

# Primary will decide a few seats

By Karen Krien

The primary election has been set for Tuesday and, with the number of races being held, it is important that every eligible voter cast their ballots. To better let voters know more about the candidates, *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* have devoted a special section elsewhere in this issue which features those candidates at the local and state level.

The primary election is set from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at several different polling places in the county including: the courthouse basement for those voting in Benkelman, Calhoun, Cleveland, Jaqua and Orlando townships; Bird City Legion Hall for those voting in Bird City Township; Peace Lutheran Church for Wano I Town-

ship voters; and United Methodist Church for Wano II Township voters.

However, advanced voting has started and those who have requesting advanced voting ballots may have already sent them in or they need to get them sent in on or before Aug. 3. Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, reported that the voting booth has been set up and voters may cast an early ballot. The booth is in the clerk's office in the northeast corner of the courthouse.

There are sample ballots in the clerk's office or people may go to the internet at [www.cheyennecounty.org](http://www.cheyennecounty.org) to check out the ballots. The results of the election will also be found at [www.cheyennecounty.org](http://www.cheyennecounty.org) or they

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# Time running out to enter the parade

By Karen Krien

Have you entered something in the parade?

Time is running short and the Fair Parade Committee reports that entries are slow coming in.

"We have had a number of people talking to us about what they are entering but they have not signed up yet," said Carla Lampe, one of the Parade Committee.

This year's theme is "As Good As It Gets," which leaves many ideas and options for floats and individual entries. Besides floats, entries can include bikes, trikes, motorcycles, horses, vehicles, clowns — anything which will make the fair parade more interesting. Prizes are also awarded.

The grand marshal will have a place of honor.

This year's parade will come down St. Francis' Washington Street from the east with all entries lining up at the high school. Chances are, not many of the entries will travel up the back streets as in year's past so be sure and join the crowd on Main Street.

The judging of the floats and the antique cars will begin at 9:15 a.m. with the floats on College Street and the antique cars lined up in the drive north of the high school.

This year, the committee decided that it would be best if people had their entry description and forms to the committee by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, so the script can be ready for the announcer early Saturday morning. They will take entries the morn-



**WHO IS HE? Guess who the Cheyenne County Fair Parade Marshal is, all grown up now.**

ing of the parade.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce has volunteered to take charge of the parade. Members of the committee are Mrs. Lampe, Dawn Lucas, Kim Ritter, Gloria Bracelin, Rick Lucas, Brittany Lucas and Brooke Lucas.

For more information, contact Mrs. Lampe or Mrs. Lucas at either of the banks in St. Francis or call them at their homes 785-332-2913 or 785-332-3212, respectively.

# 4-H'ers show off clothing Monday

By Karen Krien

The 2004 Cheyenne County Fashion Revue will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium. Participants in the buymanship, clothing construction and knitting divisions will be judged during the day starting at 8 a.m. at the high school. Life Skill Judging will also be held from 9 to 11 a.m.

The theme for this year's fashion revue will be "Country Is As Good As It Gets." There will be 33 buymanship garments, 10 sewing construction garments and 2 knitted garments shown.

There are 19 4-H'ers who will be introducing clothes in the buymanship and strategy project.

"This year, there will be only two buymanship divisions: dress and casual," Jan Busse, co-superintendent for the Style Revue. "In year's past, we have had four divisions but there were only the two when we got to state."

"This project helps the 4-H'ers learn how to shop for good value,

learn how to read care labels and know how to identify different fabric types," Karen Jones, co-superintendent said.

"We are excited about the projects the kids will be presenting this year. They have been working hard to find clothing they can be proud to wear. Many had school functions and special events in mind when making their choices."

The masters of ceremonies will be introducing each division and reading the commentaries. The 2005 Junior Miss, Chelsey Weeden will be helping hand out the awards.

An added feature during the style show for the public will be some talent numbers by some of the 4-H'ers and they will be showing off their skills in public readings and music.

Superintendents will be busy working on the stage decoration this week.

The public is urged to come out and support the 4-H'ers and view their accomplishments in these projects.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.



**HAIL TOOK the leaves off the trees and broke windows at the Junior Smull place south of St. Francis. The windows were boarded up after the glass was broken by the hail. Crop damage was also severe in the storm's path.**

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Hail, wind leaves path of destruction

By Karen Krien

Late Thursday afternoon, a storm went southeastward through a portion of Cheyenne County, leaving a nasty path of destruction.

It started in western Cheyenne County, just north of U.S. 36. Ron Zimelman and Kurt Bucholtz farms appeared to be around the start with those farms west and north receiving only a trace of rain.

According to the National Weather Service in Goodland, the dark blue clouds brought winds of up to 70 miles per hour in Cheyenne County. In Sherman County, wind gusts of

up to 76 miles per hour were reported.

Peggy Alander at the National Weather Service said there was golf-sized hail reported in Sherman County but only dime-sized hail in Cheyenne County. However, people in Cheyenne County saw much bigger hail.

Lanny DeGood, who lives 8 miles south of St. Francis, said the hail was "saucer-shaped" measuring about one to two-inches across and only about a half inch thick. It came with such force that it knocked the needles off the evergreen trees which formed a wind-

break on the farm.

Further southeast, it knocked the windows out of the north side of the Junior Smull house and took leaves and pine needles off their trees. Tom Smull said that he and his dad (Junior) were in the pickup when the storm hit. He said it had lasted around 20 minutes and while they were in the pickup, Tom's son Matt had called the cell phone to tell them that the hail was knocking out the windows but they could barely hear because of the intense pounding of the hail.

There were 13 windows (includes windows and storm windows)

hailed out and the shades which were pulled were in shreds. The storm had also blown out the windows in the granary and the machine shed.

The hail was 6 to 8-inches deep and had piled up into 1 to 2-foot drifts along the side of the buildings. The hail which was on the north side of the buildings was still there the next morning.

The Smulls had an enormous amount of damage to buildings and crops. The wheat crop was almost nothing this year, so they had planted milo. Tom said the milo was

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# Fair events begin rolling next week

By Karen Krien

It's here!

The Cheyenne County Fair activities actually started Wednesday with 4-H arts and crafts judging and displaying and the 4-H Fashion Revue judging and life skill contest, clothing construction judging and Public Style Revue is set for Monday but the fair officially begins on Wednesday, Aug. 4, when 4-H and FFA judging begins.

A complete listing of events and times are published in the special Fair Section inserted in this week's *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. (It should be noted that the grandstand entertainment has been changed from the special section: Thursday at 7 p.m. will be the Antique Tractor Pull and Friday, same time, will

be the Kids' Ranch Rodeo.)

If for some reason, another special section is needed, stop by the Herald office in St. Francis. Fair books can also be picked up at the Herald, the banks, and grocery stores in both St. Francis and Bird City.

The Amusement Authority members, who have been working for months on carnival rides and games, will wind up the motors of the rides at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The grandstand entertainment will be Ann Zimmermann with the show to begin at 7 p.m.

Thursday's grandstand show is the Antique Tractor Pull and 4X4 Pickup Pull. This entertainment will begin at 7 p.m.

Friday is the 4-H/FFA Premium sale which will start at 5:45 p.m. in the small arena. Everyone is urged to support their favorite 4-H'er and FFA'er by buying a premium.

Friday will mark the Kid's Ranch Rodeo. Grandstand entertainment will start at 7 p.m. and will be the Ranch Rodeo with kids competing in fun games will be the entertainment. The carnival complete with rides and games will also start at 7 p.m.

Saturday is full of entertainment with the Fair Parade beginning at 10 a.m. on St. Francis' Main Street. Following the parade, many of the kids, teens and adults go directly



**PEGGY SCHLEPP and Josh Moberly paint fair pictures on several businesses around town.**

Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart

to the Mud Volleyball competition. (Check related article for more information.) Carnival rides and games will start a little earlier running from 4 to midnight.

At 5 p.m., the annual free-will barbecue will be held at the fairgrounds. Barbecued beef sandwiches, corn on the cob and iced tea will be served.

That evening is the grand finale of the fair with the rough, tough Demolition Derby which starts at 7 p.m.

There will be lots of fun, good food and entertainment throughout the week at the Cheyenne County Fair. Everyone is invited to stop by and check it out!



