

Biker pedals over 12 hours to finish

By Karen Krien

A St. Francis man entered the Ride Across Indiana on July 15 and finished the 160-mile trip in 12 hours and 35 minutes.

Pete Montoya, St. Francis, has been riding his bike for over six years. He has entered numerous rides and almost always, the events have been in the raging heat. The temperature high in this one-day ride was 96 degrees.

Mr. Montoya said he drank a lot of water and Gatorade and there were stops every 40 minutes.

Two friends, who he has ridden with since the first Ride Across Kansas, accompanied him on the Indiana ride. They started at Terre Haute on Highway 40. They ended the trip at Richmond.

Mr. Montoya said the first 100 miles were enjoyable and he was able to see the scenery however, he saw mostly the pavement on the last 60 miles.

At 58 years, Mr. Montoya trains much of the year, starting in March. This year, his training included riding his bike to Goodland. Many may not know that the Montoya family lives in Kansas just south of Haigler. The hills on K-27 are like small mountains and his training might be more rigorous than most. Then add the hills between St. Francis and Goodland, it is a tough workout and a round trip of 130 miles. Mr. Montoya also had training trips to Wray.

Mr. Montoya started riding in the Williams Natural Gas ride in 2001. He manages the station which is now Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline.

He said that, as a kid, he didn't have a bike. But, he makes up for those years by spending a lot of his time riding today.

"I like to ride," he said. That has to be one reason he like to make the



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long bike trips.

Besides the Indiana and Kansas events, he has ridden in the Oklahoma, and Wisconsin rides. Montoya did not participate in rides in 2005. He plans to participate in the Ride Across Nebraska next year.



HIGHWAY SIGNS were destroyed by a tornado which hit Colby on Monday afternoon. An observer said the tornado looked like it came out of a puffy cloud, not the ordinary kind

of cloud. The Goodland Weather Service also reported minor structural damage to a motel and gas station off I-70 and K-25. Photos courtesy of Patty Decker, Colby Free Press and James Bradley

Colby tornado causes minor damage

The clouds hung over St. Francis most of the day on Monday and late in the afternoon, it began to rain. Again, the rain was spotty. St. Francis and Wheeler received moisture but, those living south and west of St. Francis didn't get any. Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported .84 inch. There was also some pea-sized hail but not enough to do any damage.

Colby was not so lucky. A tornado hit about 6:50 p.m. near the intersection of I-70 and K-25.

The National Weather Service in Goodland reported the tornado produced minor structural damage to a motel and gas station in that area. Four people

were injured by flying debris or broken glass. The injuries, cuts and bruises, were described as minor.

A parked semi-truck was briefly lifted into another truck. The tornado was on the ground for approximately 10 minutes. Its path length was approximately five miles. As the tornado moved to the northwest it damaged vehicles at a car dealership and a number of highway signs.

The tornado dissipated in an open field approximately two miles west northwest of Colby. A storm assessment team from the National Weather Service office in Goodland, was dispatched shortly after the tornado occurred.

The team provided a rating of F1 on the Fujita scale for this tornado. The rating was based on damage done to a 45-foot sign supported by three I-beams, which had collapsed, plus other minor structural damage. An F1 tornado is considered weak, but can produce winds near 100 mph.

There was a 20-percent chance of thunderstorms on Tuesday and the high was around 95.

The rest of the week the forecast is to be hot with temperatures topping out in the mid to high 90s. No rain is in the forecast.

First birthday celebrated

On April 29, Sidney Ione Gerstenkorn, the daughter of Shawn and Chasiti Gerstenkorn of Highlands Ranch, Colo., celebrated her first birthday. Many friends and family were in attendance for her "Bear Themed" celebration.

Grandparents are Connie and Willie Weems of Goodland, Ed and Jenanne Gerstenkorn of Wichita, Steve Gutsch of Lakewood, Colo., and Holly Gerstenkorn of Arlington, Texas. Great-grandparents are Jessie Schield of St. Francis, Andy



Sidney Gerstenkorn

and Bea Gerstenkorn of Waterloo and Mildred Gutsch of Goodland.

Riverside Rec golfers participate in tourney

The Atwood Country Club won the team championship of the KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Classic golf tournament last week, held on the 18-hole layout of Sugar Hills Golf Club in Goodland.

The Atwood team won it's sixth championship in the 17-year history of the event, and dethroned the defending champion Goodland team by some 16 strokes. The Norton Country Club finished third, four strokes behind Goodland.

St. Francis placed fifth for the day with Dale Crabtree placing the Riverside Recreation team with a 76. Other participants from Riverside were Devin Dinkel, Cale Rieger, Richard Grace, Roger Lauer, Mike Frewen, Luke McKain, Bob Lippert, Chris Bracelin, Derrick Tice and Tim Poling.

In the tournament, known as the Classic, each team competes with their 11 best available golfers and all

teams play "scratch" golf (no handicaps). The top 10 scores are used to determine the winner.

"Marcus Grinnan of Burlington won medalist honors as he shot a three under par 68. Colby country Club was not able to field a full team, but one of their participants, Scott Focke, shot a 70 for runnerup medalist honors. Focke fired a course-tying 30 on the front nine to tie the Sugar Hills record. Tyson Shelley of Goodland shot a par 71.

Other outstanding individual scores were Michael Terry of Atwood with a 73; Kevin Rollie of Atwood, Rollie Halligan of Goodland and John penny of Burlington, all with 74s. Dick Ahlberg of Oberlin, Jon McLean of Goodland and Kenny Rummel of Atwood all had 75s.

Hoxie could not field a full team, and Benkelman Country Club did not compete due to prior commitments.

Trackster recognized for academic skills

Sara Moore of Bird City was one of four members of the Colby Community College track and field teams recently recognized for academic achievement by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

All of the four student athletes earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the 2006 spring semester.

The Colby Community College track and field teams are coached by Jeff Becker.



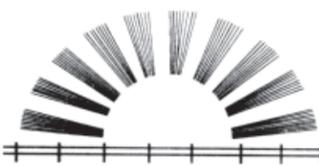
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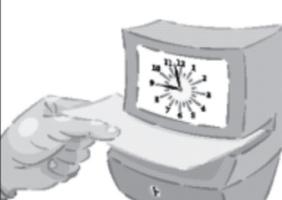
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