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County receives wind, rain, hail

By Karen Krien

In northwest Kansas, the clouds build in the west and then, they seem to go either north or south — around Cheyenne County. However, a lot of the county residents saw rain, some wind and hail on Monday evening. The weather service started reporting severe weather late in the afternoon. It arrived in St. Francis about 6 p.m.

Francis, Kathy Woodcox, official ment. weather observer, reported .92 inch and it came down hard.

Fourteen miles northwest of St. Francis, Mary Rath said they had 2.60 inches of rain in 45 minutes. and garage Tuesday morning. Mr. But, just 4 miles northeast of their home, the pasture had very little rain

Throughout the county, the rain or so northwest, the rain had come

reports were different. In St. so hard that he had water in the base-

About 5 miles northwest of the Raths at the Roger Samler farm, there was lots of rain. Men were scooping mud out of the basement Samler's mother Ione Maupin said he had gotten 2.5 inches of rain. There were two rains at his place but At the Noel Rath farm, just a mile the second rain also brought hail. See COUNTY on Page 7



NEW POLE, NEW FLAG—City council and Veterans of Foreign Wars members, along with the St. Francis Firemen gathered around the new flag pole in the park. Fire chief George dents are responsible for cleanup of Harper raises the flag donated by the firemen.

City to cleanup this fall

By Sandy Barnhart

With the fall season just around the corner, the St. Francis City Council again is focusing on property clean-up around town. There are three classes of property which will require action.

The first will be those properties with weeds and debris needing cleaned up. These residents will receive regular nuisance letters from the superintendent's office.

The second will include junk or abandoned vehicles/campers. The police department will be contacting these owners with verbal warnings which will be followed up in a week to 10-day warnings. If the nuisance is not removed legal enforcement procedure will begin.

The third class will include buildings and/or trailer houses needing condemned. On this type of property, the city will proceed through the City Codes and Kansas Statues.

The council noted that with rain the last couple of weeks, a lot of the alleys are overgrown with weeds. Resithe alley next to their property.



CHECKING OUT THE LUMINARIAS - Sharon Elliott was one of the walkers in the Relay For Life cancer walk on Saturday. She is checking the name written on the luminaria sacks. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Walk raises over \$17,000 to help with research

Sunday to raise money for cancer research.

Last year, the Relay for Life raised \$15,000; at the close of the collected for the American Cancer Society and donations are still coming in.

Over 130 volunteers walked County Relay for Life was held at Charlene Kramer, Raedell Winston According to participants and observers, it was a wonderful experience.

Teams of walkers kept someone during the event. There were 54 cancer survivors walking the first lap. Carrying the banner in the The sixth annual Cheyenne Survivor's Lap were Joe and

and Kenny Bracelin.

A donation to the American Cancer Society bought a luminaria and the names of loved ones who have lost their fight to Cancer, or have survived this disease were placed on luminaria sacks, which were lit by a candle.

A total of 618 luminarias were See \$17,000 on Page 7

through the night on Saturday and Sawhill Park from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

events this year, over \$17,000 was on the track around Sawhill Park all

Commissioners consider

Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart

Many give toward addition in park

By Sandy Barnhart St. Francis residents have had the pleasure and pride of seeing the United States flag by the band shell in the city park. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organized the purchasing of the pole "In Memory of All Who Have Served." Many organizations, businesses, individuals and the county commissioners helped with the funding.

The city installed lights so the flag could be displayed year-round and recently a flag was donated by the

St. Francis Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Scott Schultz said that approximately three to four flags will be needed every year, with the price of one flag being around \$80. A special flag fund will be set up so organizations and individuals can contribute \$10, \$20 or more toward the purchase of a flag.

Contact the city office for more information. Call 785-332-3142 or send contributions to the City Office, Box 517, St. Francis, KS 67756

KAN STEP

Councilman Dale Weeks updated the council on the progress of the KAN STEP grant for the fire house and emergency medical building. A special city council meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Aug. 26 at the new city hallbuilding at 209E. Washington. The council will need to approve a commitment from the city to carry insurance and pay the utilities on the building.

Councilman Weeks noted that a similar building costs around \$2,500 a year for utilities.

Car crusher

Jett Fromholtz, owner of Fromholtz Body Shop, requested to the council that council members visit with him once a year concerning wrecked cars that are stored west of town by the river and railroad tracks. Junk and wrecked vehicles are

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telephone for the elevator

Bv Karen Krien

Cheyenne County Commissioners talked about putting a phone in the elevator in the courthouse. The matter was tabled until more information is available.

About two weeks ago, the courthouse elevator had quit sometime in the night and when the staff came to work in the morning, it would not work. Had there been someone in it when it quit, they might have been in there for hours.

Clerk Terry Miller said there was wiring for a phone in the elevator but no phone had ever been installed. He had checked with SBC officials who said the phone would need to be activated and then the cost for only local

service would be \$14 per month. The commissioners wondered if there might be some other program both he and the secretary had rethat would cost less. Clerk Miller will look into it and report at the next meeting

Budget hearing

The county Budget Hearing was scheduled for 9 a.m. County attorney Justin Barrett protested the amount he had been budgeted, saying that his assistant, Jolene Dodd, was worth more money than she was being paid and he also needed her for additional hours. He said that her legal experience is very valuable and it would take considerable time to train another person. He also lives in Colby and cannot be in the county

every week day.

The commissioners noted that ceived a 3 percent increase — would he be willing to put his 3 percent toward the secretary's salary. He indicated that this would be difficult.

Before, county attorneys had been lawyers in the county and had used their office secretaries for the county's legal work.

He said he had already cut corners and he did not plan going over his budget. That was why he was talking to the commissioners.

The commissioners discussed ways of dealing with the county attorney's request and finally decided See ELEVATOR on Page 7



DENVER FLIERS, Joe Elliott, left, and John Evans were among those attending the eighth annual Mark Forsythe Fly-In. Mr. Evans was flying the plane pictured to the right.

People meet in St. Francis to fly their remote planes

By Karen Krien

Flying remote airplanes is becoming increasingly popular as was evident at the eighth annual Mark Forsythe Fly-In held in St. Francis on Aug. 5 and 6

Each year, the Fly-In is held at the Chevenne County Airport during the fair. This year, there were 56 remote planes flying, about 10 more than last year. A plane with a 9-foot wing span was one of the highlights of the Fly-In. This plane belongs to John Evans of Denver. Mr. Evans also had the only night flier this year.

Hosted by Larry Forsythe and Deanna Forsythe, the two-day event often starts earlier on Thursday and last into Sunday. However, Friday and Saturday are designated as the "Fly-In days."

Flyers arrive with fifth-wheels, in motor homes and some stay in the motels. The Forsythes always furnish the noon meal on Saturday.

Each year, the menu is different. Last year, the entree was ostrich from Montana and Texas. Heessloppy joes. This year, people en- timated the total cost of the joyed meatloaf made with ostrich planes at the Fly-In to be accompanied by scallop potatoes and three-bean salad.

Mr. Forsythe said fliers come \$20,000. Many of the planes are See PLANES on Page 7



TAKES SKILL and practice to fly remote airplanes. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

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to republish the budget, adding the needed amount to the personnel line \$2,100. The next budget hearing will be held at the Aug. 31 meeting.

The hearing was closed without the budget being approved. The commissioners agreed that next year, all department heads will need to come in before the budget is published so this type of problem will not come up again.

Since the budget was not approved, there was no need to approve the resolutions to raise the budget.

Bridge hearing

The Bridge Community Development Building Grant hearing was held at 10:30 a.m. The hearing was for the Olofson Bridge northwest of St. Francis on Road 13 The bridge will cost \$337,243 with the county being responsible for \$69,750. The grant requires the county to pay 20 percent and the federal government will pay for 80 percent.

This is 2006 grant money and the building is supposed to start on March 1.

Since there was nobody objecting the project, the hearing was closed. Landfill

Ranae Pilkington, landfill bookkeeper, reported there were problems with landfill permits.

"We need to run the landfill the way it needs to be run and KDHE Kansas Department of Health and Environment) has been a mess," she said

She said that Miller and Associdoes the engineering work for the landfill, does the paperwork which goes to the Department of Health and Environment but they seldom come to the landfill site. Mrs. Pilkington said she sends the company the tonnage reports and they fill out the paperwork. It costs \$90.

"The bottom line is, I don't think Miller and Associates is doing their job," she said. "They just can't copy the same information from year to year.

She indicated that she would like the county landfill work to be done by Penco Engineering, Plainville.

Jane Brubaker, commissioner, said that if the staff is unhappy with meeting attendance for Dan Miller and Associations, then go with Penco. She advised sending a letter to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and also talk to Bill Bider, who is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Waste Management.

She said there is no contract with Miller and Associates but that they should send a letter to Miller and let them know why the staff is unhappy with them and they will not be doing business with them next year.

In other business

• Attorney Barrett asked the commissioners at the last meeting for permission to attend a conference Bolyard standoff. They will receive

for handling drug cases in New Orleans. After considerable discussion, the commissioners discovered ates, McCook, the company which the funding for the conference comes from a separate prosecutor training fund (not the county's General Fund). Attorney Barrett said he had just wanted their approval before going. The commissioners approved the trip and training.

> • Attorney Barrett had resolution samples concerning the cleanup in the county. He said these resolutions had been used in other counties and he would look over them and see which he thought would work for Cheyenne County. Commissioner Brubaker said someone had called her, encouraging the commissioners to proceed with the cleanup.

> · The commissioners approved Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor meeting; Clerk Miller and deputy clerk Deb Lindsten, for election schooling. Clerk Miller said the election registration is going statewide and if someone registered, it will automatically be known. The training is mandatory and there will be a computer cost of \$3,000. He said that the county will be hooked onto the election information. People will be unable to hack into the system. The county will not be charged until 2007.

> • The commissioners agreed to pay the emergency medical technicians and the firemen who were on call at the scene of the Vertie \$10 per hour.

• Out of the \$8,482 billed, the Ambulance Service will write off \$1,312. It was noted that there were 18 ambulance runs during the month of July.

• Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, gave his report; talked about taking out the asphalt on the north side of the St. Francis Grade School playground. Commissioner Beikman had recommenmas. Just the other day, he said he dations for work that needs to be done on some of the county roads.

· Attorney Barrett said that prisoner's medical costs could not be collected until there is a conviction.

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BOY SCOUTS RAISED THE COLORS at the Relay For Life walk held Saturday and Sunday. Pictured (Itor) is Matt Whitmore, Brendan Finley, Logan Whitmore and Jacob Riedel. Scoutmaster Jerry Whitmore is also pictured to the right. Not pictured is Jon Finley.

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taken to Mr. Fromholtz for storage until a crusher comes through town. Mr. Fromholtz, along with the council members, use this as a way to rid the town of the unwanted vehicles. No profit is made by either entity.

Mr. Fromholtz noted that before the crushers would come, there needed to be approximately 200 vehicles. At the present time he has only around 40, although he did assure the council that 90 percent of the vehicles have no motor or transmission in them, making them less of an environmental hazard.

Superintendent report

Well #8 - Superintendent J.R. Landenberger reported that Water Well#8 screen was full of sand. The

\$17,000

well was pumping only 30 gallons per minute and should normally produce around 100. He noted that the repairs would still be within the esaround 160 gallons per minute.

completed and the council approved approximately \$15,000 to fog these streets. The streets will be closed to traffic for four hours. The council approved to reimburse Bird City \$2,000 worth of rock, because the city had run

timated cost of \$17,000. Superintendent Landenberger explained that the pump on Well #8 was weak and would need replaced, the cost of the new pump was unknown at the time. Once the new pump is installed the well should produce Streets - Chip sealing has been



trait Photography, Girlfriends and Guys Too, Ross Manufacturing, James M. Milliken, Chartered, Keller Automotive Supply, Jensen Construction, Owens True Value, Kite and Day, Frewen Insurance Agency, Frontier Equity Exchange, Walz Welding Shop, Cheyenne County 4-H'ers, Windmill Restaurant, DiamondRBarandGrill,Cook'sEmpire ing their hair prior to the Relay were Motel, Yost Farm Supply, Dr. Melvin Lynette Burton and Diane Dunn, The St. Francis Herald, St. Weinstein. These locks were placed Francis Sand and Redi Mix, Schultz's, Dr. Tim E. Poling, Party Time Mobile DJ, and John's Carpet and Flooring Installation. "We are already planning next year's Relay for Life. It took everybody's help to make this a very successful community event," said Ms. Lindsten. "Please feel free to contact me if you would like to help, serve on a committee or be a sponsor." "Only together can we be a force to successfully raise funds to fight cancer," said Betty Louden, a 37-year survivor and committee member. "Please come join us."

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purchased already made up but many are made from kits and are constructed of balsa wood and some styrofoam. Each has its own remote radio.

He said that Mr. Evans' big plane probably cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Most of the planes are run on a mixture of alcohol and gas, the big plane is run on just gas. However, fuel is not a problem as that plane uses only about 1 quart of gas for a 15- to 20-minute flight. The smaller planes use less.

Those coming for the Fly-In tell Mr. Forsythe how much they enjoy the town and it's people. Many of them attend the fair parade, barbecue and demolition derby, and do some shopping while they are in St. Francis.

"It's just a nice time to hold the Fly-In," he said.

This year, a flier from Montana, came for the first time. He later told Mr. Forsythe that he was really impressed with both the meal and the Flv-In.

"I'm hoping he will be back," he said. Neil McCumber moved to St. weekend in August," Mr.

Francis from Aurora, Colo., about Forsythe said.

seven months ago. He had been a member of the Aurora club and has about "a dozen or so" remote planes.

He began his hobby about 15 years ago after his wife and kids gave him a remote plane for Christhad a plane up pulling a glider. Another plane has a little bomb bay which he loads with golf balls. At the flip of a switch, he drops the balls from the air.

"Everyone who comes to the St. Francis meet like the airport because it is so wide open and, no matter what direction the wind is blowing, they can always find a way to land,' he said.

"Owners of new planes also like to come to St. Francis because they say the airport is a 'friendly field." Many of the remote airplane

meets have been held but Mr. Forsythe said there are a number of remote airplane meets coming up including one in Elkhart and one in Pueblo, Colo., two of which he always attends.

"Each year, the Fly-In grows and we are hoping for more people and planes next year — the first

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collected as a tribute to a loved one. Gary Cooper read the names of 137 honorees and 248 memorials as cancer survivors lit the candles.

'The glow lit up the park reminding everyone of the hope in finding a cure for this disease," said Deb Lindsten, Relay chairman.

Sherry and Eddy Schultz, luminaria chairmen, reported that St. Francis Sand and Redi-Mix had donated the sand for the bags, and the Marino family allowed the use of their carts to be used for distributing the luminaria around the park. Many, many adults and youth

with a balloon arch donated by Walz Welding, owners Greg and Susie Walz. The balloon arch made the Relay a very festive occasion. New this year was a Memorial Lap honoring those who have lost their battle to cancer.

One of the highlights of the evening was the "Locks of Love" ceremony. Lawrence Bishop, Nicole Meyer, Lacey Krebs and Katie Schmid had their hair cut by Denise Andrist, owner of Girlfriends and Guys Too. Others donat-

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His corn field is stalks with a few ears of corn still hanging on. Mr. Samler said the hail was piled up in drifts.

Mrs. Maupin and her husband Jack had traveled the road just 2 miles east and a mile north of the Samler farm and said the road conditions appeared that there had been little rain.

Eddy Schultz has land south of St. Francis. Just 12 miles south, he reported .90 inch rain and no hail. On the land 19 miles south of St. Francis into Sherman County, he had 1.80 inches of rain and no hail.

He said the sunflowers and corn

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For Exceptional

sually impaired

had gotten a "beating" 22 miles southwest of St. Francis where it was evident that there had been a lot of hail.

At the Dan Busse farm southeast of Bird City, there was 2.25 inches of rain recorded and no hail. In Bird City, residents were reporting less than in inch of rain.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Aug. 16	84	64	.27
Aug. 17	91	58	.07
Aug. 18	94	65	
Aug. 19	898	60	
Aug. 20	90	64	
Aug. 21	85	62	
Aug. 22	82	55	.92

helped fill and distribute the sacks. The St. Francis Area Chamber of

Commerce sold hamburgers, hot dogs and chips. The Shriners provided water, pop and popcorn. Lions Club members served breakfast burritos, juice and coffee at 6 a.m. Proceeds of all organizations were donated to the American Cancer Society.

The start-finish line was marked



in bags and will be donated to be made into wigs for cancer patients who have lost their own hair. Ericka Wieck commented that this is a nationwide program and encouraged people to participate in this very worthwhile cause.

Corporate sponsors for the event were Grace Flying Service, Yonkey Farms,, Shay Realty, First National Bank, Cheyenne Shrine Club, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, Land W-Andrist Insurance Agency, St. Francis Equity, Mary Beth Miller, Krien Pharmacy, Western Auction and Real Estate, B and R Bierocks, Inc., Weber Barbershop, Park Hill Restaurant and Lounge, Leach Insurance Agency, Lampe Hardware,



JADE DE GOOD was one of the entertainers at the Relay For Life walk. Entertainment was held for much of the evening.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



Public Auction Real Estate-Personal Property • Haigler, Neb. Located at 307 Porter Ave., S. of U.S. 34, in Haigler Nebraska Saturday, August 27, 2005 • Auction Starts at 10:00 a.m. M.D.T. House and Lot (Real Estate will sell at approx. 10:30 a.m. Come Early!) Legal Description: Lot 1 in Block 3, First Addition to the Village of Haigler, Dundy Co., NE -3 Vacant Lots- Legal Description: Lots 1, 2 and 3 Block 1, Second addition to the Village of Haigler Dundy County, Nebraska. Real Estate Auction conducted by: DOUG GARNER AUCTION & REALTY Phone: 308-334-5622 or 308-340-0253 PERSONAL PROPERTY: Antique Chev. Car or Pickup frame with wheels. Lawn sprinklers, hedge trimmers, 2-electric hedge trimmers-several feet garden hose, ext. cords, wrought iron railing, 2 Snow shoves, plus other items too numerous to mention. **Dorothy Rathbun-Seller** Delores Faylor, Power of Attorney~Ph: 785-298-3251 Sale Conducted by: Brown's Auction Service, Inc. Call or write for Auction Brochure Holyoke, CO 80734 - Ph. 970-854-2578 Col. D.W. "Dave" Brown - Auctioneer and Sale Manager

State and federal court decisions and egislation have specified that all exceptional is a federal law that provides for the mainte children have a right to a free appropriate public education based on their needs. This means that local public schools must identify all exceptional children, elementary and secondary, and then provide the needed special education for these correct inaccuracies in the records. students in the most normal educational setting possible. Exceptional children are defined as nentally retarded, specific learning disabled, gifted, rearing impaired, language or speech impaired, behaviorally disordered, physically impaired nultiple-severely handicapped, deaf-blind, and

In northwest Kansas, all of these special ducation services are available through the local school districts and the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center. Specific steps in dentifying and providing special education services are followed in local school districts. All parent and student due-process rights and onfidentiality will be provided. All parents will be 3 informed as soon as their child is referred for one of the special programs. The parents, and in some cases the child, will be closely involved with the school's regular and special education personnel in all steps of the process--including testing and evaluation, writing an individual program, and ecommending the placement that is best for the hild. If parents disagree with the school's special service team decision, they may request a dueprocess hearing. This is ordinarily not necessary if oarents and school personnel work closely ogether for the child's benefit. 9

The stated goals of an appropriate educational rogram for all exceptional students is a reflection of the local district's philosophy to provide a quality education service for all children in the community For more specific information concerning the special education programs, contact the principal or superintendent of schools. The Kansas State Department of Education also has a toll-tree umber (1-800-203-9462) that may be called for additional information concerning special education services, rights, and procedures

and release of student records. By that law parents of students (or students if they are at least 18) have the right to inspect the records maintained by the school district about that student and to Access to those records by any other person (except school officials) is prohibited without prior consent by the parent (or the student if at least 18). The Board of Education has adopted a written policy concerning the maintenance of and access to student records and a part of that policy permits the release of directory information (defined below) as permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

St. Francis U.S.D. 297 has designated the owing as directory information

- The student's name, address, telephone
- listing, and date and place of birth.
- The student's major field of study
- The student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports. The student's height and weight if a member
- of an athletic team
- The student's dates of attendance. The student's current grade of class
- designation (K-12).
- The degrees and awards received by a student
- The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student. Photographs and/or video tapes of the student's participation in instructional and/or school-related activities

School officials will release this directory nformation without the consent of the parents or the student unless objection is made to the release of any or all of this information. The objection must be in writing to the Superintendent of Schools; the objection must state what information the parent or student does not want to be classified as director information and released. If no objection is received by the Superintendent of Schools within two weeks after the student's school entrance, the above information will be classified as director information and will be released in accordance with the school's normal procedures

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