

HIGH WINDS turned over this 1992 Kenworth semi truck during the storm Sunday night.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Storm damages much in matter of minutes

Sunday evening at about 9:30, John Schorzman was sitting on the porch of his home just east of St. Francis when the wind came up so he decided to go inside. He had no more than closed the front door and turned around to see the swing move across the porch.

When he tried to open the door, the pressure was so great that he was unable to get it open. He and his wife Marge looked out the window to see the 1992 Kenworth semi truck and trailer laying on its side. When they were finally able to open the door, the truck looked like something had gently picked it up and laid it over, not even damaging the steps and the pink flamingo yard art just a few yards away were standing where they had been earlier.

The damage at Schorzman's appeared to be the first strike of the storm which swept through the St. Francis area in a matter of 15 minutes.

Across the highway, Marvin and Esther Confer's Country Pantry was not fairing as well. The wind had taken the east part of the roof. They were able to get the equipment and supplies out before too much damage was done but early Monday morning, they were taking off the rest of the roof so a new roof could be put on.

Down the road north, Calvin Raile's machine shed was missing the north part of the roof. Little or no damage was reported to the contents of the building.

However, just a couple of blocks west, Yost Ford and Mercury had between 40 and 50 windows blown out of around 20 vehicles. Jeff Raile, manager, reported that many of the vehicles have windows which cost around \$300 each to replace and it will take weeks to get the glass cleaned out of the new and used vehicles. An enclosed trailer had crossed the street from P & D Re-

pair and stopped after hitting one of the new pickups. Four of the front panes of the double-paned windows were blown out of the front of the building as was a portion of the roof was damaged.

Billy Krien had a shed blown over leaving the saddles and tack untouched but a stack of pallets located just feet from the shed were still standing. His neighbor Jerry Whitmore found pieces of his little barn in several different yards.

The fair had ended Saturday and few of the rides had been put to bed for the winter. The rides were undamaged but three booths had been strewn about and a portion of the horse barn was missing.

Trees damage was everywhere. Two giant blue spruce trees at the home of Bill and Allie Barr were ripped out of the ground. People who have been residents of St. Francis for years could not remember the trees not being there. Roger Pownell, who had lived in the

house several years ago, estimated the trees to be at least 80 years old.

The trees had fallen on Hertha Kelley's house next door. Shortly after the storm, she had talked to her daughter Judy and told her that it had rained some and there was a lot of wind and loud noise. Little did she know at that time that two trees were laying on her roof.

Willard Peter and Bobby McDanel also had large pine trees toppled. All over town there were broken branches and limbs.

Deb Harper's carport had been taken over and through the fence into her back yard. Alvin Amack reported buildings being moved. Cindy Wiley's dogs had the calf shed in their pen and a line of round hay bales were rolled about 25 feet.

It was a crazy storm but Manager Rogers said that the area was lucky as there were no injuries reported.

# Acreage released for haying and grazing

Conservation Reserve Program (CPR) acreage has now been released for both haying and grazing," said Angie Bock, director of the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency office. "New provisions now also allow Conservation Reserve Program participants to donate, rent or lease haying or grazing privileges, or sell hay to any livestock producer in need from an approved county," Director Bock said. "Farm Service Agency will waive payment reduction fees for Conservation Reserve Program participants that donate hay or haying or grazing privileges to farmers and ranchers in dire need."

While this program is expected to help many livestock producers survive this severe drought, it may not be feasible for some. Producers must know the restrictions and regulations up front. Director Bock encourages livestock producers to analyze how the new provisions will impact their individual operation before seeking approval.

Authorization for emergency haying and grazing has been granted through Aug. 31. Interested participants must contact the Farm Service Agency office at (785) 332-2183 for

policies, limitations and necessary signatures before beginning any haying or grazing practice.

The United State Department of Agriculture is developing a website

for producers to list information concerning the need for available hay. The website address will be <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet>.

## Occasion

### Wilkins family reunion

The annual Wilkins family reunion was held Sunday, July 28 at the Bird City Shelter House and Lebow Manor in Bird City. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by 72 people attending from seven states.

Those attending and the state they were from include:

Nevada: David Tomlinson, Las Vegas;

Texas: Pat Loop, Magnolia; Larry Loop, Houston; Doug Loop, Nacogdoches; Charlene Gunther, McKinney; Randall, Beth and Zachery Gunther and Ashley Gunther, Sachse;

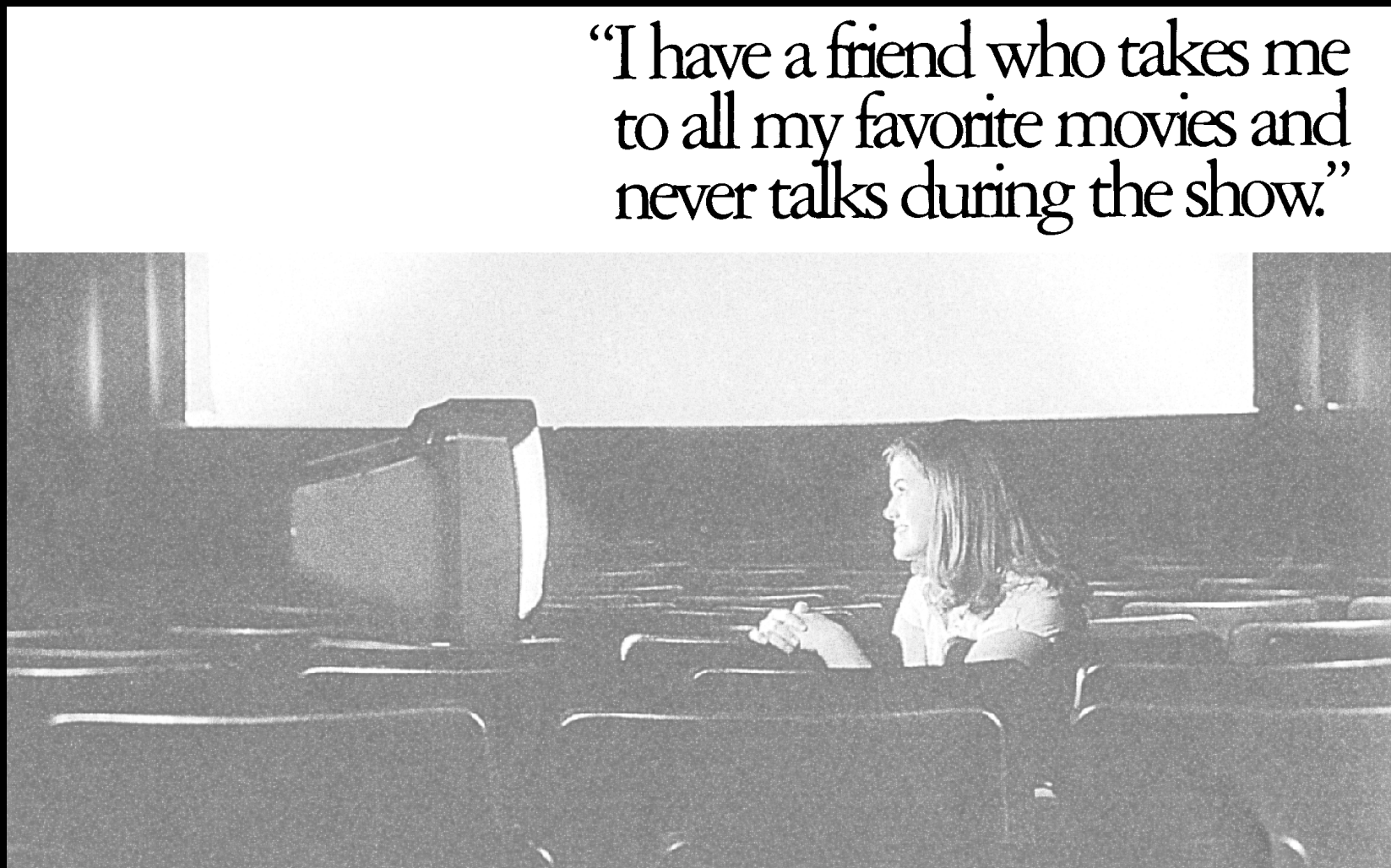
Illinois: Alicia Baumfalk, Chicago; Wyoming: Betty Tomlinson, Cheyenne;

Colorado: Mary Elley, Fort Collins; John, Tammy, Melissa, Justin, Shawn and Trent Elley, Stephen, Katherine and Marie Gillette, Jerry and Tammy Elley, Estes park; John Baumfalk and Christine, Elizabeth and Miranda Hunter, Thornton;

Nebraska: Mary Loop, Veronica and Carrie Loop, Paxton; Lydia, Jessica and Alicia Lenhart, Roscoe; John Lenhart and Kelly Brown, Ogallala; Mary M. Loop, North Platte; Earl

Loop, Imperial;

Kansas: Steve, Michelle, Jordyn, Jocelyn and Gabriel Wilkins, Plainville; Art and Mae Wilkins, Stockton; Dan, Kay and Meghan McFee, Holcomb; David, Lori, Kali and Kayler Rietcheck, Lonnie, Brenda, levi and Katelyn Coon, Bobbie Ann Burroughs, Chuck, Alicia, Grant and Brock Wilkins, Goodland; Kody Egg, Colby; Charlotte Burroughs, Jim and Betty Wilkins, Levi Ulrichson, Rochelle Bedore, Aaron and Karla Heble, Atwood; Alvin Loop and Ruth Elliott, Bird City.



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# School for rangeland management planned

Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. will be holding a three-day introductory school for rangeland management. This will be held on Aug. 27 through Aug. 29 at the Ramada Inn in Colby.

Educators from Kansas State Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service and ranchers will provide various information on developing management plans. The first and third day will be held in classroom style at the Ramada Inn in Colby. The second day will be out in the field. Participants will travel to the Nature Conservancy Ranch in Logan County. The in-the-field experience will allow participants to apply what was learned in the class-

room.

Topics covered will be: evaluating the natural conditions of the rangeland resources; understanding nature and the energy flow; nutrition; wildlife considerations; management tools; drought management; working with financial institutions; working with family and many other topics.

The participants will learn how to identify problems, opportunities and concerns on their management of rangeland. They will inventory their resources. They will evaluate alternatives. They will learn plan implementation and evaluation.

For more detailed information on the three-day school, call Duane Cheney at (785) 462-2602.

## South of McDonald by Sandy Binning

Amanda Banister spent Sunday through Saturday at Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je.

The George Banister family attended the Cheyenne County Fair and Carnival Thursday and Friday.

Kathy Banister and Amelia Banister attended the Cheyenne County Fair Saturday morning.

Ernie Bjorkman was a weekend guest of Jim and Cheryl Banister.

Betty and Jerry Knapp were Friday evening guests of Lynn and Rita Officer.

Clint and Diane Jost of Burdick were weekend guests of Lynn and

Rita Officer. They are Rita's cousins.

John and Lynda Allacher were Sunday supper guests of Lynn and Rita Officer.

Joe Kramer and Roland Query returned home Sunday from a fishing trip to The Pas, Manitoba, Canada.

Ote, Ellen and Tom Dewey attended the Kogl reunion Saturday at the PDC room in Atwood.

Ed and Elaine Kogl were Saturday overnight guests of Ote Dewey family.

Wilbert and Carol Kogl Sunday morning callers at the Ote Dewey home.



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— OUTDOORS —  
 Porch swings • BBQ cart • Patio furniture • Concrete dog • Yard ornaments • Hand tools • Drills • Lots more items.

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