



## Cooling off —



TEMPERATURES HAVE BEEN THE THE 100s and cattle east of St. Francis found a water hole to cool off in.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# \$1,000 scrip drawn for on Saturday

Get ready to spend \$1,000 in scrip! On Saturday, one lucky person will win \$1,000 in scrip to spend in one of the participating St. Francis businesses. The Christmas In July drawing will be held at 11:30 a.m. in front of Krien Pharmacy, 105 Washington Street. Casey McCormick, advertising manager for The Saint Francis Herald, reported that it has been hard to keep up with the entry blanks as many people are signing up.

“We have had to empty the containers each week so there is room for more entries,” he said. The businesses, listed on Page 8 of this issue, are planning in-store and sidewalk sales. Several people have shown interest in having a booth on Main Street. There is no charge for booths but, out of courtesy, please get permission from the owner before setting up outside their business. Some of the Farmer’s Market sellers will be at Bud Houtman’s lot east of the theater. Donna Stevens at Donna’s Gift Palace is

planning to have lots of Christmas items for sale; the Thrift Store will have sidewalk sales and is bringing up the old Krueger’s wheel where people can spin for discounts; Owens True Value will be having many specials listed in their flier; and Hilltop Market will have an in-store drawing. Check out the Christmas In July page in this week’s issue. There are a number of local people who have singing and instrument playing talent. They, too, are encouraged to come play on

Main Street. People enjoy the music and it makes the morning more festive, along with showing off their talent. The drawing will not take long so everyone is encouraged to be there on time. Some might want to bring a lawn chair. The winner of the Christmas In July scrip money will have until Monday at the close of business to spend their money. While he/she is on their spending spree, there will be a Herald photographer following them around, snapping shots of the fun the win-

ner has while handing out the money in exchange for items. Those businesses participating in the Christmas in July Shopping Spree are: Burr Retail Liquor, Donna’s Gift Palace, Hilltop Market, K-Store, Owens True Value, Ross Manufacturing/Sunshine Travel, Schultz’s and *The Saint Francis Herald*. Contest rules include:  
• The winner must be at least 18 years old.  
• Employees of sponsoring firms are not eligible.  
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FAIR PICTURES can be seen all over St. Francis. Peggy Moberly was painting this bull on *The Herald* door on Thursday. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Board elects officers

**By Karen Krien**  
A new president was elected at the Thursday St. Francis Board of Education meeting. Breakfast and lunch prices, along with other appointments were also discussed. Kelly Gienger was elected as the new board president. He replaces Cliff Raile. Sherry Weeks was elected vice president. Sharon Olofson is the clerk of the board; Marilyn Raile, treasurer of the board; and Kite and Day is the law firm to represent the board.  
**Food prices**  
School breakfast and lunch prices will remain the same as last year. See **OFFICERS** on Page 7A



GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE Robin Jennison was in St. Francis on Saturday. He visited with Charlie Nipps, St. Francis, at Hilltop Market. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## St. Francis woman turns 100

**By Karen Krien**  
Anna Brewer turn 100 years old on Tuesday. Her family and friends gathered to be with her at the Cheyenne Manor in St. Francis over the weekend. Mrs. Brewer was born Anna Cooper on July 12, 1906, on the family farm in Kay County, Okla. She had older siblings (five sisters and one brother). There were actually 14 children born to her parents but, five died at birth and the other two were small children when she died. Unlike many people of that time, Mrs. Brewer’s parents were well off. Her father raised wheat, corn and cattle. Their two-story home seemed large to Mrs. Brewer and there were fruit trees growing in the yard. A member of the Kaw Indian tribe, Mrs. Brewer’s siblings each received 400 acres of land. However, the year before she was born, the government quit giving land. Mrs. Brewer said her mother was a caring person and when people were sick, she would go sit with them and do what she could. What she said she remembered about her mother were her rides to town in the horse-drawn buggy. Mrs. Brewer said her mother loved to drive the horses and made sure no one passed her along the way. Mrs. Cooper died when Mrs. Brewer was about 17. Mrs. Brewer went to stay with her older sister Edna in Newkirk, Okla., and helped watch the children. Mr. Cooper died about five years later. Mrs. Brewer went to country



Anna Brewer was 100-years-old on July 12.

school in Kay County. Her uncle had donated the land that the school was built on and her father had provided the money to build it. Each school day, Mr. Cooper would take Anna to school in a wagon. The school was 5 miles away and, as they traveled the road, they picked up other children on their way to school. After she graduated from eighth grade, she went to high

school in Newkirk. When she was in the 11th grade, her mother died and she left school. She had never been to western Kansas but her sister lived in Benkelman, Neb. When she was 19 years old, she rode the train to St. Francis where her sister picked her up. There was an elderly farmer whose wife had died and he needed someone to keep

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## Sainty’s districts are OK

**By Karen Krien**  
During the 2006 Kansas Legislative session, a bill was passed which requires school districts to be divided evenly. After working with the county clerk/election officer, Carl Werner, superintendent, informed the St. Francis Board of Education at the Thursday’s meeting, the district had been determined to fit the requirements of the bill. House Bill 2585 requires local boards of education to change member districts if the population is more than 5 percent above or below other districts. There are three St. Francis school member Districts and each have two positions. Then there is the Member-At-Large District. The St. Francis school districts were established in 1965. All three Districts have a portion of the city included. Even with there being fewer people living in rural areas, the city’s population has evidently balanced out. The Bill instructs that the population should be determined on the most recent federal census which is the 2000 census. Terry Miller, county clerk and election officer, had studied the census and, in a letter sent to the board, said that, “in using the most recent federal census figures and estimates based on registered voter percentages, I believe that the USD 297 boundaries are in

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## Fair plans set; lots of activities

**By Karen Krien**  
Preparations for the Cheyenne County Fair, set for Aug. 2 through 6, are being finalized. “We are pretty much on target and we feel that everything will be ready,” said Dick Bursch, fair board president. Mowing has been done, the Amusement Authority has been giving rides and booths a coat of paint and going through the motors. The fair board will be cleaning and setting up on Monday. The 4-H’ers and their families will be doing the same on Tuesday. The judging of the arts and crafts takes place a week before the fair opens (Wednesday) at the fair building. They will then be on display. The Cheyenne County Fair offers many activities starting with looking at all of the livestock and displays. There is a variety of items being sold at the 4-H food booths and the Methodist Church funnel cake stand and Shriner’s stand will be selling a variety of foods and drinks. Each night of the fair the home-owned carnival opens at 7 p.m. The

price of the rides remains the same as it was 25 years ago. Those low prices are 25 cents for kiddie rides and 50 cents for adult rides. Game prices vary but are never more than 50 cents. Grandstand shows are:  
Wednesday — The Kid’s Rodeo, 7 p.m.  
Thursday — Ranch Rodeo for kids and adults, 7 p.m.  
Friday — Baxter Black, 8 p.m.  
Saturday — Demolition Derby and ATV Mud Bog, 7 p.m.  
Other activities are the Fair Parade starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday and the free-will barbecue from 5 to 7 p.m. Fair books are available in St. Francis at the banks, courthouse, Owen’s True Value, city office and *Herald* office. In Bird City, books can be picked up at Hometown Market and First National Bank. Check out the special Pre-Fair issue with stories and schedules in next week’s issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. Extra issues will also be available at *The Herald*.