



## City owns three-fourths of bridge

By Karen Krien

Replacing bridges was among the items discussed when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Wednesday, June 30. No decisions were made.

Tim Raile, commissioner, asked Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, about the Mill and Seed bridge, located just

west of the business. He felt that the bridge needed to be replaced and put on the five-year plan. Supervisor Flemming said that three-fourths of the bridge belongs to the city of St. Francis. However, the county had replaced the guard rail after an accident had occurred on the bridge. The supervisor will look further into what can be done to replace

the bridge.

John Finley, St. Francis, who was in the audience, added that he thought if several of the trees were taken out on the south side of the road, it would allow better vision.

### Building remodeling

The fair board president Dick Bursch was once again on the agenda to discuss the re-

modeling of the fair exhibit building. The remodeling had been tabled but the board had received \$2,500 promised for the remodeling. The board still needs \$1,800 to cover the expenses.

The commissioners said there was money in the Parks and Recreation Fund which could probably be allocated to the fair board

for the remodeling but they wanted the fair board members see if there were other people or businesses willing to give money.

President Bursch reported that Dan Penn, St. Francis contractor, had agreed to oversee the remodeling. The president had also compared prices and found that the price for

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## Wheat yields, quality are poor

By Karen Krien

For weeks, it has appeared that there would be little or no harvest. Cheyenne County farmers and ranchers were into their fifth year of drought and no rain seems to be in sight.

However, in June, the rain began to fall. It was too late for most of the wheat harvest, which had needed snowfall in January and February and then warm sunny days with more rain this spring. To top off a poor wheat harvest, there was a late May frost which pretty much finished the crop off.

But, there was a little wheat out there, especially in some of the irrigated fields and when the farmer had hit the planting just right for the wheat to germinate and grow.

Harvest began slow because of the cool temperatures and little showers. At first, there was little complaining because rain is so desperately needed but, now Tye Faulkender, Extension director, says it is so wet that in some fields, the wheat is sprouting in the heads and rust is beginning to set in. The rain has also been a boost for weeds which were not sprayed



LAST OF WHEAT was unloaded at the St. Francis Equity elevator. Tim Burr, manager, said there is little wheat left in the county to be harvested. Raymond Straub watches as the driver unloads.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

because the farmers did not expect much wheat to be harvested let alone rain.

Tim Burr, St. Francis Equity manager, said yields are bad,

quality is worse and the late cuttings had sprouting in the heads.

Harvey Holzwarth commented the only thing that hasn't hit this year's wheat crop is fire.

Area elevators contain only a small percentage of a normal harvest, hoping that the turn around will be in a few months when the corn, beans and milo start coming in.

## Now is the time to think 'fair float'

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Fair is less than a month away and with the fair comes the Fair Parade which is set for 10 a.m. on Aug. 7 in downtown St. Francis.

This year's theme is "As Good As It Gets" and there is no time like the present to start planning a float for the parade. The ideas are endless and the results will be worthwhile.

The 2004 Grand Marshall has been selected and will be revealed during the week of the parade.

Last year, the parade marched down a different route and will continue that same route this year, starting at the high school and ending at the west end of Main Street. Everyone is encouraged to come down and enjoy the fun on Main Street.

The floats will be judged begin-

ning at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday. The antique cars will also be judged at that same time.

"If you want your float judged, please be present on College Street west of the high school and the practice field," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber Secretary.

The antique cars are asked to line up in the drive north of the high school.

The parade is being coordinated by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. Parade Committee members are Carla Lampe, Dawn Lucas, Kim Ritter, Gloria Bracelin, Rick Lucas, Brittany Lucas and Brooke Lucas.

Entry forms are available at First National Bank, Bankwest, the Chamber office and The Saint Francis Herald office.

## Remodeling back on fair board agenda

By Lezlie Hilt

The Cheyenne County Fair Board went back to discussing the remodeling of the exhibit building at the July 1 meeting. At the June meeting, the board had decided to table the matter because there was a lack of funding for the project.

President Dick Bursch had been contacted after the commissioners read that the board decided to table the remodeling. One commissioner told Mr. Bursch that they did not want the project tabled and gave him a name of a business. Mr. Bursch contacted the business man and was told that they would donate \$1,000 and maybe even \$1,500.

Mr. Bursch went to the wildlife group and told them what he had and asked if they would still be interested in helping with the remodeling with no strings attached and he was told that the organization would also put up \$1,000.

Mr. Bursch then had Brent Rueb, owner of Tri-State Lumber in St. Francis, do an updated bid.

Mr. Bursch took the information to the commissioners and said they would put up the balance of what was needed. Jared Douthit moved to go into a closed session (no reason

## Activities planned for fair

The Cheyenne County Fair activities have been slated for Aug. 4 through 7 although they will start as early as July 28 with the 4-H arts and crafts conference judging and display.

On Monday, Aug. 2, the 4-H fashion revue judging, Life Skill Judging, clothing con-

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for the session mentioned) and when they returned they voted to make the improvements but they will not start until after the fair.

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## Area continues to receive rain

By Karen Krien

Rain slowed down the fireworks Sunday evening when the clouds turned a dark blue and rain mixed with a little hail fell just before sunset. On Monday, the clouds began to once again boil up in the west and the National Weather Service was sending out warnings of high winds, rain and hail.

The St. Francis weather observer, Kathy Woodcox reported over an inch falling in the last week: .81 inch on June 30; .34 inch on Sunday .25 inch on Monday. Eddie Dankenbring, south of Wheeler, had a total of over 6 inches last week.

St. Francis evidently missed much of the wind but 9 miles north of St. Francis, Darrell and Tammy

Pettijohn saw the wind damage after hearing a loud "crack" and seeing a tree fall over on their 1991 Ford Explorer. The wind relocated a barbecue grill and oil tankers were flipped over. Mrs. Pettijohn was unsure just how fast the wind blew but she said Tom Williams, a neighbor, thought it was around 90 miles per hour.

"It (storm) blew through so fast that it was over shortly after it started," Mrs. Pettijohn said.

Matt Mehle, with the National Weather Service, Goodland, said that the Weather Service had a report of 1.4 inches in McDonald. The baseball games which were supposed to be played on Tuesday were

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## Candidates have opportunity to give their views, opinions

By Karen Krien

All candidates running for county offices, House of Representatives and State Senate candidates were given the opportunity to meet with St. Francis and Bird City people and give a short talk on Monday evening. The meeting was organized by the Kansas Right for Life organization and was originally set to meet at the city park in St. Francis before the clouds started building and the thunder began to boom!

Those candidates present were: Rep. John Faber (R) and Bob Strevey (D), both running for State Representative, 120th District; Ralph Ostmeier and Dan Rasure, both Republicans and running for the State Senate, 40th District; incumbent Ron Krien, commissioner, District 3; and Kelly Morris, commissioner, District 2; Chuck Kribs and Gary Morris, sheriff; Mary Morrow,

and, Deb Patton, representing her husband Dale Patton, who will be running for commissioner, District 2, as an affiliate on the general election ticket.

They gave a short talk on some of the issues they felt were important. They also answered questions from the audience.

Rep. Faber told the audience that he was "the same guy the people elected 7 1/2 years ago," that he was a pro-life supporter and wouldn't sign a "no tax increase" because, to keep schools in northwest Kansas, it may be necessary.

"When a school is closed down, the community dries up and blows away," he said.

He was unhappy with the closing session of the Kansas legislature's no increase for education, noting that the governor revealed that the state had received a \$65 million windfall and it could have been used for school funding.

Bob Strevey said he had supported Rep. Faber but thought the people needed a choice so had changed his party affiliation from Republican to Democrat. A retired teacher of 31 years, farmer, cattleman, and laundry manager at the Norton Correctional facility, he said he was interested in the development of this area because if something doesn't come in, property tax will go up. He is opposed to borrowing from different funds, noting that when this is done, we are just burdening our children and grandchildren.

He is on the U.S. 36 Association board and wants to see a plan made to make U.S. 36 stronger, saying that Missouri will soon be making U.S. 36 a four-lane highway.

Dan Rasure is concerned about the population decrease, schools and roads. He would like to see more businesses coming to northwest Kansas, focusing on small manufac-



MANY GATHERED TO ENJOY the food before listening to the candidates who had come to the 'Meet the Candidates' potluck sponsored by the Kansans For Life organization.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

turing businesses and helping present businesses to grow. He said that if the population continues the same rate of decline, in 20 years, he

will not be able to live in northwest Kansas. As one of the younger candidates, he informed the audience that he had majored in business

management in college and, when asked the question of what such a young person could bring to the

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 canceled because the field was underwater with the pitcher's mound looking like an island in the ocean.  
 Billy and Gerri Lampe, St. Francis, reported having a prairie dog in their garage following the storm Sunday evening. The were in the yard when they heard screeching coming from the garage. They, along with

Ken Knorr, managed to get him out and he immediately disappeared.  
 Temperatures have been below normal (normal high is 90 degrees) throughout the past two weeks. However, those temperatures are about to change as the forecast is for highs in the 90s and lows in the 60s. There is also a chance of isolated showers over the weekend.

## Public Notices

### Petition filed in county court praying for administration

Published in The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, Thursdays, July 8, July 15 and July 22, 2004. (28-30)  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Ervin Hilt, Deceased  
 Case No. 04-PR-13  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:**  
 You are hereby notified that on June 29, 2004, a Petition was filed in this Court by Martin G. Hilt, an heir and named Executor in the Last Will and Testament of Ervin Hilt, deceased, dated September 26, 1997, praying for Informal Administration and to Admit the Will to Probate and

for Determination of Validity of Consent.  
 You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 30, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in this Court, in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.  
**MARTIN G. HILT, PETITIONER**  
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### Notice of primary election and voting hours and voting places

Published in The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, and The Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, Thursdays, July 8, July 15 and July 22, 2004. (28-30).  
**NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION**  
 August 3, 2004  
**STATE OF KANSAS, CHEYENNE COUNTY,** ss Office of the County Clerk, St. Francis as required by K.S.A. 25-209, notice is hereby given that there will be a primary election held in Cheyenne County, Kansas, August 3, 2004.  
**VOTING HOURS AND VOTING PLACES**  
 The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. at several polling places in Cheyenne County, Kansas. The polling places are Benkelman Township-Courthouse Basement; Bird City Township-Bird City American Legion Hall; Calhoun Township-Courthouse Basement; Cleveland Run Township-Courthouse Basement; Jaqua Township-Courthouse Basement; Orlando Township-Courthouse Basement; Wano I Township-Peace Lutheran Church; Wano II Township-United Methodist Church.  
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 Republican: Samuel D. Brownback, Topeka; Arch Naramore, Lawrence  
 United States House of Representatives, 1st District:  
 Democratic: None  
 Republican: Jerry Moran, Hays  
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 Republican: Ralph Ostmeyer, Grinnell; Dan Rasure, Goodland  
 State Representative, 120th District: Democratic: Bob Streyvey, Norcatour  
 Republican: John Faber, Atwood; Doug Sebelius, Norton  
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 Republican: Jack L. Burr, Goodland  
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 Republican: Robert Van Allen, Wheeler; William Fiedler, Jr., St. Francis  
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 County Commissioner District 3:  
 Democratic: None  
 Republican: Andy Beikman, St. Francis; Ron Krien, St. Francis  
 County Clerk: Democratic: None  
 Republican: Terry Miller, St. Francis  
 County Treasurer: Democratic: None  
 Republican: Dolores Jenik, St. Francis  
 Register of Deeds: Democratic: None  
 Republican: Mary Morrow, St. Francis  
 County Attorney: Democratic: None  
 Republican: None  
 County Sheriff: Democratic: None  
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**WITNESS MY HAND and seal of my office this 2nd day of July, 2004**  
**SEAL**  
 /s/ Terry Miller  
**TERRY MILLER**  
 County Election Officer

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materials given by Brent Rueb, owner of Tri-State Lumber, was under the prices in other businesses. Commissioner Raile said he would like to see carpet halfway up the wall to help with the acoustics.  
 It was noted that Janice Krien and Jon Roelfs were cleaning the kitchen and rest rooms and Keith Peter was finishing up the painting in the kitchen and other areas.  
 President Bursch said the fair board wanted the commissioners to make the decision on whether alcohol could be sold or served at the fairgrounds. The members were concerned about liability.  
 The board policy now reads that no alcohol is sold at the fairgrounds. In prior meetings, the commissioners did not allow alcohol at public functions such as the demolition derby.  
 Attorney Kevin Berens said that state law says the fair board and commissioners are not liable if someone leaves the fairgrounds intoxicated and has a wreck.  
 The commissioners were firm on their stand that alcoholic beverages could not be sold at the fairgrounds. Attorney Berens said even if the commissioners allowed it, the people selling it would need a license. However, the final word on the commissioners was that no alcoholic beverages should be sold at the fairgrounds.

**Road and bridge report**  
 Frank Sowers, Benkelman, who owns land in Cheyenne County, spoke to the commissioners about a road which a farmer was farming so Mr. Sowers could not get through. Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said he had talked to the farmer, Troy Burr. Supervisor Flemming and Commissioner Jane Brubaker will look at the road and report back at the next meeting.  
 Commissioner Raile commended Supervisor Flemming on the Wiley Bridge Project and said it looked good. Supervisor Flemming told the commissioners about a new "pull-behind" equipment for maintaining roads. The cost of one of the machines is \$12,500. Blowing dirt on the roads is a problem in some areas and Commissioner Raile thought if these areas were graveled, it would cut down on some of the blowing dirt problem.  
**Nuisance trees and plants.**  
 Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, reported on plants and trees which need to be eliminated to keep the aquifer level from declining as quickly. He named salt cedars, Russian olive trees and Canada thistle as being common nuisances which grow best where the sun shines. There are chemical which are safe enough to use around water. Yuma County in Colorado is already spraying using these chemicals.  
 The supervisor had the Noxious Weed Management Plan for Cheyenne County which the commissioners okayed.  
 Supervisor Schlittenhardt said the four-wheeler which he uses for spraying and prairie dog control now had 3,400 miles on it and needs repairs. He said Van Allen Implement, Wheeler, had a similar four-wheeler (Artic Cat) which, if purchased that day would have a \$350 rebate and would cost \$2,750 (plus trade-in).  
 The commissioners talked about the pickup truck in that department and how much money was in that fund's reserve before making the decision to purchase the Artic Cat for the price named.

**In other business**  
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 • The commissioners agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the AS400 computer server. The system will cost \$23,882 (installed) with \$798 paid

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each month and the balance to be paid in January.  
 • There was around \$5,000 in the Parks and Recreation Fund so the board approved \$301 to be given to the Cheylin Recreation Board to purchase two basketball nets, one tennis net and three quarts of paint.  
 • The commissioners signed a Federal Emergency Management Agency Participation/SLA form that Gary Rogers, emergency manager, had requested signed.  
 • Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, asked that one of the commissioners attend the Public Health Agency Role in Incident Command System meeting on July 23. Commissioner Krien said he would try to attend. She explained the Kansas Health Department Grant that had been awarded. She also wanted the commissioners to join the National Association of Local Boards of Health but the board did feel that they wanted to. Nurse Roelfs said she would look for alternate funding.  
 • Vouchers were discussed includ-

ing vouchers which were not complete. These were generally meal tickets which were not itemized.  
 • Hospital administrator Les Lacy and hospital board member Traci Neitzel presented the proposed Cheyenne County Hospital budget request. It was noted that the board is not asking for an increase in funding — just asking that the board not cut from last year. They are asking for \$525,000—325,000 ad valorem and 200,000 sales tax  
 • Treasurer Dolores Jenik was approved to go to a certification class in Hays.  
 • Charollette Linsler, representing the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter, asked for funding. The commissioners told her to talk to Attorney Berens as he had taken funding from his budget to cover the county's cost.  
 • The Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas was represented by Jim Blume, Ruth Lang and Bonnie Burr. Parents attending to talk about how the services had helped their child were Judy Montoya, Deborah

Cisneros and Betty Williams. They were requesting that the county not cut their funding. They were asking for \$7,840.  
 • Commissioner Brubaker asked that the commissioners consider having department heads or elected officials come to visit with the commissioners on a regular basis — maybe every six months. She thought that it would give the commissioners a better feel for what is going on in the different offices. The commissioners agreed to give it a try.  
 • Janelle Bowers, brought in a list of ambulance write-offs for the commissioners to see. The total of write offs or contractual obligations was \$6,641.  
**Next meeting**  
 The next meeting of the commissioners was a special budget work session on Wednesday. The next regular meeting of the commissioners will start at 8 a.m. on July 15 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse at St. Francis.

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 Mr. Kribs has spent 30 years in government management working with Martin Marietta (now Lockheed Martin) where he retired as executive director. He worked with solving budget problems as well as working with the law officers and emergency services.  
 "I think the county needs a full-time sheriff with good common sense," he said.  
 Gary Morris said he was just an "ole farm boy" with military experi-

ence. When asked how he could better manage the budget, he said he thinks some of the training could be done in Cheyenne County. He also noted that he had been instrumental in straightening out an \$8 million account while in the Air Force. If elected, he plans to show up on time and do the work. He has no law enforcement experience but was in security while in the military where it was necessary to "think on his feet."

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 Tye Faulkender, Extension director, was present and announced the fair books are in and are available at Bankwest, First National Bank, Sainy Super Foods and The Saint Francis Herald office.  
 Mr. Faulkender said there were a couple of mistakes in the books. The goat rule did not make it in. And also the new rule on the premium sale where exhibitors may take two projects through the premium sale, it can be two livestock projects but cannot be the same species or they may take one livestock and one non-livestock project.  
 The board members were concerned with the dog show being in the food court, the members asked that the dog show be held in Jenkins Hall instead.  
**Weeds**  
 President Bursch said he had made three calls and one personal appearance to the county shop and asked for the weeds to be sprayed on the fairgrounds and nothing has been done. Even if the county sprays it now there will be a lot of trash and debris to get rid of, so President Bursch suggested a day of mowing.  
**In other business**  
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 • Kody Krien, board member, had talked to Ann Zimmerman and she is available to perform at the fair. Ms. Zimmerman has performed at the Thresher Show in previous years. Mr. Bursch mentioned that he had several people ask if they had thought about her. The board voted to call Ms. Zimmerman and book her for the Wednesday night entertainment. Mr. Krien will make the arrangements.  
 • Jared Douthit reported that he has everything taken care of for the barbecue.  
 • Royce Rambat and Rodney Shay

will be doing the auctioneering at the premium sale again this year.  
 • Ernie Ketzner asked that there be a Sale Committee meeting set up.  
 • Janice Krien has been cleaning the fair building kitchen and rest rooms.  
 • Mr. Douthit and Candi Hetrick bought a refrigerator for the kitchen in the fair building. Mr. Douthit said that if the board wanted to they could reimburse him for it, if not it could be a donation from him and Candi.  
 • Cindy Fiedler asked about help with entering the open class projects. The board said all she has to do is ask and they will get them some help.

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 struction, knitting and crochet judging, will be held during the day. That evening, the public fashion revue will be held at the St. Francis Community High School.  
 Throughout the rest of the week, there will be 4-H, FFA and open class contests and judgments.  
 The home-owned carnival starts up at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and will run each night of the fair. That evening, Ann Zimmerman will be entertaining in front of the grandstand with good family entertainment.  
 The Thursday evening entertainment in front of the grandstand is the Ranch Rodeo involving local kids.  
 The 4-H/FFA Premium Sale will be held on Friday. That evening, the antique tractor pull will be held in front of the grandstand.  
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