Thursday, January 9, 2003

119th Year, Number 2

6 inches ofsnow falls

By Karen Krien

The new year started just right in Cheyenne County with a wet, heavy snow storm which, for a change, had little wind with it. The snow fell in the early morning hours and throughout most of the day on Jan. 1 dumping up to 8.5 inches in Wheeler, 6 inches in St. Francis and 4 inches in Bird City.

Snowmen sprung up everywhere and kids were having a great time on

The county must have been a pocket as the further east the storm went, less snow fell. The National Weather Service in Goodland reported McDonald having no snow, Goodland had 4 inches, Colby had .5 inch and Wray had 1.5 inches. Yuma County in Colorado had 6 inches and Benkelman had 5 inches.

City, county and state crews were out all day on Wednesday clearing the roads and were out again on

The temperatures were predicted to be warm but with the snow cover, it was still cold and what snow melted during the day, quickly turned the streets into icy ruts by

Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, recorded 4.5 inches moisture

Cheyenne County along with most of northwest Kansas, eastern Colorado and southwest Nebraska has been suffering extreme drought and the wet snow was welcomed. Casey Johnson, county ag agent, said that, while the crops and grasslands are now dormant, any moisture stored up for spring will help.

The weather is expected to be warm through the middle of the week but a cold front is moving down from Canada and temperatures are predicted to drop and there is a chance of snow by Friday and See SNOW on Page 3



GIANT SNOWMAN — Addie Yost, front, and her sister Emme helped their parents, Jason and Stephanie Yost and Grandpa Dave build a big, big snowman following the storm on New

Candidates need to file

By Karen Krien

The city and school elections will be held in April but those filing for submitted at the county clerk's office by noon on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Those filing will need to either pay a \$5 fee or submit a petition with the required amount of signatures. If the candidate is thinking of submitting a petition, he or she should check with the county clerk to find out the number of signatures needed as there are different numbers for each city and school board.

It should be noted, that after a candidate has filed for an office, he cannot withdraw his name after the last date provided by law for filing for such candidacy.

open in both cities on both the school and city boards. In both cities, the up are: Roger Jensen and Rick council can have any number of can-Kriegh, council members, and Scott didates running but only the seats Schultz, mayor. Councilman Kriegh which are up for election will be

filled by the candidates with the most votes in the April 1 election.

To run for a seat on the city counoffice will need to have their names cil, the candidate must live within the city limits.

> School board elections have different rules and if there are more than three candidate running in a district, there will be a primary election on Feb. 25, eliminating the extra candidates.

> There are also different districts in the school district and to run for a certain position, the candidate must live in that district. A map showing the districts can be obtained at the county clerk's office.

City council/mayor

St. Francis — There are two city council seats and the position of There are a number of positions mayor which will be up for election.

Those members whose term are

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Annual Chamber meeting features **Secretary of State**

The annual St. Francis Area a Chamber meeting, the public is welcome to attend.

 $Secretary \, of \, State \, Thornburgh \, was \,$ and was extremely interesting as well as entertaining. Tickets for the dinner and speaker will be sold at the door. See advertisement in this week issue contact these members or Roger

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. Chamber of Commerce meeting with a social hour with a dinner of will feature Secretary of State Ron cordon bleu following. There will be Thornburgh at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at a short business meeting where the Riverside Recreation. While this is new board members will be elected and recognitions made. The speaker will then give his talk.

Board members whose terms are the speaker at the last annual meeting up or are wishing to be replaced are Shawna Blanka, Renee Braun and Ryan Shay. Anyone wishing to be a Chamber board member should

Emergency medical training options and costs checked

of emergency medical technician classes. and pay Mr. Gabel. At a meeting on Monday, Commissioner

Over the course of three meetings, the agreed to teach the class through Colby 31 commissioners' meeting, Mr. Gabel re- 220-hour class was amounting to \$82 per the hours it took to teach 12 to 18 students. Cheyenne County Commissioners spent Community College. The class will cost the ported that there were 10 individuals from hour and he along with the other commismuch time looking into the options and costs county nothing as the college will contract Bird City firmly committed to take the sioners felt this amount was high compared

Cheyenne County has been short of emer- two more from St. Francis. Tim Raile and Emergency Medical Service gency medical technicians for some time,

emergency medical technician class and to other counties.

Craig Button, St. Francis, had submitted Commissioner Raile pointed out that pay- a proposal to teach the same class and the ton met with the commissioners to discuss

However, Mr. Button could not teach a class until June as he is currently completing the Kansas accreditation requirements.

At a special meeting on Jan. 2, Mr. But-See TRAINING on Page 3

Director Larry Gabel met and Mr. Gabel especially in the Bird City area. At the Dec. ing Beth Gabel \$18,000 to teach the 160-to cost was about one-half, depending upon County commission deal with end-of-year business

Commissioners' meeting, end of the certain projects already planned. which were allowed. Mrs. Bowers year business including transferring and encumbering funds were among the items of business.

Resolutions signed included: 1) transferring funds from the Rural Fire budget to the Rural Fire Capital Outlay Fund; and 2) transferring funds from the Road and Bridge budget to the Special Machinery Fund. Funds encumbered from different departments included: 1) Landfill, \$7,900 to dig one more landfill pit; Bridge Building, \$10,000 for culvert replacement; treasurer's office, \$1,200 for new phones and installation; and county attorney, \$411 to purchase office equipment.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge

north of St. Francis.

In other business In other business:

had the license agreements concern- Development Committee was dising the taking of gravel with River cussed. If no one is found, Eric Fiala, Valley Ranch Trust 1 and 2, Gale Walz, which the commissioners reviewed. The commissioners agreed to accept the licenses.

• The Emergency Medical Technithe organization. cian classes and instructors were discussed. See article above.

supervisor, was cautious because of rector Larry Gabel and Jannelle day in the commissioners' room at the expected government funding Bowers, bookkeeper, presented the courthouse in St. Francis.

At the Dec. 31 Cheyenne County cutbacks so purposed to hold off on \$3,134.99 in ambulance write-offs The River Road project will not be was questioned about the number of started at this time but the supervi-hours she was working. She said she sor felt there was funding to com- was working 40 to 48 hours each plete the Olofson Bridge project week, depending on the work load. The month of November had 17 ambulance runs to bill.

> • The appointment to the Western • County attorney Kevin Berens Plains Resource Conservation and who is the present representative, has agreed to serve, however, he felt that, at this time, he did not have the time needed to properly represent

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meet-• Emergency Medical Service diing has been set for 8 a.m. on Mon-

St. Francis receives grant

communities to receive a water and sewer grant through the Community Development Block Grant program. The Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing reported that the 19 Kansas counties will share a total of \$6,517,433 in federally funded water and sewer grants.

With these grant awards, the Community Development Block Grant program will assist 16,030 Kansas residents, 9,708 of whom have low and moderate incomes.

St. Francis will receive \$400,000 to expand its current lagoon system and replace major portions of its sewer collection system. The Kan- water, \$400,000; Stark, sewer,

ronment will contribute \$400,000.

sewer grants, and the amounts of \$199,087 their grants, are as follows:

City of West Mineral, sewer, \$360,350; city of Gas, water, merce and Housing has also funded \$265,996; Harper County, water, \$400,000; Maize, water, \$270,000; Cedar Vale, water, \$400,000; Osage \$1,375,000 during this funding City, water, \$400,000; Soldier, water, \$240,000; Arma, sewer, upon each city or county fulfilling \$400,000; Erie, water, \$382,500; Hiawatha, sewer, \$400,000; qualify for the funds in January Macksville, water, \$400,000; Mont- 2004. The contingent grants are as gomery County, sewer, \$400,000; follows: Burlingame, water, Tipton, water, \$213,500; Toronto, \$400,000; Atlanta, water,

St. Francis is one of 19 Kansas sas Department of Health and Envi-\$186,000; Pomona, water, \$400,000; Strong City, water, Other recipients of water and \$400,000; Frontenac, water,

Contingent funding

The Kansas Department of Comfour "contingent" Community Development Block Grants totaling round. The grants are contingent certain obligations in order to

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Dog finds drugs

By Karen Krien

Several months ago, the county sheriff's department purchased a drug dog and the undersheriff and dog went for training which they received and were certified. Undersheriff Cliff Flock and the drug dog have continued training but the first real test came New Year's Eve when Officer Flock stopped a 1987 Honda going 74 miles per hour and driving erratically west of St.

Francis on U.S. 36. Officer Flock discovered that the driver, Martin G. Lara, 37, of Lochbuie, Colo., didn't have a driver's license, however, his passenger, Veronica Apodoca, 43, also of Lochbuie, said she had a license but didn't have it on her. Officer Flock called in the information Apodoca had given him and found that she did have a license. Because of the erratic driving and a difference in information given him by the two people in the vehicle, he released Bronson, the drug dog, who circled the car and made "hits." He was given permission to search the inside of the vehicle and that was when Bronson found a variety of drugs including cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana along with drug paraphernalia which had a street

were found behind the driver's seat in value of over \$2,000. a duffle bag. Officer Flock, on the Both Lara and Apodoca said



OFFICER CLIFF FLOCK and drug dog check out a car following the drug bust on New Year's Eve. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

they were unaware of the drugs which other hand, said the odor of drugs

was strong inside the vehicle.

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Congressman announces stops Congressman Jerry Moran has the thoughts and concerns of the

announced that his seventh annual "Big First Listening Tour" will get underway early in January. Each year since 1996 when he was first elected to Congress, the congressman has traveled to all counties in the First District of Kansas, holding a town-hall meeting in each with area residents. The tour gives people the opportunity to ask questions and give input concerning issues at the federal level.

"With so many challenges in Washington, D.C., and such difficult times in Kansas, common sense advice from the people of Kansas is more important than ever," Congressman Moran said. "It is essential to my job in Congress that I hear

people I represent."

will travel over 5,000 miles and meet with thousands of Kansans in courthouses, cafes and city halls while visiting all 69 counties in the First District, including the newly added counties of Geary, Greewood

The congressman has broken his tour into two parts and will be in St. Francis at the first of February. However, during the first tour, he will be traveling to Goodland where he will be visiting with people from 8 to 9 a.m. mountain timeon Jan. 22 at the Western State Bank, 815 Cen-

County's burial book has arrived

The Cheyenne County Burial cially the older citizens, should have Book arrived before Christmas as promised by the members of the Historical Society and is now being offered for sale at the Cheyenne County Museum in St. Francis.

All burials from 1885 to 2002 are printed in alphabetical order in the 300-page book. It is organized with information stating date of birth and death, whose husband or wife. whose son or daughter and the cemetery where they are buried. There is also space for additional births and

"We believe every home, espe-

one of these books," said Milton Lampe, president of the Historical Society.

To purchase a book, stop by the museum, or contact Mr. Lampe, 785-332-3119 or Tobe Zweygardt, 785-332-2087, or any member of

"We welcome anyone to attend our meetings at 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month," said Mr. Lampe. "Becoming a member helps support our museum and pro-

Lions K-4 meeting held in St. Francis

trict Governors meeting was held and hosted by Milton and Betty Lampe at their home on Saturday, Jan. 4. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate the District Governor for the year 2003-04 and suggest a nominee for the following year. Also, they talk about encouraging and promoting membership in local clubs. Membership is open to men and women to join the world-wide service organization which helps those less fortunate.

The International Lions Club Service Organization has helped milpromote youth activities, and help out in hardships and great disasters.

The annual Lions Club Past Dis- It is truly an honor and privilege to help those in need. The motto is "We

Guests attending were Past International Director, Blaine Rush and Vi of Colorado Springs, Colo.; District Governor Larry and Dolores Bodine, Hays; District Governor Elect Wally Severson, Gem; Past District Governor's Marvin and Louise Greenberg, Smith Center; Wes and Margaret Moore, Bob and Doris Winteroth and Jim and Roseanne Mill, all of Norton; Bill and Mary Paul and Jim and Marilyn Thyfault, Hays; Elmer and Donna lions of people to see or see better, Lawver, Colby; Bryan and Cinda to diagnose and prevent diabetes, to Hatcher, Goodland and John Powell and Bill Beamgard of Atwood.

—— Club Clip –

Plum Creek 4-H Club

Creek 4-H Club meeting to order on want for Christmas."

Some dates to remember were: enrollment cards were due Dec. 2 or as soon as possible, the add or drop deadline is May 1, beef weigh-in is March 1 from 1 to 3 p.m., small animal weigh in is May 3 from 1 to 3 p.m., fair is Aug. 6 to 9, dog show is Aug. 5 and pre-entries are due July

The kids exchanged gifts before partnering up with a little 4-H'er and

Kari Gienger called the Plum making crafts for the Village.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. ported that, as of Monday, only Troy Dec. 2. Roll call was "What do you Jan. 13 at the Equity meeting room. The 4-H Pledge was recited.

> Meeting adjourned. Amber Havel, reporter



Prizes will STAG Prizes will be given be given away! away! Hale Hall Thursday, Jan. 16 Celebrating 50 Years!

Supper • 6:30-8:30 p.m. MST

Colby Community College Outreach Classes • St. Francis ENROLLMENT: Tues., Jan. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Grade School Lunchroom (use back door), Carol Wolters, 785-332-2580 (home) or 785-332-2928 (church). Classes not listed may be offered if sufficient interest exists. For summer enrollment, call Carol Wolters by May 20.

| NO. | COURSE | CR. | INSTR. | PLACE | TIME/DAY |
|--------|------------------------------|-----|------------|----------|--------------|
| CS105 | Computer Literacy | 1 | K. O'Brien | Hi Sc | 4:00p/MTWR 3 |
| BI276 | Anatomy & Physiology I | 4 | Staff | TBA | TBA/TBA 1 |
| BI276L | Anatomy & Physiology I Lab | 0 | Staff | TBA | TBA/TBA 1 |
| HE101 | Basic Nutrition | 3* | R. Stark | Hospital | 6:30p/Wed 4 |
| EN110 | Medical Terminology | 1 | C. Hetrick | Hospital | 6:00/Fri 2 |
| EN177 | English Composition II | 3 | Staff | Hi Sc | TBA/TBA 1 |
| PO176 | American Government | 3 | Staff | Hi Sc | TBA/TBA 1 |
| PS176 | General Psychology | 3 | Staff | Hi Sc | TBA/TBA 1 |
| OT139 | Desktop Publishing | 3 | Staff | Hi Sc | TBA/TBA 1 |
| MA178 | College Algebra | 3 | Staff | Hi Sc | TBA/TBA 1 |
| HI177 | Am. History 1865 to Present | 3 | Staff | Hi Sc | TBA/TBA 1 |
| SP176 | Speech I (Summer) | 3 | Staff | Hi Sc | TBA/TBA 1 |
| SP106 | Interpersonal Com. (Sm.) | 3 | Staff | Hi Sc | TBA/TBA 1 |
| EN219 | Introduction to Lit.(Summer) | 3 | Staff | Hi Sc | TBA/TBA 1 |

1 Night & starting date will be determined by the enrollment 2 Class will meet at the Cheyenne Co. Hospital Conference Room at 6:30-10 p.m. for four Fridays

with the starting date to be determined. 3 Class will meet at 4-8 p.m. on Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs., on Jan. 27, 28, 29, 30; Feb. 3, 4, 5 and

6 in the high school computer room.

enroll & pay fees before then.

4 Class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wed. at the Cheyenne Co. Hospital beginning Jan. 22. *Interactive television classes have an additional \$5 per credit hour course fee. Contact the coordinator at the site you will attend the ITV class to pre-register. Refer to the ITV sched-

ules for additional information on courses and sites. If you can't be there on enrollment night, please call Carol Wolters BEFORE Tues., Jan. 14 to

During the next few months, he

They are being pulled by their father Kevin Ritchey. **TRAINING**

SLED RIDING WITH A LITTLE POWER was enjoyed by Mercedes and Kalin during the snow storm New Year's Day.

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teaching the class. The commissioners asked Mr. Button about his thoughts and capabilities of teaching an emergency medical technician class and why his bid to teach the class did not include any connections with Colby Community College. Mr. Button said that he felt he could teach the class independent of the college and do it for a lower cost, cutting out the middleman (the college). He reported that he had been an

emergency medical technician in 1976 and then went on to become a paramedic and has been a paramedic for 25 years. He said he has been teaching emergency medical technician classes for 25 years, both privately and in the military sectors including the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, classes in Maine, Massachusetts and Maryland and was also an emergency medical service program coordinator for Northern Maine Tech College. His job in the Air Force Reserve included teaching emergency medical technician instructor courses for Air Force personnel.

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will have already resigned before the

filing but the council will appoint a

person to fill out the term until the

April 8 regular city council meeting

when the elected councilman takes

on the city council up for election.

These positions are currently being

served by Wade Carmichael, Canda

Election officer Terry Miller re-

Burr had filed for the Bird City coun-

cil position and Roger Jensen for the

Board of education

St. Francis — There four seats on

the St. Francis Board of Education

which will be up for election. Posi-

tions are: District 1, position 1, Cliff

Raile; District 2, position 2, Bonnie

Zweygardt; District 3, position 3, John Knodel; and Member-At-

There has been three incumbents,

Large, position 7, Sherry Weeks.

St. Francis council position.

Orten and Ned Smith.

classes but will still need an instructor/coordinator to have final responsibility for the class until his certification is complete. He said that, as a function of the normal education services at the Cheyenne County Hospital, he would be offering continuing education classes for emergency medical technician re-certification. These classes will be at no charge and on a monthly basis. With the current construction at the clinic, the classes will most likely start in March and possibly be held at local churches until there will be space available at the clinic or hospital. Mr. Button also talked about the

Mr. Button is able to teach the

possibility of offering First Response classes in the future for people who need emergency medical service training but aren't able to attend a complete emergency medical technician course.

Mr. Button suggested that the commissioners contact Colby Community College and the Board of Emergency Medical Services to clarify questions they had on the actual requirements on who could teach and

Bonnie Zweygardt, Sherry Weeks

and John Knodel, file for positions on

Cheylin — The Cheylin Board of

Education has three seats up for elec-

tion including District 2, position 2,

SNOW

the financial requirements to teach classes through the college.

Commissioner Ron Krien was also present at the meeting but commissioner Jane Brubaker could not attend. She joined the group by phone conference and said that some of the emergency medical technician class candidates from Bird City had contacted her, asking why the commissioners would not allow the classes.

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Lara and Apodoca said they were headed for a party in Bird City. Both were arrested and charged with possession of a narcotic drug with intent to sell, possession of hallucinogenic drug, no drug tax stamp, two counts of possession of paraphernalia. The car was impounded and both Lara and Apodoca were taken to the Sherman County Bastille where, on Monday, they were still being held at \$100,000 bond each.

Their first court appearance was held Thursday, Jan. 2, in Cheyenne County District Court and the preliminary hearing is set for Monday, Jan. 13.

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\$175,000; Onaga, sewer, \$400,000; Eric Churchwell; District 1, position Peabody, sewer, \$400,000.

Water and sewer grants are basis. For more information, contact sheriff officers believe that there Salih Doughramaji in the Commuare more and if people know what nity Development Division of the to look for, there could be several Kansas Department of Commerce less labs. and Housing at 785-296-3485, email salih@kansascommerce.com, class, contact the sheriff's departor TTY (Hearing Impaired) at 785- ment at 785-332-8880. 296-3487.

Happy

Birthday

Kevin!

Love, Dad, Mom & April

She had informed them this was misinformation and that a class would be held but in the most fiscally respon-

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

As the meeting ended, Commissioner Raile agreed to talk to the college and the Board of Emergency Services

When he met with Mr. Gabel on Monday, Commissioner Krien had agreed by a phone consensus to have Mr. Gabel teach the class with Colby Community College picking up the instructor expenses.

What to look for!!

Parents, emergency medical technicians, firemen and other interested people are urged to attend a methamphetamine informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 23 at the high school in St. Francis.

The class is being taught by Scott Teeselink, a crime prevention specialist with the Kansas Farm Bureau. Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring and Cliff Flock, undersheriff, attended Mr. Teeselink's class in Atwood last summer and found it to be very

Mr. Teeselink will be talking about methenamine — what to look for, the products used in producing the drug and other such in-

There have been two meth labs awarded annually on a competitive uncovered in St. Francis and the

For more information about the

Bird City — There are three seats 5, David Frisbee; and District 2, po-

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through the weekend.

sition 4, Kerby Krien.

the school board.

Temperatures and moisture recorded by Weather Observer Woodcox are as follows:

Date Low High Prec. Snow

| Dec. 31 | 55 | 17 |
|---------|----|----|
| Jan. 1 | 33 | 12 |
| Jan. 2 | 33 | 12 |
| Jan. 3 | 46 | 17 |
| Dec. 4 | 47 | 27 |
| Dec. 5 | 46 | 22 |
| Dec. 6 | 52 | 27 |

NOTICE TIME TO REGISTER YOUR DOG 2003 DOG TAGS ARE HERE!

Come to the City Office, 209 E. Washington, to register your dog(s) The annual registration fee is \$3 for each neutered male and spayed female dog Land \$10 for each unneutered male and female dog. Please bring in a copy of your dog's rabies record.



would like to invite to their annual meeting the

Members & the Public

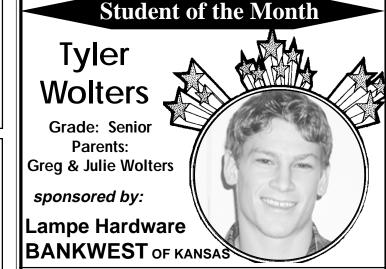
Featured speaker will be Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh

> Tues., Jan. 14 6 p.m. Social Hour •• 7 p.m. Dinner at Riverside Recreation

and will be available at the door

W. Hwy. 36 • St. Francis Tickets are \$10





Tyler Wolters, a senior at St. Francis Community High school, is the January Student of the Month.

Tyler is involved this year in FCA, football, basketball and track. His hobbies include basketball, Playstation, being with friends and taking part in all the social activities.

After St. Francis Community High School, Tyler plans on attending K-State University and studying journalism. In ten years, Tyler is in hopes of being a part of a newspaper staff somewhere in the midwest.

Tyler's favorite quote is: "Don't go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

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