

## Fair dates told, entertainment set

By Karen Krien

The dates of the 2006 Cheyenne County Fair were announced when the board met on Thursday.

President Dick Bursch said that the fair is held the first weekend in August and next year, the fair dates will be Aug. 2, 3, 4 and 5. Elmer Kellner, St. Francis, was at the meeting and asked that the theme of the parade be announced earlier so people can be planning.

"We have one of the best parades around and if we know what the theme is, we can be making plans," he said.

The board agreed that the theme would be announced shortly after the first of the year if not before.

Mr. Kellner also talked about the criteria used for judging floats. He said he would talk to the Chamber of Commerce, who takes care of the Fair Parade.

The board discussed the events planned

for next year. Shawna Blanka, St. Francis, had volunteered to organize the Kid's Ranch Rodeo which would save \$940 paid to the company which had come in for several years. They said there would be some costs involved in getting some of the props.

They discussed the Mutton Bustin' contest and who might supply the sheep. The board also said there would be no calf riding contest because the insurance is too high.

There will also be a Ranch Rodeo which

includes older kids and adults. Baxter Black has been booked for one night and the demolition derby will be held Saturday night.

Gary Cooper, fair board member, said the speakers on the crow's nest are not working. Sam Miller had told him that the St. Francis high school football field has new speakers and maybe the fair board could get the old speakers.

Mr. Cooper had talked to superintendent Carl Werner who said the school would give

the fair board the speakers. Mr. Cooper said the speaker worked at the football field and thought they would work for the fairgrounds.

He will talk to Mr. Miller and see if they can be installed before the next function is held at the fairgrounds.

### Extension director's report

Director Tye Faulkender reported on several things. First of all, he asked that any fair

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ARRANGING ITEMS at the benefit bake sale were (l to r) Tiffany Hamilton, Nariah Hamilton and Daniele Schmid. Herald staff photo by Leslie McCormick

## Bake sale brings in money to help hurricane victims

By Karen Krien

Energetic, caring kids organized and held a bake sale on Tuesday. The money was given to the Red Cross to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Ten-year-old Nariah Hamilton was watching the news coverage on the hurricane and was struck by

the tragedies. She talked to her mother Tiffany and first said all she could do was pray for the people. Then she said, "I could have a bake sale!" From there, the idea grew to reality!

"I had set a goal of \$700 but people were so generous. We ended up with \$819," Nariah said. "We took it to the bank today (Wednesday)."

With her mother's help, some of the home school kids were called. But what really helped make the sale a success was when she and her cousin Daniele Schmid, 15, began taking fliers to all the businesses.

Both of the girls said they were See SALE on Page 6A

## Automated license system being used in clerk's office

By Karen Krien

Hunters and fishermen may now go to the county clerk's office in the courthouse to obtain their automated hunting licenses.

Terry Miller, Cheyenne County Clerk, reported that, as of Aug. 1, his office is now one of the few in the state able to give out automated licenses.

"The hunter will be issued a green license with their number printed on it and next time they purchase a license, that same number will be used," Mr. Miller said.

Before a license is issued, the person must present his/her driver's license and their social security number. There is also an additional charge

of \$1.15 which will help paid for the system.

The service is the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' conversion to the new Kansas Outdoor Automated License System. When the conversion is complete, all Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks See LICENSE on Page 6A

## 15 homes featured on Walking Tour

On Tuesday, the Cheyenne County Historical Society will be holding a walking/driving tour of some of the historical homes in St. Francis. The tour is self-guided and maps will be available at the museum between 5 and 7 p.m. that evening. People may start and end at any time and do the tour in any order, using the maps and information.

The homes will be marked and a host available to greet and answer questions. The homes will not be open but can be enjoyed from the street or yard. The committee chose 15 homes for this tour. They are at least 100

years old and some were moved from Wano in 1888.

Refreshments will be served at the museum following the tour and the museum will be open for browsing and fellowship. The Historical Society business meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the tour and enjoy the refreshments; and, if they are interested, they are welcome to stay for the meeting. The Historical Society needs more members and this would be a good way to see what the organization does for the county and its residents and for those living away from Cheyenne County.



COULD BE ON THE TOUR — St. Francis has a number of homes 100 years old or older and many will be on the Cheyenne County Historical Society's Walking Tour set for Tuesday. The home pictured could be one of those on the tour.

## College students moved out of Louisiana dorms

### After being shuttled, he is in Ruston

By Casey McCormick

Michael Sager knows how displaced a hurricane can make someone feel. Michael, a place kicker for Tulane University, has been shuttled around ever since Hurricane Katrina devastated his college home of New Orleans.

He is the youngest son of Hal and Judy Sager of Bird City. They were able to give information about what Michael and the Tulane football team has been doing for the last week.

"Michael showed up for a team practice Sunday morning," Mr. Sager said. "The coaches told the players they had 55 minutes to get what they could and meet back to get on a bus."

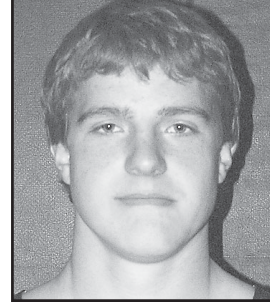
Michael returned to his first floor room on campus and packed some clothes. He did take a moment to put his computer on a high shelf in a closet. His car was parked on the sixth floor of a parking garage.

He still has no idea if there was damage to the building or car.

"The coaches haven't been telling the players anything," Mr. Sager said.

That Sunday the team was driven north to Jackson, Miss. For the next 48 hours they weathered out Katrina.

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Sager

### Her car and belongings are still there

By Karen Krien

Keith Schlepp, former St. Francis resident, called *The Herald* Tuesday morning with information about the well-being of his granddaughter and her future schooling plans after Hurricane Katrina's devastation.

On Wednesday, Aug. 24, granddaughter Ashley Tait had driven with her father to New Orleans where she had received a full-ride golfing scholarship to Tulane University. They arrived on Friday before the storm but by Saturday evening, she and women of the eight-member golf team and her coach were evacuated and she and the coach were headed to Jacksonville, Fla., because of the hurricane. She left her car and all of her belongings in New Orleans.

Mr. Schlepp said Ashley thought it would be a matter of time and she could wait out the storm but, because it was worse than she had ever expected, she flew home to Littleton, Colo.

The Tulane campus was closed and classes for the fall semester were canceled. Her plans for college were up in the air. At first, she was told that the members of the golf team would attend either the University of Houston or Rice University, also in Houston. But, on

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Tait

## Golf tournament to be held Saturday

Summer is coming to an end but not without the fifth annual "Swing Fore Your Health" golf tournament sponsored by the Cheyenne County Hospital. The tournament will be held on Sept. 10 with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and tee-off at 9 a.m.

The tournament is a three-person scramble. There will be team prizes as well as special event prizes such as:

- Hole 1 - shortest drive.
- Hole 2 - shortest iron.
- Hole 3 - closest to the bed pan.
- Hole 4 - hole-in-one.
- Hole 5 - longest putt.
- Hole 6 - closest to the outhouse.
- Hole 7 - closest to pin.
- Hole 8 - longest putt.
- Hole 9 - longest drive.

There will be a variety of door prizes given out following the dance.

Last year's winner was the team of Matt Bandel, Cory Busse and Derrick Tice.

In 2004, there were 54 businesses and individuals sponsoring the tournament and \$7,100 was raised toward the purchase of a therapeutic

pool for the physical therapy department. The pool will soon be installed.

There will be a free-will donation lunch open to the public served at Riverside Dining at noon.

"We will be serving a sandwich buffet and everyone is welcome," said Les Lacy, hospital administrator.

There are three levels of sponsorships available to those wishing to sponsor. It will cost \$50 to be a Bronze Sponsor; \$100 for a Silver Sponsor and \$350 for a Gold Sponsor. The person sponsoring one of the above will also have a free entry fee in the tournament.

### Dance

The hospital will sponsor a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday at Riverside Recreation. People will be dancing to DJ Party Time.

### Proceeds

All proceeds will go toward the purchase of an electro-cautery unit for surgery. For more information or to sign up a team, please contact Kary, Sara, Susanne or Karla at the hospital.

## Final figure is \$19,590

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Relay For Life cancer walk held Aug. 17 in St. Francis took in more money for the American Cancer Society than in year's past.

Deb Lindsten, Relay chair person, reported that \$19,590 had been totaled and more donations were still coming in. There will be some expenses but, even then, this is the most money raised since the Relay For Life began six years ago. Last year, the Relay for Life raised around \$15,000.

"It took people from all over the county to make the Relay for Life walk a success," Ms. Lindsten said. "It couldn't have been done without their work and participation."

Over 130 volunteers walked See \$19,590 on Page 6A



# County budget is approved

By Karen Krien

After a second time, the 2006 Cheyenne County Budget was approved at the commissioners' meeting on Aug. 31.

The approved budget was republished after the county attorney had asked for additional funds to pay his secretary. At the Aug. 31 meeting, Dolores Jenik, treasurer, expressed disappointment because her staff had not received a larger raise next year.

She said that she could spend the Treasurer's Special Fund received from the state for handling the motor vehicle registrations in her office. However, she gives it back to the county. She said that many county treasurer's are allowed to keep this money and, if she wants, she can use it for salaries or whatever — it is at her discretion.

The commissioners said they would consider the treasurer's comments at the next year's budget planning meeting.

This year's county budget will call for some additional taxes. In the Ad Valorem Tax column, the commissioners will need \$2,030,124 compared to last year's figure of \$1,795,758; a difference of \$234,366. The new mill levy is 50.123 which is up 3.484 mills from last year. A

mills is an estimated \$40,500; last year, a mill was \$35,595.

Most of the extra dollars went into the General Fund.

### Mutual agreement wanted

Dave Hickert, Bird City Fire Chief, reported that the Dundy County Firemen had helped extinguish a fire just over the Dundy-Cheyenne county lines but, because there is no mutual aid agreement between Cheyenne County and Dundy County, the request for help had to come from the Haigler Firemen (they have a mutual aid agreement with the county).

"We really appreciated the help," Chief Hickert said.

The firemen from both counties would like to see an agreement which will allow them to help each other.

Clerk Miller was asked to compose a letter to the commissioners. The matter will be discussed at the next or a future meeting.

### In other business

In other business:  
• The commissioners thanked the Baptist Church ladies for the goodies.

• Bids to fix the courthouse chimney are still needed. Clerk Miller said the Kansas State Historical Society officials and they said the chimney cap could not be removed.  
• After hearing the costs of install-

ing a phone in the elevator, the commissioners agreed not to put one in and to make sure the elevator is not working when there is no one in the courthouse. That way, there will be no way that someone is stuck in the elevator after hours.

• Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, had a letter which needed certain parts initialized by the commissioners. After reviewing the letter, they asked that Mrs. Roelfs come to a future meeting and talk to them.

• The ambulance department had billed \$18,577 in August. It was noted that there will be \$3,702 in write-offs.

• Commissioner Jane Brubaker reported that the old theater in Bird City had fallen in. The mayor had asked if the materials could be dumped at the landfill without charge. Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, said that the regulations require that the cities be charged the rate for dumping.

• Ranae Pilkington, bookkeeper for the road and bridge and solid waste departments, felt like there had been a double charge concerning the landfill costs. The matter was discussed but there was not enough information. It will be discussed later.

# Organization seeks money

## \$\$ can be designated

As more and more horrific images of the catastrophic destruction left by Hurricane Katrina saturate the nation, The Salvation Army is on the front lines of the relief effort offering food, water, comfort and hope in the midst of this tragedy.

"At this time, The Salvation Army is only asking for monetary donations. A \$100 donation will feed a family of four for two days, provide two cases of drinking water and one household clean-up kit," said Dolores Jenik, treasurer for the Cheyenne County Salvation Army.

"Financial contributions also allow The Salvation Army to reinvest in affected areas by purchasing supplies from vendors close to storm areas.

Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 462, St. Francis, KS 67756 or brought by the county treasurer's office at the courthouse in St. Francis.

Salvation Army emergency disaster services vehicles (canteens) already have been mobilized into affected areas to provide food and drinks, as well as emotional and spiritual support to residents,

Cheyenne County Salvation Army Treasurer, Dolores Jenik reported that The Salvation Army started a new year in September and funds are needed not only for the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts but also for the county The Salvation Army Fund.

While there is not a disaster such as a hurricane in Cheyenne County, there are often people who have their own little disaster or need some help. The Salvation Army is there to help these people too.

"We will soon start our "kettle and envelope" campaign so we can help people at a local level," Mrs. Jenik said. "The money, if designated to stay in Cheyenne County, will stay here."

She said often local people get-

ting The Salvation Army envelopes in the mail from other towns don't understand that the money will go out of town instead of staying in Cheyenne County if they use those envelopes.

People wanting to donate to help victims of Hurricane Katrina should designate this on the check.

Checks to help fund The Salvation Army can be sent to P.O. Box 462, St. Francis, KS 67756 or bring by the county treasurer's office at the courthouse in St. Francis. Donations for Hurricane Katrina efforts, besides mailing or bringing to the above addresses, can be made online at [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org) or by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY.

## LICENSE

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offices and license vendors in the state will be connected to a central database via the Internet.

The new system will provide more convenient access to licenses and permits for anyone who hunts, fishes, boats, or visits state parks in Kansas. Customers will be able to purchase most licenses, permits and registrations from their homes either through online purchase via computer or by calling the toll-free telephone number (1-800-918-2877).

Currently, the department and its vendor partners (county clerks, sporting goods stores, discount stores, and other outlets) must hand write each license and permit they sell, although a limited number of department issues have been available for home purchase through the department's website. The new system will feature a centralized database that will serve home purchasers, department offices, and license vendors alike.

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Tuesday, her grandfather said she would be attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas and school would start on Wednesday.

Ashley attended Mullen High School where she was a Colorado 4A state golf champion. Her grandfather said she had opportunities for scholarships in the area but liked the Tulane coach and the program. The team members will be able to study at either university and still compete for Tulane.

Ashley is the daughter of Pat and Cindy Tait, Littleton; and the granddaughter of Keith and Ella Mae Schlepp, Broomfield, Colo.

# Reunion are held in August

### Henderson reunion

The first reunion of the family of June Henderson was held Saturday, Aug. 6, in the backyard of Amelia and Brent Henderson. The Cheyenne County Fair Parade was enjoyed by all members of the family and then they had a barbecue lunch. There was much visiting and fun to be enjoyed.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Henderson, Jonah Begay, Nathan, Alex and Jessie Benally, Ian Lily and Amos Mark, all of Gallup, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Steven Henderson, Taylor and Stephanie Henderson, along with

friend Tyler Robinson, of Chickasha, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Shea Hamilton, along with children, Corey, Ashley and Courtney of McKinney, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Henderson, Carlee and Scott of Canyon, Texas; Tamara Hayes, Michael, Victoria and Cameron, Brenda Drennan, Daron Hovis and McKenna, Darci Frazier, Katelyn and Riley, all of Goodland; Mr. and Mrs. Cory Ballentine, Matthew, Heather, Luke and Brandi, all of Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Williams and Lexie of Arkansas City; Becky Henderson, Alissea and Leslie Brothers of

Wellington; David and Mandy Hovis, Darake, Brekken, Brittynn and Draxton of Damar; Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Nichols, Dominic and Cassidy of Brewster; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Blair, Andrea and Aaron, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Henderson, Trevor and June Henderson, all of St. Francis.

Visitors during the day included Manette Henderson, Bonnie and Raymond Armknecht and a few other close friends.

All members of the family took in the fair festivities that evening and enjoyed spending time together.

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board member receiving money for trophies to please turn the money in at the Extension office where it is being collected.

At the present time, only \$192 needed to be turned into the office and bills would be sent concerning the trophies. However, the Extension staff did not want to bill someone who had already paid.

Director Faulkender said that the Conservation District had a meeting at the Fair Building and there had been water on the floor. The board discussed the different places where there could be a leak. Wade Krien said one of the gutters was drooping and this could possibly be the cause of the leak. Whether the gutter is the problem or not, it does need to be fixed.

Director Faulkender said he would like to have a backdrop outside the building to take photos of FFA/4-H'ers with the items they will be selling at the premium sale. He figured the drop would cost around \$165.

The board agreed that this would be a good idea, especially when he said the sale would run faster.

The peg board for displays was discussed. Jared Douthit, board member, said he would talk to the ladies. Director Faulkender also discussed the wording in the fair book concerning selling state-qualifying items at the premium sale. He said he would look into state fair rules and have a better way of wording the rules.

### Rest rooms at fairgrounds

Bill Ehrman, representing the Amusement Authority, talked about building additional rest rooms at the fairgrounds. He said that, especially on Saturday evening, the existing rest rooms can't handle all of the people — that there was a constant line.

President Dick Bursch said that if the Amusement Authority could come up with the money for the materials, the board would help put it up.

### Citizen's concerns

Mr. Kellner, St. Francis, asked if the board would consider judging the flowers and horticulture using the Danish system instead of the American system. The Danish system would allow more blue ribbons and he justified the number of ribbons saying that often there are several tomatoes or other same-types vegetables that are equally good but, now, they are given blue, red, white and honorable mention. No decision was made.

### In other business

In other business:  
• Megan Douthit, fair board member, said Clay Zimbelman had agreed to be a fair board member.

The board approved Mr. Zimbelman and his name will be taken to the commissioners for approval.

• Thank you notes were received from Glenn and Vickie Schliep, R.L. Walz, Emily Walz, Bailey Long, Gady Brunk, Laura Brunk, Jandy Dunn, Dale Northrup, Amber Havel and Mikaela Grace.

• The signs on the fence by the carnival rides and those on the arena fence are needing repainted or replaced. It was noted that some of the businesses do not even exist today.

The sign contracts are to be renewed every three years and it had been four years on some and others, it would be three years. The matter was tabled to be brought up at a later meeting.

• The board talked about two benches which were broken. They thought that the Chamber was responsible for repairing and/or replacing the benches because the fair board and Amusement Authority doesn't have the money to do it.

• Director Faulkender asked that the fair building on the grounds be reserved on two dates: The 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Nov. 6; and a meeting place is

needed on Sept. 26.

### Building reservations

Ernie Ketzner, fair board member, asked if the steer barn and sale ring could be rented for a club/calf sale on Oct. 30. There was no problem with the renting of the building but President Bursch said that the water is shut off around Oct. 1 and it would cost about \$75 to turn it back on and another \$75 to have it shut off and winterized. Mr. Ketzner said he would take care of the water and also pay the rent of \$150.

Kody Krien, board member, said the St. Francis Firemen wanted to rent the building for Sept. 14.

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scared to talk to the people about the bake sale. Once they got started, everyone was nice when they told them what they were doing and where the money was going.

Nariah and Daniele baked and baked. They had plates of cookies, cupcakes, brownies, muffins, several cakes and cinnamon rolls. The Tim Trumbo, Ron Wieck and Gary Morris families along with the Koinoia Coffee Shop brought baked goods.

People gave donations as there were no prices on any of the items.

Wal-Mart had given them a \$25 card to buy baking supplies, Video Connection donated balloons to make the tables more noticeable; St. Francis Super's allowed them to set up in front of the store and gave them plates and baggies for some of the items which came in; and the Colby Red Cross donated a banner.

The project, while to help people, was also a school project. Nariah said she had a report to write and Daniele had used the bake sale as a home economic project. They had also used math and reading. They said the biggest learning experience was speaking in public.

"We don't speak in front of people so we really learned a lot when we delivered the fliers," Daniele said.

Mrs. Hamilton said she has experienced a hurricane and volcano as she and her family were in the Philippines when Mt. Pinatubo erupted.

"I was able to share this experience with my aunt who is a nurse at Tulane. She was evacuated and is waiting to hear what will happen to her job.

Daniele is the daughter of Tim and Tina Schmid and Nariah is the daughter of Sean and Tiffany Hamilton, all of St. Francis.

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through the night to raise money for cancer research.

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 collected as a tribute to a loved one. Organizations furnished food, drinks and snacks throughout the night and into the morning hours. Proceeds of these organizations were also donated to help fight cancer.

One of the highlights of the evening was the "Locks of Love" ceremony. Six people had donated their hair to be made into wigs for cancer patients who have lost their own hair.

Last of all, there were 45 corporate sponsors who also donated to the cause. "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."

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