

1992 KENWORTH semi cab and trailer was slowly brought back up with chains and a wrecker Monday morning after it was laid on its side during the wind storm on Sunday evening. There were lots of spectators gathered to watch the truck being set back on its wheels. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

## Election results are told

There was a race for Cheyenne County Commissioner in District 1, Bird City, in the primary held Tuesday. Three candidates were vying for the position including incumbent Jane Brubaker, Sam Beeson and Dick Bursch. When the final votes were counted, Mrs. Brubaker was declared the winner and begins another four-year term on Jan. 1.

Cheyenne County resident Connie Morris was running for a seat on the state board of education and in the county won by 185 votes. The final votes throughout the state were not known when this article was printed.

Terry Miller, election officer, reported that only 35 percent of the voters turned out to vote. There are 402 registered Democrats and 92 turned out at the polls. The Republicans in Cheyenne County number 1,466 and 559 voted at the polls. There were 101 voters casting their ballots by advanced voting. In all, there were 752 Cheyenne County voters who turned out for the election.

The final results of the commissioner election were:

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Sam Beeson    | 64  |
| Jane Brubaker | 101 |
| Dick Bursch   | 62  |

### U.S. Senate

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Tom Oyler   | 42  |
| Pat Roberts | 532 |

### Gov./Lt. Gov.

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Bloom/Bloom             | 15  |
| Keer/Birch              | 192 |
| Knight/Glasscock        | 82  |
| Shallenberger/Lindstrom | 325 |
| Sebelius/Moore          | 91  |

### Commissioner of Insurance

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| David Powell  | 153 |
| Sandy Praeger | 235 |
| Bryan Riley   | 137 |
| Jim Garner    | 70  |

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## Sainty receives rain; lots of wind damage reported

By Karen Krien

It has been hot with temperatures in the 90s and 100s but there has been little rain. For the past two weeks, groups have met at the band shell in Sawhill Park and prayed for rain. Sunday night, their prayers were answered for much of the county but the wind that came with it was not ordered.

Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported .35 inch of rain in St. Francis. On the Kurt Bucholtz farm west of St. Francis, they had only .10 inch, east between St. Francis and Wheeler, 1 inch fell but Wheeler received only sprinkles. Southeast of Wheeler, Eddie Dankenbring had 1.5 inches in his rain gauge.

Any moisture was welcome but what was unexpected was the wind. Grace Flying Service, St. Francis, reported a 91 mile-per-hour wind speed at 9:39 p.m. Sunday night. Gary Rogers, emergency manager, said that he had called the National Weather Service that evening but no severe weather was showing for this area.

Dave Floyd with the National Weather Service surveyed the damage and reviewed the reports on Monday and declared that the storm was an "intense microburst." He explained that a microburst is a locally intense wind

## Gone in a 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



TWO HUGE BLUE spruce trees in the yard of Bill Barr were uprooted and plopped on the house next door belonging to Hertha Kelley.

## Landfill now allowed to burn when necessary

By Karen Krien

It has been hot and dry and the tree branches have accumulated to big piles at the landfill. At the July 31 meeting, the Cheyenne County Commissioners agreed to lift the burn ban at the county's landfill only. Because of the pile of trees, the commissioners agreed that there would need to be someone on duty at all times during the burning because if the wind would come up, it could take sparks to neighboring pastures and fields. The landfill supervisor will be able to burn as he sees fit so the pile of trees

and limbs will not get so big.

### Repeaters on hold

Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring asked for an in/out vehicle repeater for the sheriff and under-sheriff vehicles. He had checked with Prairie State Communication and the cost would be around \$1,250 each. He said that this repeater in many places would replace the hand-held radio and would give better communication.

He and the commissioners discussed that in the future, the state highway patrol may want all law officers to use its 800 megahertz radio.

If this is carried out, all new equipment will be needed and the repeaters will not work.

The commissioners asked the sheriff to wait on the purchase of the repeaters so they could think about it.

### Roads sealed

Road and bridge supervisor Dave Flemming reported that he had arranged for the St. Francis Cemetery road and the road north of St. Francis to have a chip seal applied on Aug. 7 and wanted permission to have the company apply a fog seal on the old Wheeler road. The Wheeler road was

used as a detour seven years ago and was constructed well. Supervisor Flemming thought that if the fog seal was applied now, before it deteriorated, it would last for another five to seven years. Both commissioners Ron Krien and Jane Brubaker approved that the fog seal, which will cost \$5,000, be applied. (Commissioner Tim Raile was not present.)

### In other business

In other business: The commissioners had received a letter that

## Commissioner roundup

The Cheyenne County Commissioners talked about:

- The airport taxiway resurfacing which will be done in the near future if contractor is hired. See Page 3 for more information.
- The recycling center in St. Francis, since Nov. 6, has hauled around 60 tons of items to Colby to be recycled. See Page 3 for more information.

## 'One of the best' parades

The 2002 Cheyenne County Fair Parade was filled with colorful floats depicting red, white and blue colors for the theme, "United We Stand" and was proclaimed as "one of the best!"

"The parade had something for everyone," said Dawn Lucas, parade coordinator. "The patriotism shown was overwhelming along with the effort made by everyone who entered in the parade. And, without the different kinds of entries, it wouldn't be a parade."

When the parade started off, there were 83 entries registered with Mrs. Lucas making this year's parade one of the largest, if not the largest Cheyenne County has ever had.

"The number of decorated floats was awesome as the judges had a hard time deciding a winner," she said, noting that she had been pleased with the parade entries last year but this year the interest in having a float was great.

"I knew it was going to be a great parade as the entries kept coming in. I know it takes a lot of time and effort to



GRAND CHAMPION float in the Family and Kid's division was won by Sarah and Marvin Miller.

put something in the parade but I thought the results showed up on Saturday morning as the parade kept getting bigger and bigger.

Mrs. Lucas recognized the many

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## County fair ends for another year

By Karen Krien

Exhausted moms, dads and exhausted but excited children carrying toys, stuffed animals and cotton candy slowly made their way to their vehicles Saturday evening as the final ride and booth shut down another successful fair.

The Cheyenne County Fair had started with the Style Revue on Monday evening and the events had been steady and busy throughout the week.

Dick Bursch, fair board president, reported that there had been a good attendance for the fair and the support of parents, kids, volunteers and those attending the fair had been outstanding.

The carnival ran Wednesday through Saturday nights of the fair and there were shows and activities in front of the grandstand all four evenings.

Several new grandstand shows were tried including a local team roping and barrel racing event and a Ranch Rodeo for kids. The pro rodeo held on Friday had some good participants and the stock was ready for each competitor. Cliff Pilkington, chairman, was very pleased with the outcome of the rodeo and the number of people who had attended.

On Saturday was the demolition derby and, as usual, the grandstand was full to

running over and the pit area was also packed with people and participants.

The barbecue on Saturday evening served around 1,250 people. The beef was furnished by Naturally Tender Beef by Mike Callicrate for a reduced price and Don Wright cooked around 1,500 ears of corn with the aid of the antique threshing machine. Farm Service Credit of Northwest Kansas donated watermelon.

In years past, there have been as many as 1,500 people enjoying the free-will barbecue but for the last three years, the temperatures have been close to 100 and too hot for some to attend.

The Attendance Awards were won by four people, all either living in Cheyenne County or having affiliations with people in the county. Willard Busby was the big winner of \$1,000. Winning \$500 was Scott Richards, Erin Neitzel won \$300 and John Faber took home \$200.

There are a number of other fair events and winners listed in different articles throughout this issue and others will be picked up in later issues. In several weeks, the Fair results in a special section will be inserted in both *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

# MINUTES

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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 faring 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 Repair 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.

# BURN

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the WaKeeney Detention Center was closing. It was noted that the county had paid a \$1,000 membership fee.

- Some of the vouchers for meals which employees were turning in were over the \$10 limit. Letters will be sent to all employees informing them that anything over \$10 would not be paid. The matter will be listed under "old business" at the next commissioners' meeting.

- Commissioner Brubaker said that it was rumored that one of the emergency medical technicians who had just completed the course said that she had no intention of making runs — that she had taken the course for college credit. The commissioners agreed that if this was true, this technician would need to reimburse the county for the costs of the class.

nician would need to reimburse the county for the costs of the class.

- Ranae Pilkington reported that \$50 had been taken from the landfill. One person had weighed his load and paid for it while the landfill supervisor was working out on the site and it was wondered if this was the person who took the money. Sheriff Dankenbring said that he wasn't aware of that information but would look into it. Otherwise, the case was under investigation.

- The commissioners agreed to have the sheriff dispatcher not go to an upcoming meeting but go to the next one instead. There will be a landfill training course held Sept. 18 and 19 and the commissioners thought it was necessary that some-

one plan to attend.

- Purchasing batteries for the ambulance radio with 911 funds was approved but the commissioners wanted to know what the cost was going to be.

- At an earlier meeting, the St. Francis Recreation Commission had asked for \$2,000 from the Parks and Recreation Fund. The money would be used as matching money for a grant. The Commission still had not received the grant so the commissioners were reluctant to let the money go until the grant had been received. Jolene Spike, director, will be asked to come in and talk to the commissioners at the next meeting.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Aug. 15 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse in St. Francis. A special meeting to count the ballots and talk about the airport taxiway resurfacing will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday.

# PARADE

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people it takes to put on the parade and that she could not have done it alone.

"From blocking off the streets to hooking up electricity to donating golf carts and announcing the parade — it takes all of us working together and everyone who helped should be proud of what they did," she said.

This year's grand champion float was entered by First National Bank. The reserve champion was Bankwest of Kansas.

In the Commercial and Business division, first place went to First National Bank and second place went to Bankwest of Kansas.

Sarah and Marvin Miller had decorated the family's riding lawn mower with lots of red, white and blue and they dressed appropriately as they rode in the parade. This entry took first in the Family and Kids division. Second place went to Jeff, Tony and

Blake Meyer who were riding decorated bikes.

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club took first place in the Clubs and Organizations division. Second place was taken by the St. Francis Swim Team.

In the Church division, Living Water Fellowship, Bird City, took first place. Second place went to Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis.

The results of the Antique Car, Truck and Tractor class were:

Kay Lampe, 1930 Model A roadster, champion car; Dale Leydig, 1949 Oliver 77 tractor, champion tractor; Eddy Schultz, 1950 GMC truck, champion truck; Bill Wieck, 1950 Ford pickup, blue; Gaylord Loyd, 1932 Chevrolet car, blue; Raymond Zimelman 1949 2-ton truck, blue; Chuck Petitjean, 1961 IHC tractor, blue; Wes Herdt, 1946 IHC K-3, blue; Calvin Raile, 1929 Model A, red; Kelly Gienger, 1930 Model A, red.

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# RAIN

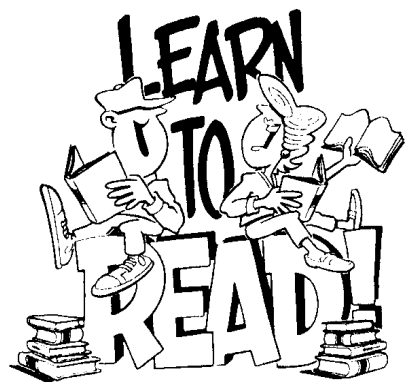
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event which accompanies some thunderstorms.

"The downward rush of air resulting from the collapse of the storm can be strong enough to produce damage equivalent to a tornado and typically occurs on a time scale of 10 minutes and a space scale of about a mile or two.

Mr. Floyd believes that the microburst made contact with the ground about 1/2 mile southeast of St. Francis and moved to the northwest causing damage to an area about five blocks wide and a little over a mile long.

Considerable damage was reported. See related article.



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# Runners going across nation

*By Karen Krien*

Nine runners with Run Across America 2002 stopped at St. Francis Saturday evening on their way to Central Park, New York, N.Y. There were seven runners from Japan, one from Switzerland and one American in the race. Two of the runners were women, ages 40 and 54, and the men ranged from 32 to 64 years.

The race is a 71-day individual stage race much like the Tour de France. The runners must cover an average of 44 miles each day and finish each stage at a minimum speed of 3.5 miles per hour. The runner with the lowest elapsed time wins. The current leader when the runners reached St. Francis was Martin Wagen of Switzerland.

Alan Firth of North Carolina is the organizer of the run. He had ran a similar race in 1992 and 1995. His friend Gutdayzke (that is his entire name) is from Missouri and ran 1/2 of the race at one time. Mr. Firth, a long-distance runner, also walked across America two years ago.

Mr. Firth said that the race is fun and a good way to see the country. When

asked how the runners were standing the heat (it was 105 degrees on Saturday) he said that through the Mohave Desert where temperatures ranged between 115 and 120 degrees in the shade "there was no shade."

The runners started from Kirk, Colo., that morning and were arriving at different times. Each runner has his/her own crew and crew vehicle. They stop every two miles to give the runner food and water and have water splashed on them to cool them down. They stay at motels at night and, on Saturday night, they stayed at the Empire Motel.

Each runner pays his own expenses which are around \$10,000. Some of the runners have clothing sponsors and other receive sponsorships from the Burgess Group to cover some of the expenses.

The runners left Huntington Beach, Calif., on June 5 and expect to arrive in New York City on Aug. 24. For more information about the runners, log onto [www.runacrossamerica2002.com](http://www.runacrossamerica2002.com). Mr. Firth reported that the race is updated daily.



**RUNNING IN THE HEAT** — This runner from Japan was one of the nine runners who came through St. Francis.

# Resident adds more to old building info

*By Karen Krien*

In the July 18 issue of *The St. Francis Herald* was pictured the building located east of Bankwest being removed. Several of the residents remembered what businesses it had housed in years past but there were details which were unsure.

Andy Byerly called after the paper came out telling that in 1917 or 1918, he received his first "city" haircut there after his brother had decided to cut his hair and "it didn't look too good."

He thought the name of the barber was Dick Barens. The cost of the haircut was 15 cents and it came with a bottle of tonic. He remembered that there were other barbers, possibly Ted Smith's brother and, of course, he well remembered the Confer barbers (Ernest and Rex Confer).

# Student named All-American

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Cody L. Northrup, a student at Dexter Junior High School, has been named an All-American Scholar.

All-American Scholars are students who excel in the academic disciplines, earning a 3.3 grade point average or higher.

Northrup was nominated for this award by his school counselor, Kent Perry.

He will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Northrup is the son of Steven and Glenda Northrup of Roswell, N.M.. He is the grandson of Wayne and Vivian Horne of Logan and Norvin and Donna Northrup of St. Francis.

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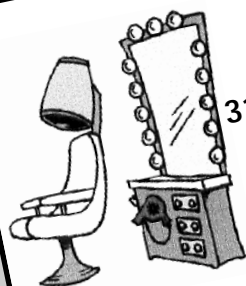
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