) Curry and Et Al  
Selling: Snap-on tools/Snap-on tool chest/