



SNOW ON THURSDAY (above) but by Monday, Linda Rogers was mowing her lawn. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

## Election results told

**By Karen Krien**  
 The school and city election was held Tuesday with only 21 percent of the registered voters going to the polls to cast their ballots. Terry Miller, county election officer, reported only 649 people voted in the election.

The only races in the election were that of St. Francis Board of Education, District 1, position 1, where incumbent Cliff Raile won the seat 17 votes over Pete Kinen and incumbents Roger Jensen and Dale Weeks won the St. Francis City Council seats over Bud Erskin.

The Rawlins County Clerk reported that the vote to consolidate the Herndon school with the Atwood Schools had overwhelmingly passed.

**Final votes were:**

<b>St. Francis City Council</b>	
Bud Erskin	27
Roger Jensen	197
Dale Weeks	215
<b>St. Francis Mayor</b>	
Scott Schultz	221
<b>Bird City City Council</b>	
Frank Serrano	68
Troy Burr	76
Loren White (write-in)	55
<b>St. Francis Board of Education</b>	
Pete Kinen	151
Clifford Raile	168
Bonnie Zwegardt	287
John Knodel	299
Sherry Weeks	286
<b>Cheylin Board of Education</b>	
David Frisbie	179
Wade Carmichael	183
Kerby Krien	180

## Junior Miss earns second runner-up

**By Karen Krien**  
 Jenny Weems, Cheyenne County's 2003 Junior Miss, placed second runner-up in the Kansas Junior Miss contest on Saturday night.

"I was extremely surprised," Jenny said. "At first, I was in shock and then I started to cry."

The senior girls in the contest had spent the past week working hard on routines and talent numbers but there were some fun times as the girls participated in a number of activities and got to know each other.

Jenny said that it was an awesome week and she had met some really nice girls including making a new "best friend."

Vickie Cress, chairman of the county program, reported that Jenny had done an exception job.

"Her poise was outstanding, her physical fitness routine was suburban as was her talent number," she said.

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Weems



## Weather turns from winter to summer temps

On Thursday, there was snow but by Monday, the temperatures had reached 75 degrees. However, throughout the week, Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported a low 22 degrees on both Friday and Saturday.

There was less than an inch of moisture in the snow but it was still welcomed by farmers, ranchers and just about everybody. The wheat fields turned a bright green almost overnight. There are daffodils blooming and flowering trees and bushes are budding.

The temperatures are supposed to be warm all week and there is a chance of rain over the weekend.

Date	High	Low
March 25	71	33
March 26	60	37
March 27	33	25
March 28	43	22
March 29	52	22
March 30	62	30
March 31	75	36

## Hospital administrator announces company pledges \$81,000 tax credits

**By Karen Krien**  
 An accounting company in Montezuma has contacted the Cheyenne County Hospital Administrator that the owner has a client who will be giving \$81,000 toward the Community Service Project which is funded through Kansas Income Tax Credits.

The Hospital Tax Credit Fund

now has \$254,260 in cash and commitments. The \$45,740 left of the allowed \$300,000 will need to be raised by Dec. 31.

Les Lacy, hospital administrator, told the hospital board at the March meeting that other individuals or businesses wanting to take advantage of the Community Service Tax Credit Project should plan to either pledge or give very soon or the hospital may run out of tax credits.

The Community Service Project allows individuals and businesses to steer their taxes back home and it is a way for people who want to donate to the hospital to maximize the contribution while minimizing their costs.

To qualify for and take advantage of this tax credit, taxpayers must file taxes in Kansas. When they make a qualified donation, they will get 70 percent of that donation back as a refundable Kansas income tax credit.

"This means that 70 percent of your donation is used to pay the Kansas income tax you owe. It's money you would have had to send to Topeka," the administrator said. "There are additional benefits on the

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## Set clocks ahead

Spring is here and on Sunday, people should plan to set their clocks ahead an hour before going to bed Saturday night or you might be late to church Sunday morning.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday. The actual time change is 2 a.m. on Sunday but most people will not be up at that hour and should just take care of the clock changes a little earlier. So, if you go to bed at 11 p.m., reset the clock for midnight.

While it will stay light longer in the evening, it will still be dark when many people, especially school kids, get ready for the day. Be careful on the way to work.

It would also be a good idea to get to bed an hour earlier than usual or you'll end up losing an hour of sack time and it could take the whole week to catch up.

Everyone is also urged to change the batteries in their smoke alarms rather than to wait until there is strange sound like a bird chirping or there is an emergency and the alarm doesn't go off. Firemen suggest that by changing the batteries, it could save a life.

## Peeker pleads guilty; sentenced

**By Michelle L. Hawkins**  
 The District Courtroom at the Thomas County Courthouse was filled with parents, coaches, school representatives and students on Friday afternoon as Adam F. Juenemann of Brewster walked somberly in to take his seat before Judge Richard Ress.

Juenemann has been locked in the county jail for six months after he was caught shooting video tapes of unsuspecting young girls in a shower room at Brewster High School during a junior varsity volleyball tournament on Sept. 28.

Coaches, who had to identify victims on the video, reported over 50 girls were taped in the two-day time frame of the tournament. These girls come from five school districts including Colby, Jennings, Brewster, St. Francis and Cheylin (Bird City).

In a plea bargain with the state of Kansas, Juenemann plead guilty to charges of eavesdrop-

## Tractors bought for lease price

**By Karen Krien**  
 After many meetings of discussing whether or not to lease or purchase two tractors used for mowing ditches during the summer, the Cheyenne County Commissioners at the Monday meeting, agreed to purchase the two tractors which were leased three years ago. The purchase pay off price of the John Deere tractors was \$72,533.

Ron Krien, commissioner, said that there were some older tractors that the county road and bridge crew was using and, he would rather see one of those replaced instead of leasing two new tractors to replace the purchased John Deere tractors. The tractors which were purchased had previously been leased by the county and Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, pointed out that the county had fallen short of even using the hours allowed in the lease.

Supervisor Flemming reported that the scraper which the county had purchased had finally made it home after being caught in a snow storm in Colorado. He indicated that the equipment was in much better shape than expected and had caused fewer repairs.

In other road and bridge department business, the superintendent reported:

- The illegal landfill cleanup (there were three projects) was complete and the state had paid 75 percent of the cost. The county will pick up the other 25 percent of the cleanup cost.
- That when scarifying the road, the crew brings up the dirt which will mix with the gravel. In a complaint in the Bird City area, the supervisor said that he thought that, in a few weeks, that road would be okay and if not, he would put some gravel on it.
- "Scarifying is just stabilizing the road base," he said.
- Commissioner Tim Raile asked that the road and bridge crew put some binder on the Callicrate road south of St. Francis because it was a good road but the wind was causing erosion.

The supervisor announced that he would be hiring part-time help.



GETTING READY FOR THE PROM—Heidi Rohweder tries on her prom dress and grandma Lavon Schlittenhardt makes some adjustments.

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federal income tax for those who itemize. People need to visit with their tax preparer to be clear about those."

Administrator Lacy said there is a chance that if the project has collected the amount awarded by the state and it has been filled early enough, he can file an application for addition funds if there are any left.

The administrator also informed the board that the state legislature is trying to pass a House Bill 2162 which would channel 80 percent of the tax credit money into one specific project and the other 20 percent would be divided into much smaller projects. The board signed a letter requesting that the bill be killed.

**Clinic basement renovation**  
The board spent considerable time discussing the renovation of the clinic basement in St. Francis. The remodeling of the main floor of the clinic was paid for with Tax Credit funds but the basement will be done mostly with in-house and volunteer labor.

The clinic basement will house the large meeting room which was originally there as well as the county health office which has been located on U.S. 36. Board members felt that there could be changes in the layout of the county health clinic and it was suggested that before walls for rooms are erected, they should "chalk" out the rooms on the floor. They also felt it was important that Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, and her assistant have input in the plans.

The administrator and board were concerned about the dust tracking

onto the new carpet in the main clinic which will soon be ready for operation. A discussion of dust control in the basement followed and the board requested costs for tile in the unfinished hallways in that area.

The remodeling of the main floor of the clinic was discussed and it was noted that the architects will have a "walk through" in the very near future.

**Administrator's report**

In the administrator's report:  
• Inpatient volume was fairly good as of March 13 and the outpatient volume seemed stronger.

• The hospital had been able to meet its cash needs since the last board meeting.  
• All on-site year-end and audit work had been completed.

In other business:  
• The bid opening for the hospital building and renovation project has tentatively been set for 2 p.m. on April 22.

• Treasurer Traci Neitzel was asked to invest some board funds where they would gain more interest. She will look into it and report back to the board.

• Board chairman Rueben Schultz was concerned that the architect fees for blue prints were more than the percentage they had quoted. The administrator will look into the matter.  
• Swede Calnon, board member, asked about the gas bill which the fair board has billed the hospital for.

**Next meeting**

The next regular meeting of the board will be held at 7 p.m. on April 17 in the clinic basement board room in St. Francis.



FOR THE SECOND TIME, fire struck the historical Church of God building, but this time the fire was done through a controlled burn by the local firemen.

Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick

## Old McDonald church is leveled

By Casey McCormick

Fire again claimed the old Church of God building in McDonald but this time it was a controlled burn by the local fire department in order to demolish what could have been a hazard. On Thursday, as some area residents watched, a match was set to what was left of the structure.

"It breaks my heart to see it gone," said Eunice Officer as she watched from her front porch just to

the south of the church's corner lot. "I was here when it was built," she said.

The Church of God was constructed in 1926 and was known for the beautiful stained glass windows and curved back oak pews. With time the congregation grew older and members began to dwindle.

In 1969 the church was purchased by Danny Hartman and family. Though Mr. Hartman lives in Loxley, Ala., he grew up in

McDonald and attended the church as a kid. He had been using the building to store some of his antique car collection and other property until April 27, 2002, when four youth broke into the structure and lit it on fire.

Luckily the boys escaped and earlier, Mr. Hartman had removed one of his vehicles, a 1940 Lincoln. But three cars were destroyed, all 1950s Ford coupes and the four boys were never brought to justice.

All have moved from McDonald with their families but since "they were wards of the state," said Mr. Hartman, "we couldn't do anything about it."

Mr. Hartman and "Shorty" Hawkins of McDonald, had used an old winch truck to drag the charred cars out of the partially demolished church before the McDonald Volunteer Firefighters set off what remained.

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to pay restitution to Brewster schools and to also pay for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the victims, such as counseling.

Calvin Williams, Juenemann's attorney, requested there be no fine given, due to the amount of financial responsibility he would already have to pay.

"I would ask to waive the fine so what money we do have can go to the other things we need to take care of," Williams said.

Ress denied the request and fined Juenemann an additional \$1,000. "We just can't tolerate this stuff," Ress said.

Ress also warned Juenemann that any contact with the victims would be a violation of his probation. Before adjournment, Ress reminded Juenemann if the terms were not completed he would go back to jail.

"You know what you have to look forward to," Ress said. "You need to make a change."

As Juenemann was escorted through the back door and his par-

ents left the courtroom, several mothers of girls who had been video-taped shed tears and sat stunned at the leniency of the sentence.

"We need to examine the laws of the state of Kansas," said St. Francis head volleyball coach Kent Kechter. "Video voyeurism doesn't receive the penalty it needs to."

Thirty-two girls from St. Francis were taped, and assistant coach Susan Dinkel said the effects of the situation on the girls was very dramatic. "Now when the teams travel, the girls insist the locker rooms are thoroughly checked before they use them," she said.

One parent said she found the effects to not just be in the locker room situations. "They are always worrying that someone is watching them," she said.

Laura Rush, volleyball coach and athletic director at Brewster, said many of the girls have been coping with the situation in different ways.

"It is just sad they have to deal with this at their age," she said.

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Jenny's talent number on Saturday was a clarinet solo, "Beauty and Joy" by Chenette. Mrs. Cress said there was a microphone problem which did not help the outcome of the number but Jenny still performed well.

Each contestant was asked a question. Jenny's question was "How would you handle a difficult person?" Jenny said that she would think, "This person is just one in a million — I just need to get through this one situation and then things will be fine."

Each girl had a host family and Jenny's family was Mikel and Janelle Hadachek, Erica and Gary.

"I loved my host family. They helped me so much and my host mom and I would talk for hours each night — they treated me like I was one of their own children," she said.

"People just don't realize how much contestants appreciate the

support from home. I received flowers, cards, letters and calls encouraging me — that support really helped."

The winner of the contest was Moriah Wagner from Mankato. She will now compete in the national Junior Miss pageant in Mobile, Ala., in June.

The first runner-up was Valerie Brax representing Washington County.

**County program recognized**  
The Cheyenne County Junior Miss program was also recognized Saturday night as the Most Outstanding Program in the state of Kansas and Mrs. Cress was there to receive the award.

"We do have an excellent program but it would not be possible if it were not for the support and help of the people in Bird City and St. Francis," Mrs. Cress said.

# SECOND

## From the Library

Book review from St. Francis Public Library

**2nd Chance**

By James Patterson

Master of suspense James Patterson takes us into a terrifying underworld with this second thriller in his dazzling new Women's Murder Club series.

The sensational killings that have rocked San Francisco appear to be unrelated except in their brutality. But detective Lindsay Boxer senses there's one thread connecting them all. She calls her friends in the Women's Murder Club together to see if they can discover what it is. Surely some clue has been overlooked by their bosses and male colleagues.

Working with *Chronicle* reporter Cindy Thomas, Assistant District Attorney Jill Bernhardt, and medical examiner Claire

Washburn, Lindsay discovers that there is indeed a link. The victims were of different ages, lived in different locations, and were killed with different weapons. But each had a close relative in a particular profession, a profession that sends a chill through Lindsay's heart.

The partners in the Women's Murder club realize that this killer is after something unspeakable, something deeper than revenge, and that the next target could be one of them. They deduce where the killer is likely to strike next and bait a trap that can't be resisted. But if their calculation is wrong, the consequences will be lethal. And there will be no second chance.



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